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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Mike Martin, City Manager
DATE: May 10, 2010
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

I. INTERNAL CITY INFORMATION

A. Burien Library/City Hall Receives Gold LEED Certification

Our Library/City Hall has received LEED Gold certification. LEED is a commonly-used standard to assess sustainability by the US Green Building Council. We just barely made it into the Gold level, but we did it! This is truly a major accomplishment, with many people involved in planning and constructing the building, as well as finding all of the points we needed to achieve Gold status. We will schedule a formal presentation of the LEED plaque at a future Council meeting.

B. Workshops for Marine Shoreline Landowners (Pg. 61)

The King Conservation District will offer three workshops for marine shoreline landowners on the ecological, geological and vegetation management issues associated with owning marine shoreline and marine bluff properties. Workshop dates and locations include the following:

- Saturday, May 29th (Normandy Park City Hall)
- Saturday, June 12th (Vashon Maury Island Land Trust)
- Saturday, June 26th (Discovery Park Environmental Learning Center)

Time is 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at all locations. Contact information for additional details is on the attached flyer.

C. Burien City Hall North Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony – May 11

North Burien residents are invited to help the City of Burien celebrate the opening of Burien City Hall North, 11846 Des Moines Memorial Drive, at a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday, May 11th at 9:45 a.m. Burien Mayor Joan McGilton will welcome North Burien residents to the City and cut the ribbon for the new city hall branch office. There will be free refreshments.

Burien City Hall North, began operation on May 6 and initially will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – noon. Residents can get general City information at the office, pick up forms or make contact with the Burien Police Department which will have a desk there.

D. Seahurst South Shoreline Project Nominated for American Shore and Beach Preservation Association Award (ASBPA) for Best Restored Beach

The Seahurst South Shoreline project has been nominated for an American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) award. Founded in 1926, the ASBPA promotes the integration of science, policies and actions that maintain, protect and enhance the coasts of America. ASBPA honors the Best Restored Beaches in America annually to build awareness of the value of America's restored beaches.

E. Seahurst Park Grant Progress

Staff is submitting grant applications for recreation improvements at Seahurst Park through the Recreation and Conservation Office's (RCO) Land and Water Conservation Fund as well as the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. The two grants are seeking a total of \$1,000,000 in funding for the recreational elements of the Seahurst project. These improvements (such as the trails, playground, picnic shelters and park furnishings) will follow after the completion of the seawall removal and beach restoration project which is currently in preliminary design and permitting with the Army Corps of Engineers. As part of the RCO grant application process, staff will soon be requesting a Council Resolution on June 7 authorizing the grant submittal.

F. New Community Center Opened on April 13

The Burien Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services (PaRCS) Department has completed the relocation of Community Center operations and its offices to the former Burien Library building. The newly-remodeled facility hosts new classrooms and activity spaces for recreational programming and the administrative hub of the PaRCS Department. An Open House is planned for Saturday, May 15th at 1:00 pm, and will feature refreshments, raffle prizes, entertainment and discounts for summer programs.

G. State Agency Tours Mathison & Seahurst Parks

Staff from the state's Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) met with PaRCS staff and toured Mathison and Seahurst Parks on March 17 for a project closeout inspection related to the \$550,000 park improvement project completed at Mathison Park in February. This project involved a \$210,000 grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Fund grant program towards design and construction, and the inspection is the last step before reimbursement and project close. RCO staff were very pleased with the project design and quality of construction, especially the attention to details related to accessibility for all users. They plan to highlight the Mathison Park improvements as a model project in their future publications. The purpose of the Seahurst visit was to introduce new RCO staff to the project. It also gave City staff the opportunity to describe the scope of the project on-site, which is invaluable for a full understanding of what the City is trying to accomplish at the park. In the next grant funding cycle for 2010, Parks staff will be applying for an additional \$1-1.5 million in funding from several grant programs administered by RCO.

H. Mathison Park Opening & Arbor Day Celebration on April 13

PaRCS celebrated Arbor Day on April 13 at Mathison Park, following the park dedication at 10am. A Mayoral Proclamation regarding the City's recognition of Arbor Day was also read to the assembled crowd. Staff and volunteers planted a ceremonial, native vine maple tree in honor of Arbor Day. With the combination of the Arbor Day and Park Dedication ceremonies, staff had in attendance representatives from the Recreation and Conservation Office, King County Youth Sports and Facilities Grant program, and the State of Washington's Urban Forestry program. The state's Commissioner of Public Lands, Peter Goldmark, was also on hand for the event.

I. Public Works Completing Hazardous Waste Operations & Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) Training

Public Works employees who work in the field are completing a 40-hour training class for HAZardousWasteOPerations & EmergencyResponse training. So far this course has been completed by Rick Atkinson, Brian Victor, Doug Lamothe and Ken Srilofung. Others will complete the week long classes in June.

J. Visit By Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Regional Administrator

The City is working to arrange a visit by the Northwest Regional Administrator of the FAA in the next month or two. Burien staff attended a presentation by the FAA Regional Administrator, Kathryn Vernon, on April 28, and had the opportunity to suggest the visit to her. The City will show Ms. Vernon the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA), under the third runway flight path, where Burien plans to locate airport-compatible commercial development. The FAA reauthorization legislation is pending in the Congress but a conference committee is expected to work on finalizing the bill in the coming weeks. That bill includes "the Burien amendment," which the City and Port of Seattle have been advocating since 2007; it would create a national pilot program aimed at helping communities and airport operators to work together and take initial steps to enable appropriate commercial development to occur.

K. South King County Economic Development Roundtable – April 28

Councilmember Shaw and Economic Development Manager, Dick Loman attended the Second Annual Roundtable Economic Breakfast at Highline Community College. King County Council Member Julia Paterson and College President Jack Birmingham hosted the event. Elected Officials and Economic Managers from Kent, Federal Way, Tukwila, SeaTac and Des Moines were present. Dr Birmingham reviewed the various economic development programs undertaken by the College during the past year. Individual cities were asked to report on economic activity and initiatives in their respective jurisdictions. Federal Way reported that they have retained Enterprise Seattle to undertake an in depth study of the feasibility of establishing a medical device, research and manufacturing facility in Federal Way.

L. Lease of Private Property

The City has executed a five year lease of 6,190 sq. ft. of combined office, warehouse and storage space at 18040 Des Moines Memorial Drive in Burien. This facility will be used by our newly established public works street crews as an operations center. The annual full service rent is \$ 10.79 per foot and the lease begins May 1st.

M. Construction Code Training Continues

This week Building Division staff continues training in the newest editions of the International Building, Residential, Mechanical, and Fuel Gas Codes. The 2009 codes become effective throughout Washington State July 1, 2010 and there are many new things to learn. As a member City of MyBuildingPermit.com, City employees, residents and contractors are able to attend training classes throughout the year. Most classes are free and those that do have a fee cover only the actual costs of paying for the instructor, course materials, and refreshments.

N. New Business Opens

Formerly the Breaktime Lounge, "C.C.'s Lounge" located at 635 SW 152nd Street has completed its renovation and received approval from the Building Staff last week to open for business.

O. Six New Public Works Crew Members Arrive

On Monday, May 3, 2010, an all-day meeting was held for the six new Public Works crew members. New employees were familiarized with City Hall, our Values and Vision, and oriented through Human Resources. They will be working at our new shop facility, which is located at 18040 Des Moines Memorial Drive. A Cinco de Mayo potluck will be held in the Miller Creek Conference Room on May 5th to introduce them to the rest of City Hall and Parks staff.

P. Vision 2040 Award Given to Burien Town Square

The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) has awarded Burien Town Square its VISION 2040 Award. The VISION 2040 Awards will be presented on May 20 at the historic Arctic Dome Room in Seattle. Two nominations for Burien Town Square were received. PSRC has combined the nomination and the award will be referred to as: Burien Town Square - Sponsored by City of Burien - Partnering Agencies: KPG, Inc., King County Library System, and Urban Partners.

Q. 12th Annual Clean Sweep (Pg. 63)

The 12th annual Clean Sweep went off without a hitch. Although there appeared to be about the same number of people working the event as in previous years, the total tons of garbage picked up was the lowest ever which is probably a sign that the downtown is staying cleaner. However one category that is on the increase is electronics: computers, monitors and printers. These we take to the various e-cycle locations in town: Goodwill, Salvation Army and St. Vincent de Paul. But because they only accept 5 items at a time that meant we had to make multiple visits on the days following the event.

See attached graph for current and past result totals.

II. COUNCIL UPDATES/REPORTS

A. Burien Transit Service to be Affected by Major Projects

Two of the three transit routes that will be affected by the impending closure of the South Park Bridge serve the City of Burien. King County plans to close the bridge due to its safety hazards and their lack of funding to fix the bridge. The closure will lead to changes for Metro routes 131 and 134, which were described to the King County Council's Regional Transit Committee (RTC) meeting on April 21, 2010. Mayor Joan McGilton, who serves on the RTC as a representative of the Suburban Cities Association, recommended that Metro staff attend a future Burien Council meeting to provide a presentation on the expected route changes, and also offered that the City's TV station could show the information as well.

Burien residents will also feel the effects of the travel challenges created by the project to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct. The RTC heard a report from King County staff about the plans to deal with the Viaduct replacement. Metro expects to add express service for certain areas during the peak commute hours and hopes to be able to speed up service through West Seattle to and from downtown Seattle.

B. Burien Involved in State Association's Policy-making Committee

City Councilmember Kathy Keene has been appointed by the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) to serve on the AWC Resolutions Committee for a two-year term. AWC includes all 281 cities and towns in the state, and this committee is responsible for developing the Association's broad policy positions ("resolutions"). The AWC's Legislative Committee uses the resolutions to create specific legislative positions later in the year for the Association to work on during the following legislative session.

At the Resolutions Committee's first meeting of 2010, held in SeaTac on April 23, the group heard an overview of the Legislature's most recent session and discussed issues ranging from community health and safety to economic development, infrastructure, land use and cities' fiscal health. The group's final product will be submitted to the AWC Board of Directors later in the spring and the Association's full membership will take action on the final resolutions at their annual meeting in June.

C. First Quarter 2010 Construction and Land Use Permit Activity Report (Pg. 65)

Staff has provided Council the Construction and Land Use Permit Activity Report for 1st Quarter 2010 (attached). Permit activity over the past year is reflective of the slow economy.

D. Citizen Action Request Report (Pg. 73)

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

E. Advisory Board Meeting Minutes (Pg. 85)

Attached are the approved minutes from the following advisory boards:

- March 23, 2010 Art Commission Meeting