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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Mike Martin, City Manager
DATE: March 22, 2010
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

I. INTERNAL CITY INFORMATION

A. Code Enforcement in Annexation Area

City Building and Code Enforcement staff met with King County Code Enforcement staff to review open code enforcement cases in the annexation area and discuss the number of cases they would be turning over to the City on April 1, 2010. They identified a total of 73, (3 Zoning, 26 Building and 44 Code Enforcement) cases which are currently considered open. These locations will be inspected by the City's code enforcement officer to determine if a violation of City code exists and determine what code enforcement action, if any will be pursued. Cases pending legal action will remain with the County.

B. Student Completes Project with Parks

Highline School District requires students to complete a "Culminating Project" by the end of their senior year of high school. A student comes up with a project, finds a mentor and presents their (pass/fail) project (from conception to completion) in front of a panel in May of their senior year. Last fall Allisa Mensin, a student from Highline High School and her mentor (Councilmember Kathy Keene), decided to do invasive weed removal. They came to the Burien Parks Department asking if there were any parks needing invasive weed removal – of course the answer was a resounding "Yes!". Through the months that followed, Allisa coordinated with the Department to put a project together at Mathison Park. On Saturday, February 20, 2010 Allisa managed to pull together 22 volunteers working for 4 hours to complete this project. It was the largest number of volunteers from a student's effort in the Department's history. There were four 1-ton dump loads of invasive plant material taken from the park. A great project and congratulations to Allisa for a job well done!

C. On-Line Recreation Registration Now Free of Charge

Beginning March 8, all recreation programs offered through the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services (PaRCS) Department will no longer charge a transaction fee to people who register online. PaRCS anticipates a significant increase in on-line registrations as a result of this change. This service offers the most flexible way to register, since it enables customers to register at a time that works best for them, as opposed to having to call or drive to the Community Center during office hours.

D. Teens Visit Seattle Art Museum

Eight high school students are currently enrolled in the current "Teen Mixed Media" session at Moshier Arts Center, and were thrilled to attend "First Thursday" at the Seattle Art Museum (SAM) on March 4 to view contemporary and traditional artwork. Students were also excited to see the special Alexander Calder exhibit that's currently on display at SAM.

E. Cup Creation Program a Hit

The creative pottery series offered through PaRCS' Moshier Art Center, "Toasting At The Tin Room: Building Your Perfect Cup", concluded at the popular local restaurant a few weeks ago when students filled their newly-created cup with a Spanish Coffee provided by owner restaurateur Dan House.

F. Library/City Hall Certificate of Occupancy Update

The Certificate of Occupancy for the King County Library and Burien City Hall were issued March 10, 2010. The building had been under a temporary occupancy approval since May of 2009 due to outstanding items that needed completion.

The parking garage is under separate permit and is still under a temporary occupancy approval as a few outstanding items still remain to be completed.

G. United Way's Bridge to Basics Program (Pg. 93)

Beginning in February, the United Way of King County began a volunteer program that connects people to much needed benefits and services. Their certified volunteers screen clients to see if they are eligible to receive money for food, reduce their utility bills, sign up for low-income health care, and much more. Bridge to Basics volunteers can answer questions, speak many languages, and do not require appointments.

The program will run initially through April 15, 2010 at nineteen different sites throughout King County. After a short break, the program will resume in the summer. *One of the Bridge to Basics sites operates at the Burien Library on the 1st and 3rd Fridays from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.* A program flyer with all nineteen site locations has been attached to the City Manager's Report. People can also call 1-800-322-2588 or go online to www.unitedwayofkingcounty.org/bridgetobasics for more information.

H. Police and Late Night Staff vs. Teens Ultimate Football Game

On March 9, Burien Police officers and Teen Late Night staff teamed up to host an after-school Ultimate Football game at Moshier Park for Highline High School students. The idea came from Officer Andrew Weekley, who also works the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services (PaRCS) Department's Late Night Program, held Saturday nights at Sylvester Middle School's gym. Six police officers, 2 teen staff, and 11 teens participated in this friendly competitive event.

I. Special Recreation Young Adult Social

Burien PaRCS hosted the Friday night "Young Adult Social" on March 12 at the Moshier Art Center. These monthly events are designed especially for teens and young adults with developmental delays or physical limitations. The program location rotates each month between Burien, SeaTac and Tukwila. Art Instructor Shariana Mundi taught 16 participants how to make and creatively design rain sticks. After they were completed, everyone used the sticks to simulate the sounds of a rain forest. Music and food are also provided during these enjoyable events.

J. Family Recreation Begins at Hazel Valley School

The City's second evening GYM JAM program began at Hazel Valley School on February 23, with 67 parents and children attending. The program promotes health and wellness for the whole family, and soccer activities were the highlight of the first night at Hazel Valley. On March 16, the school's PTA and PaRCS staff also co-sponsored a Family Movie Night as part of the GYM JAM's activities for the evening.

K. American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funding

The Puget Sound Regional Council Policy Board approved the second round of ARRA funded projects recommended by the Regional Transportation Evaluation Committee. \$1.4M is included on the list for asphalt overlay projects in Burien. If the Jobs Bill is approved, we may receive these funds.

L. Public Works to Host Coordination Meeting

Public Works has scheduled a meeting of all utilities, districts, adjacent cities, and King County Departments for March 31st, 2010 to discuss Burien's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to coordinate our construction projects with each of these groups, and discuss other issues of concern.

II. COUNCIL UPDATES/REPORTS

A. Shoreline Master Program Meeting Information (Pg. 95)

At the March 8th City Council meeting, staff was asked to prepare a list of all meetings related to the Shoreline Master Program update and the notification provided for each meeting. This information is attached and is also linked under "Additional Resources" on the Shoreline Master Program documents page of the City's website:
<http://www.burienwa.gov/index.aspx?nid=851>.

B. Burien Receives Letter from International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 46 (Pg. 99)

The City has received a letter from the above-referenced Union regarding the SCORE facility under construction. A copy of the letter is attached.

C. Visit by New County Councilmember – March 5, 2010

Following the County Council's selection of former Seattle City Councilmember Jan Drago to serve as the interim District 8 County Councilmember this year, the Mayor invited her to visit Burien. On March 5 Councilmember Drago and three of her staff came to Burien for a lunch meeting with the Mayor, City Councilmembers Keene and Shaw, and City staff. The group walked through the new City Hall and also went on a brief driving tour of the City, including Olde Burien, Three Tree Point, Highline Medical Center, and the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) under the Sea-Tac third runway flight path.

D. Suburban Cities Association Public Issues Committee Meeting – March 10, 2010

Concerns about how to link cities' land use plans and future transit service have caused a delay in the Suburban Cities Association's (SCA's) work with King County and Seattle on this issue. Instead of approving policy language that had been negotiated by staff, the SCA Public Issues Committee (PIC) decided to form a subcommittee to work on changes that a majority of the cities could support. Issues that the PIC acted on included supporting the draft Transportation 2040 regional transportation plan and approving criteria the County should use in evaluating a "reclaimed water" program, related to the new Metro Brightwater sewage treatment plant currently under construction. Councilmember Bennett attended the PIC meeting on behalf of Councilmember Keene, who was in Washington, D.C.

E. Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Board – March 11, 2010

City staff have been participating in the work at the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), to create a list of transportation projects in the four-county region that should receive funding if Congress approves a second round of ARRA (economic stimulus) funding. The PSRC Transportation Policy Board has approved the project list, which includes \$1.4 million for Burien's asphalt overlay program. The proposed projects now go to the PSRC Executive Board for final action.

The TPB also approved the draft Transportation 2040 Plan, after debating numerous amendments proposed by TPB members. The PSRC Executive Board is scheduled to discuss the Plan and take action at its next meeting, followed by action at the PSRC General Assembly meeting in May.

F. Regular Legislative Session Concludes – March 11, 2010

At the conclusion of the regular 2010 legislative session, the City's request for funding related to the Seahurst north shoreline restoration project had not been included on the legislature's very short list of projects the state could help with. Given the \$2.6 Billion State budget shortfall for 2010, the City had recognized the significant challenge of securing any State funding for this project. The Governor called a special legislative session to convene on March 15, to deal with the state budget, but the prospect of different decisions on funding such capital projects was not favorable.

G. City's Congressional Visits – March 11-12, 2010

Mayor McGilton, Councilmember Keene and the City Manager traveled to Washington, D.C., for meetings with members of the City's Congressional delegation on March 11 and 12, 2010. Congressman Smith visited with the Burien group; Congressman McDermott was called away to another meeting and Senators Murray and Cantwell had other commitments but each of them had their staff represent them. The City's priorities at the federal level include a request to fund the design of the missing half of the SR 518 interchange at Des Moines Memorial Drive.

H. Burien Goodwill Job Training and Education Center Open House (Pg. 100)

On March 11, Deputy Mayor Rose Clark and staff attended an Open House hosted by the Burien Goodwill Job Training & Education Center located at 1031 SW 128th Street. During the program the attendees heard from staff and students about the classes offered, free of charge, including classes for adults who are learning or want to learn English and computer basics classes. Although the job center only opened recently, the classes are always full and there is an ongoing waiting list. A flyer describing the Goodwill's job training and education programs is attached to the City Manager's Report. More information can also be found at <http://www.seattlegoodwill.org/jobtraining/jtecenters/burien>.

I. Sales Tax Reports (Pg. 101)

Finance staff has provided the attached reports for Council's information: December 2009 Sales Tax Detail; 2009 Fiscal Year Sales Tax Detail; and 2008 & 2009 Sales Tax Revenue Comparison.

J. Advisory Board Meeting Minutes (Pg. 107)

The following approved Advisory Board minutes are attached:

- February 10, 2010– Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services