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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Mostly Cloudy
67°/53°



Saturday
Sunny
68°/52°



Sunday
Sunny
69°/54°



A View to the Future of Space Travel



Our photographer's view of the SpaceX building on Rocket Road, near Hawthorne Municipal Airport. On January 10, SpaceX launched its fifth successful commercial resupply services mission to NASA's International Space Station. Photo by Osvin Suazo, oqoimages@gmail.com.

Council Approves Use of Asset Forfeiture Funds for Police Department Purchases

By Cristian Vasquez

The Inglewood City Council approved the city's police department's use of asset forfeiture funds in the amount of \$95,000 for new purchases and renovations to be made to the department's communication center.

Also approved by the city council was a purchase order to Pro Force Law Enforcement in the amount of \$50,000 that will be used by the police department to purchase Taser devices and other associated items.

Presented was a staff report indicating that the police department is the recipient of monies due to the "continuing coordinated vice/narcotics abatement efforts with federal law enforcement agencies that result in the seizure of cash and other assets." Based on federal rules and guidelines all asset forfeiture funds, monies and items confiscated by law enforcement agencies during criminal investigations, must be kept in an escrow account and are to be used by police agencies for "capital outlay, equipment, vehicles, furniture, training or any other approved purpose."

The City of Inglewood requires a resolution and budget amendment, which must then be approved by the city council before the police department can use the funds that it is requesting. The department's purchase of tasers, which are used by a majority of Inglewood Police Officers, will go to the small amount of officers in the city that currently do not have a taser. The department plans on purchasing a total of 40 devices, along with warranties for each taser and all related supplies.

Pro Force Law Enforcement was listed in the staff report as the only authorized

distributor of taser devices in the entire state, which eliminates the need by the city to host a bidding process. The Brea-based business is dedicated to supplying products that law enforcement agencies across the country consider crucial to fulfilling their duties. Among the agencies that Pro Force Law Enforcement does business with are

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military professionals [both active and retired], security personnel, medical first responders and fire professionals.

In addition to supplies the Inglewood Police Department will have remodeling efforts of its communication take place with a price tag of \$45,000. Back on Dec. 9, 2014 the city council voted to approve the purchase and installation of new furniture to be placed in the police department's communication center. However, for the new furniture to be properly installed the communication center will require temporary relocation. During the remodeling phase the communication center will operate from a nearby office's basement facility, ensuring that services are not interrupted. The relocation effort will include contracting the services of AT&T and advanced electronics.

Council Agrees to Revising City's Sanitary Sewer Management Plan

The Inglewood City Council approved awarding a contract to Hall Foreman, LLC in the amount of \$19,990 with a contingency fund worth \$2,000 in order to revise the city's sanitary sewer management plan.

In the staff report presented to the council, it indicates that the city's sanitation sewer collection system is made up of 145 miles of gravity sewer pipe and more than 3,000 manholes. The majority of the sewers connect to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District's trunk sewers. These trunk sewers cross "through the City located primarily in larger arterial streets."

The streets identified in the staff report include La Cienega Boulevard, La Brea Avenue, Prairie Avenue, Manchester, Crenshaw and Century Boulevards, as well as 108th Street and Yukon Avenue. The majority of the sewer system was created before 1960, with 72 percent of it dating back to 1925 to 1939. The clay pipes have or are reaching the expiration of their lifeline, usually estimated at 75 years.

The city received two proposals, the other by Willdan Group, Inc. with a price tag of \$38,933 and proposed 291 hours of labor to complete the task. Hall & Foreman was not only less expensive but committed to finishing the task at hand in 117 hours.

The development and adoption of the SSMP is a requirement made by the State Water Resources Control Board, which also established Waste Discharge Requirements pertaining to all and any "publicly owned or operated sanitary sewer systems" located within the state. The city last updated the SSMP in 2009 and is required to update it every five years. •

Braised Beef Brisket



This recipe has graced the table of the Simon family, the owners of Omaha Steaks, for generations.

Servings: 6-8

Ingredients

- 1 Omaha Steaks Brisket (3 pounds)
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 4 teaspoons Omaha Steaks All Natural Seasoning
- 2 cups diced yellow onion
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped garlic
- 1 cup bottled chili sauce
- 1 package dry onion soup mix
- 1/2 cup beef broth
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/ cup red wine

Preparation

Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time 8 hours

1. Thaw brisket overnight in refrigerator.
2. Heat canola oil in large pan.
3. Blot brisket dry with clean paper towel and generously season each side with 2 teaspoons seasoning.
4. Brown brisket in hot oil on both sides for about 2-4 minutes each side. Remove brisket from pan and place in crock pot, raised side braising pan or Dutch oven.
5. Add onion and garlic to hot oil and cook until transparent. Add remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Pour sauce into crock pot, raised side braising pan or Dutch oven.
6. If using crock pot, cook on low for 6-8 hours. If using braising pan or Dutch oven, cover tightly with foil or lid and place in oven at 250°F for 6-8 hours.

Serve the same day or cool overnight in refrigerator before slicing and reheating in sauce. •

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