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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Mike Martin, City Manager
DATE: February 1, 2010
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

I. INTERNAL CITY INFORMATION

A. Burien Red Light Camera Offenders

After having the red light cameras operating for about eight months at the three different intersections in Burien along 1st Avenue South (148th St, 152nd St., and 160th St.), it appears that about 20% of the offenders have cars registered with Burien addresses. Thus, 20% of the red light camera offenders are likely Burien residents and the other 80% are those visiting or working here from other cities. This 20% has been fairly consistent from August through December 2009.

B. City Donates Used Computers to Non Profit Organizations

As a result of our regular city hall computer equipment replacement plan we once again find ourselves with a collection of used computer equipment (13 computers, 2 big monitors, and a bunch of miscellaneous items) that either needs to be taken to the recyclers or offered up for adoption. In the past we've donated these types of items to organizations like Glendale Lutheran School and the Hospitality House shelter for homeless women. This time Ruth Dykeman Children's Center is going to come and take it away.

C. Navos Update

Work was recently completed to add two portable buildings at the old Navos Campus on 146th Street. The portables will provide additional meeting rooms. In the meantime, clear and grade work is continuing at the new Navos Mental Health Clinic Campus on SW 136th Street. The first inspection for temporary erosion and sediment control was approved by the City Building Inspector.

D. Kudos from Public for Parks Maintenance Crew Member (Pg. 61)

The City recently received a very positive citizen comment concerning Jay Powers, a long-time employee of TruGreen, the Parks Department's contractor for parks maintenance (see attached).

E. Volunteers Working in Salmon Creek Park

A group of volunteers have recently been active in Salmon Creek Park. Led by Parks Board member Jean Spohn, the group had a very successful work party in Salmon Creek on Saturday, January 17. Sixteen Shorewood neighbors and volunteers, including a group of 6th graders from Saint Francis School, turned out and cleared ivy from about 35 trees and hauled out lots of trash in a couple of hours. Their efforts were documented in photo essay posted in a local community blog; viewable at <http://tinyurl.com/ycgpulo>.

F. Recreation Staff Meets with Parents of Youngsters

Parks Department staff recently met with parents of youngsters involved with a local "MeetUp" group. Staff discovered that there are several active groups of parents who "meet up" through the social networking site, MeetUp.com. Through the site, these groups schedule get-togethers at various locations for shared play opportunities. Staff are working with members of the group to solicit feedback and ideas regarding the development of programming to serve their recreation needs, such as an indoor playground program, outdoor spring/summer "Toddler Time in the Park" programs, and new recreation classes.

G. Urban Forestry Update

A Vegetative Management Plan (VMP) for Eagle Landing Park and a Habitat Map for Salmon Creek Ravine have been completed which will help staff and volunteers prioritize efforts in an ongoing effort to remove invasive plants and reintroduce and support the establishment of native plant species. The goals of the VMP were to provide an inventory of the vegetative makeup of the parks and very specifically for Eagle Landing, to provide recommendations on how to best manage the resources we currently have and prioritize our efforts within the constraints of time and funding. The results and recommendations of the Plan will be presented at a public meeting on February 3rd, in the Miller Creek Room at City Hall. The project was funded completely through grants from the King Conservation District and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. The VMP and Map were developed by Earthcorps.

H. Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) Reimbursement

The Parks and Public Works Departments have been collaborating to repair a section of trail/service road at Seahurst Park, which washed out during last winter's heavy storms. The repairs were completed in September 2009 and the trail section was reopened, with a total project cost of \$93,366, including staff costs for project management and contractual design and construction costs. The project was coordinated with FEMA and the City will receive a reimbursement of \$73,526, or 79% of the total project cost.

I. City Staff Meetings with Congressional Staff

The City's goals for revitalizing the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA, just north of the Sea-Tac third runway) have been the focus of recent meetings between the City's Government Relations Specialist and local staff of members of our Congressional delegation. The goal of these staff-level meetings is to lay the initial groundwork for meetings being scheduled with Senators Murray and Cantwell and Representatives McDermott and Smith in D.C. in March. Meetings with the City's other two

Congressional delegation members' local staff to are expected to occur in the coming weeks.

J. Burien Wellness Cluster Meeting – January 21, 2010

Several important announcements were made at the monthly working Cluster luncheon:

Ray Zombro, Work-based Learning Coordinator, reported that the Health Sciences and Human Services High School (HS3) at the Evergreen campus in North Highline has been included on U.S. News and World Report's 2010 list of "America's Best High Schools". This list annually identifies the country's best performing high schools and is a tremendous step forward for HS3, which is the state's only health sciences oriented high school. Many of the students there aspire to become doctors, nurses, and scientists and the school is an active member of the Wellness Cluster group.

Sue Shields, Principal of Puget Sound Skills Center (PSSC) announced the kick off of the school's first ever Nursing Assistant Certification (NAC) program. Highline Community College is partnering with PSSC on this new high school program and will provide Registered Nurse instructors at PSSC beginning with a NAC introductory summer school session in June.

Kris Mason, Director of the Welcome Back Center at Highline Community College, told the group that her program, which is designed to qualify highly-skilled medical professionals from foreign countries for active practice here, now has 273 participants. These include nurses, doctors, dentists, pharmacists, and physical therapists. Kris is meeting with other Cluster members to explore employment pipelines and other forms of collaboration.

K. City Hosts Blood Drive

City of Burien staff hosted a Puget Sound Blood Center Blood Drive on Monday, January 25, 2010. During the four hour event, a total of 20 donors, 11 of them staff members, rolled up their sleeves and donated blood. Two of the staff members were first time donors. Two additional City-hosted blood drives will be conducted later in 2010.

L. Six-Week Employee Wellness Program in Progress

Making big lifestyle changes can be tough. Whether it is trying to exercise thirty minutes per day or aiming to reduce fat intake, changing lifestyle habits that have been in place for years is daunting. That's why our latest wellness campaign, The Old Switcheroo, challenges employees to shift their focus away from big lifestyle changes and, instead, make small, everyday changes. Thirty employees, 50% of our staff, have signed up for the Old Switcheroo Wellness Campaign and have already successfully completed two weeks. During the campaign, participants swap three not-so-healthy habits (like watching television) for three healthier habits (like walking ten minutes per day). By the end of the program, employees should feel more confident in their ability to improve their health habits, while moving down the road to better health and wellness.

M. Update on Draft Shoreline Master Program

The Planning Commission currently is evaluating the Draft Shoreline Master Program (SMP) in preparation for forwarding a recommendation to the City Council. To date, three meetings have been devoted to the Draft SMP. At the first meeting, the Department of Ecology, the consultant and staff outlined why we are updating our Shoreline Master Program, the contents of the program and the public process. The second meeting was a public hearing receiving comment on the Draft SMP created by the Shoreline Advisory Committee.

The majority of the third meeting, on January 26th, was devoted to receiving additional public comments. Following the public comment, staff presented information requested by the Planning Commission regarding nonconformances, a comparison of existing and proposed buffers and setbacks, and an overview of existing critical area buffers and setbacks that also apply in shoreline areas. At its upcoming Feb. 9th meeting, the Planning Commission will continue evaluating the draft program. Updates on the status of the draft SMP will be provided in the City Manager's Report on a bi-monthly basis as requested by Council.

Council asked about availability of the Draft SMP. The 300-page document is available for free online by section at <http://www.burienwa.gov/index.aspx?NID=851>. Paper copies also are available for reading onsite at the Burien Library and City Hall (both at 400 SW 152nd St.). Copies of the entire document may be purchased for \$42.20 at City Hall.

The Planning Commission public hearing notice was published on December 22, 2009. Additionally, notice was posted on the City of Burien website and on the B-Town Blog. The hearing date was included on the notice for the November open house and on handouts available at the open house outlining the adoption process. The open house notice was mailed to all property owners, based on King County property records, within 200 feet of Puget Sound and Lake Burien. The City also mailed to parties that specifically requested to be on our shorelines mailing list.

II. COUNCIL UPDATES/REPORTS

A. New County Executive Wants to Collaborate with Suburban Cities

Animal control services and Metro Transit service were among the regional issues that King County Executive Dow Constantine touched on in a speech to the Suburban Cities Association (SCA) on Jan. 20, 2010. City Councilmember Kathy Keene and City staff attended the meeting to hear the new County Executive address the SCA for the first time. The Executive asked the SCA members for help in determining who should serve on a new Transit Task Force that is being organized to examine the future of Metro Transit service. If the County does need to cut service, he wants it done in the most fair way. On animal control, he also wants a solution that works for all parties. On jails, he is asking the County Council to re-engage the cities on this issue.

Executive Constantine said he wants to collaborate with the cities and approach the State and Federal governments as partners on a few key needs, such as improving our road infrastructure.