

September 6, 2005 Council Comments

by Councilman Fred Strong

Knowing where we've been and where we are to know where we're going.

- **I've been impressed by the many tasks the City has been moving ahead with prior to and since I've been on this Council. As an involved citizen I've watched most of them unfold over many decades. The studies that are currently under way demonstrate the City's commitment to seek solutions and implement plans to maintain a cohesive and continually improving community.**
- **Sometimes, however, we forget from whence we came or misplace the road map provided for us by those who came before. There are many aspects to successfully living together in a vibrant, emerging community. Many of them were foreseen by our predecessors. Their plans and efforts should be kept in mind as we expand, reduce or refine their implementation.**
- **The Development Profile developed in 1969 and completed in the early 1970s is one such document that we might want to revisit and make note of as we move into the future. New residents really need to know what the city's plans have been so that they are not taken by surprise when any aspect of them is implemented. Some may be surprised that people who lived in such a quiet and, in their opinion, isolated environment could have such knowledge and far reaching vision as our predecessors have demonstrated.**
- **The Development Profile, excerpts from which I'm distributing to the Council tonight, was one segment of the "Save The River - Clean Water" program conducted in conjunction with Federal, State and local agencies and which included our service clubs, churches, ethnic and environmental groups. It included population projections up to 150,000 people, water sources, sewer lines, sanitary landfill, waste water treatment and reclamation, an effluent trunk line system, water conservation, parks and recreation, lakes and an agricultural and recreational green belt on the perimeter of the city. It also addressed schools, police, fire, streets and highways and the financing to achieve its goals.**
- **It refined the General Plan of 1964, which I'll also make available to my fellow Council members, and more specifically defined a long range transportation system including the acquisition of properties on both sides of**

N. River Road between Creston and Union roads for the development of a main corridor from downtown out Union Road to Airport Road at Highway 46 East. It showed the Golden Hill to Niblick Road connections and the Airport Road to Highway 46 West and 101 connections. It also showed two of the "future" water storage tank sites currently being studied by the City on the Chandler Ranch Specific Plan property. It's population projection was based in part upon the industrialization and full utilization of the airport. It anticipated 12,000 workers in that area of the city. However, our current Airport Land Use Plan does not provide for that level of usage.

- The Salinas River Corridor study was also anticipated and the river itself was looked to for a system of parks that would anchor and enhance other cluster park and recreational activities.

- This is just one of many such documents that have been developed over the past 115 year history of our magnificent City. I urge everyone to make themselves aware of and knowledgeable about our past history and efforts to take this community forward to a bright future. We've worked well together for over a hundred years. Let's not stop doing so now.

- Finally, I'd like to also note that those fine Council members and Administrators, Barney Schwartz, Max Oeck, Richard Blake, Bob Neberman, Frank Barnhart, Jim Madden, Alex Stenman, Natalia Stockdale, Terry Minshull, Ralph Hanson, Don Keefer, Mike LeSage, Harris Munger and others also applied for grants to fund many of these projects. They looked to State and Federal agencies as well as the Ford Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, Boise-Cascade and Weyerhaeuser corporations for funding and they accomplished a great deal of their plan long before we came on the scene. I trust that together we can do as well.