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From: Public Council Inbox
Sent: Friday, April 02, 2010 3:11 PM
To: 'Marco Spani'
Subject: RE: Burien and Haltern am see

Thank you for writing to the Burien City Council. Your message will be included in the Correspondence for the Record for an upcoming Council meeting.

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From: Marco Spani [mailto:mspani@cpnw.com]
Sent: Friday, April 02, 2010 10:47 AM
To: Public Council Inbox
Subject: Burien and Haltern am see

Dear Councilmembers
Please see the attached letter concerning Lake Burien...

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CFTR: 04/12/10

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. This is essential for ensuring the integrity of the financial data and for providing a clear audit trail. The records should be kept up-to-date and should be accessible to all relevant parties.

2. The second part of the document outlines the procedures for handling any discrepancies or errors that may arise. It is important to identify the source of the error as soon as possible and to take appropriate steps to correct it. This may involve reviewing the original records and consulting with the relevant staff members.

3. The third part of the document describes the process for generating financial statements. These statements should be prepared on a regular basis and should be reviewed by the appropriate management personnel. The statements should provide a clear and concise summary of the financial performance of the organization.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining a strong internal control system. This system should be designed to prevent and detect errors and fraud, and to ensure that the organization's resources are used efficiently and effectively. Regular audits and reviews are essential for maintaining the effectiveness of the internal control system.

I'm sure Boris Seiverts is a nice guy, but his "letter to Burien about its lake" is WAY off the mark. Let's start with some facts about Burien and the city he makes a comparison with, Haltern am See, Germany.

Haltern am See is a rural town with a population of around 38,000 people in 61 sq. miles of land area and a population density of 621 people per sq. mile. The "lake" is a reservoir created by a dam built in 1930 that holds over 700 million cubic feet of water for distribution to surrounding communities. The extensive shoreline is largely undeveloped. Haltern has no other shoreline.

Burien is an urban city with a population of around 31,000 people in 7.4 sq. miles of land area and a population density of 4,287 people per sq. mile. Lake Burien is a natural lake that is a very small fraction of the size of the Haltern See. The shoreline is fully developed with homes. Burien owns Seahurst Park including approximately one mile of Puget Sound shoreline that is largely undeveloped.

Perhaps we should build a dam on Lake Burien? Or rename the city "Burien on the Sound", so our home prices will double, as happened in Haltern? Mr. Sieverts' letter suggests public access at Lake Burien would not harm the water quality of the lake if the city took the right approach, such as providing a public bath, with attendants. I wonder why property owners near public access locations on Puget Sound are always picking up garbage left by the public. Must be the lack of attendants. Mr. Sieverts may have relatives here, but he knows nothing about Burien or issues relating to the conflict between public access and private shorelines. If you are going to print an article that goes on for 3 pages in your paper, at least make it something relevant to our community.

Sincerely,

Marco Spani

