

City Council Work Session to Discuss City Offices on February 15th

Dear Novato Community:

Based on City Council direction received on December 6, 2010, City staff has undertaken a feasibility study for the possible development of City administrative offices in the parking lot next to the Community House. Although it was hoped that the feasibility study could be completed within 2 months, due to the holiday season (in which consultant proposals and contracts were difficult to schedule for completion), it appears that the feasibility study will be concluded in mid to late March.

On February 15, 2011, the City Council will hold a work session to receive a status report on the feasibility study. As part of the report, it is anticipated that Council will review the following items:

- A space planning report describing the City's current and projected (short-term) office space needs, as well as a summary of industry standards for space planning;
- A summary of the geotechnical study that was conducted for the Civic Center site;
- A preliminary discussion of potential structural systems for the proposed building; and,
- Architectural depictions of several potential building schemes.

Although the following items may not be completed for the February 15 sessions, other areas of the feasibility study that staff is undertaking include:

- Development of exterior architectural treatments;
- Massing studies to determine the visual impact of a proposed building on the site;
- General price estimation of potential building schemes and exterior treatments; and,
- A parking study of the Civic Center area (both specific to the proposed building and a general review of current and future demand).

Please monitor the City's webpage (www.novato.org) for more information.