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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Mike Martin, City Manager
DATE: March 8, 2010
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

I. INTERNAL CITY INFORMATION

A. Update on Businesses

Environmech, a well established Mechanical Contractor relocated to 430 SW 153rd Street in Burien and received a certificate of Occupancy and business license last week. They are considered one of Puget Sound's fastest growing mechanical contracting companies specializing in HVAC, piping, plumbing and refrigeration. Gene Timmons is the vice president and general manager.

A business license and building permit has been issued for Piranha Joe's Restaurant, which will be opening in April at 180 SW 148th Street where the Keg was previously located. The owner operates Woody's on the Water in Tacoma.

B. Snohomish County PUD Looks to Burien

When Snohomish County PUD began looking for a CMMS (Computerized Maintenance Management System) that integrates with their GIS inventory they heard about our Cityworks implementation for our Public Works department. They asked if they could pay us a visit to find out how the implementation went and to observe how we use it and most importantly, to find out if we like the product (answer = Yes indeed). So we will be offering our insights from the technological, managerial and maintenance perspectives in hopes of providing them a better idea of what to look for in their system.

C. Statistics for "Spiceworks" – IT's New Help Desk Ticketing Portal (Pg. 87)

As long as there have been computers there have been requests for help. Over the years city hall IT staff has dealt with these in a variety of ways, mostly by email and phone calls resulting in lists and lists of lists. Now at last we have a new online service that allows staff to submit help requests to a "portal", where they can be tracked until completed. This is free software – as long as you can put up with a few ads. Or, you can pay to get rid of the ads. Attached are some statistics from our first year of operation, May 2009 – March 2010.

D. New Projects in the Works

The two Public Works projects below will get started in 2010 and should be completed by the end of 2011:

SW 132nd Street Project:

This project will add curb, gutter and 1,700 linear feet of 5-foot sidewalk on the north side of SW 132nd Street from Hazel Valley Elementary School to Ambaum Blvd. SW. The Highline School District has committed \$125,000 to this project. The total cost of the project is \$625,000 (\$400,000 Community Development Block Grant [CDBG] funds +\$125,000 Highline School Dist. +\$100,000 City). We may look at the possibility of Low Impact Design (LID) for the drainage system in this area. We will work with the residents to determine if the City should go forward with the LID project.

Ambaum Boulevard SW Pedestrian Safety Initiative:

Ambaum Blvd. SW is a major arterial and the improvements described below will improve access to multiple schools and transit facilities. The safety improvements include:

- Retrofit of three (3) intersections on Ambaum Blvd. SW at SW 116th Street, SW 122nd Street, and SW 124th Street with audible pedestrian crosswalk warning devices (i.e. cheep and chirp);
- Installation of four (4) digital speed indicator signs along the corridor near pedestrian accident locations;
- Installation of pedestrian crossing flashers south of SW 134th Street (at the location of a pedestrian fatality); and
- Completion of electrical connections and utility coordination along the project limits.

The total cost of this work is \$71,000, which is 100% funded by a Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) grant.

E. Crowds Enjoy the Sun at Seahurst Park

Understandably many people chose to enjoy the blue skies, sunshine, the views of the Olympic Mountains, and unseasonably warm temperatures from the City's beautiful beachfront park on the weekend of February 20-21. Parks crew worker Jay Powers commented that the upper parking lot was filled to capacity, with the beach "having more people in attendance than we'd even experience on a typical summer day."

F. Strawberry Festival Moving to Town Square Park

Town Square will be the hub of the Strawberry Festival this year on the weekend of June 19-20. In addition to bringing new performers, exhibits, and innovative arts to Burien, the Festival is also embracing a "greenability" theme in 2010 and highlighting sustainability and healthy living. A new Saturday afternoon Bicycle Rodeo component will be added this year, which will complement Sunday's Father's Day Car Show, which will again be sponsored by Discover Burien. In an effort to distinguish Burien's event from the many other strawberry-themed festivals in the region, staff have modified the event name to "Burien's Wild Strawberry Festival".

G. School Gyms Used for City Sports Programs

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PaRCS) staff has worked closely with administrative staff at two of our local public schools this year, resulting in their gyms being available every Monday through Thursday night for public recreation programs. Hazel Valley Elementary School is scheduled for youth instructional soccer and an adult volleyball league. Sylvester Middle School is scheduled for both basketball drop-in and league programs for youth and adults. Having these gyms available free-of-charge during the school's regular custodial hours results in the City actually being able to provide indoor sports and athletic programs for our residents. This expanded use is in addition to the City's Teen Late Night program, which has been held at Sylvester on Saturday nights for the past 14 years.

H. Parks Examining Uses for Dottie Harper Park Building

As reported earlier, the Parks Department is reviewing options for future usage of the building previously rented by the Burien Arts Association. As the Department charged with managing this facility, its review includes examining potential market rate lease options for additional needed revenue as well as a range of possible recreational activities for the community offered by the Department. Possible uses include programming opportunities for additional recreation classes, as well as potential space for meetings or retreats by user groups.

II. COUNCIL UPDATES/REPORTS

A. Mayors and Port Commissioners Meet – February 23 (Pg. 89)

Deputy Mayor Rose Clark represented the City at a roundtable discussion hosted by the Port of Seattle Commission for local Mayors on February 23. The subject was the FAA Part 150 Study that is now underway to determine the area most affected by airplane traffic using Sea-Tac's third runway. The study is expected to result in recommendations in 2012, followed by an 18-month approval process by the FAA. The Mayors of SeaTac, Normandy Park, Tukwila and Federal Way attended, and Des Moines was represented by their City Manager. Deputy Mayor Clark reports that the discussion about current concerns was frank and open on both sides. Along with concerns about noise, the Mayors expressed concern about residents' health and older housing stock being more susceptible to noise impacts. The Commissioners indicated that considering the lengthy time frame for the study, perhaps there are things the Port could do in the near term. One commissioner suggested the possibility of modeling what the impacts would look like if the airport were operating at capacity. More information is found in the attached memo from Deputy Mayor Clark.

B. FAA Part 150 Study Workshop – February 24

A workshop on the current Part 150 noise study was held at Mt. Rainier High School on February 24. Deputy Mayor Rose Clark and City Planner Chip Davis attended for Burien. An estimated 150 people attended. Opening remarks by the Part 150 consultant set both the scope and the process of the study, and then the citizens were divided into small groups to answer a set of five questions related to noise in their neighborhoods.

The small group activity was followed by a question-and-answer session. The consultants will compile all the notes from the small groups as well as the questions and put them online at www.airportssites.net/sea-part150. There will be six workshops over the two years of the study, as well as presentations to citizen groups, local city councils, and the Highline Forum (whose membership includes not only the Port and local cities but also the Highline School District).

C. Local City Councilmembers/School Board Meetings

Deputy Mayor Rose Clark reports, "In an effort to better support our schools we have tried several times to meet with local councilmembers and school board members to discuss areas where we could work together." Deputy Mayor Clark met with Highline School Board President Dorsey, along with city councilmembers from Normandy Park and SeaTac, and said that the discussion was lively and there was a lot of common ground established. Councilmembers Keene and Bennett joined the group when it met a second time on February 27. Topics of interest included school nutrition/locally grown food, a "community café" for community conversation groups and civics. Each participant was given a homework assignment for the next meeting on March 27. If there are any questions, they can be directed to the councilmembers who attended the meeting.

D. February 2010 Citizen Action Report (Pg. 91)

Staff has provided Council with the February 2010 Citizen Action Report (attached).