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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Mike Martin, City Manager
DATE: July 19, 2010
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

I. INTERNAL CITY INFORMATION

A. FY2010 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application Review (Pg. 101)

The City of Burien will be receiving \$28,885 in FY2010 U.S. Dept of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for projects that reduce crime and improve public safety. The grant requires that the grant application materials be available for review by the City Council and the public. The City is planning on using these JAG grant funds for Active Shooter and Patrol trainings and to purchase electronic ticketing equipment and surveillance cameras for the police as described in the attached Application Narrative.

B. Second Quarter Busy for IT

In the second quarter there was quite a surge of activity for the IT Division. In addition to our regular duties we also provided support for the:

- Parks department move to the new Community Center,
- North Burien annexation, including the census and new city hall set up,
- Public Works department expansion, including setting up additional employees, their new shop and outfitting them with laptops to use in the field.

The new public works employees will also be using global positioning system (GPS) equipment to track and inventory stormwater management (SWM) assets in the north Burien area and street signs throughout the city. This now brings the total number of remote locations to five (including Moshier Art Center) all of which need to be connected back to the mother ship (city hall).

Other on-going activities include: finalizing the Town Square Park water feature and irrigation system and, of course, online pet licensing & payment processing.

C. Trail Cleared in North Burien Neighborhood

On June 16 a request was received from a neighborhood in North Burien to have a trail cleared that had become very overgrown. Our public works crew cleared roughly 424 feet of trail between 16th & 21st Avenues South at South 120th Street. The work was completed on June 22.

D. Ambaum Boulevard SW Drainage System Videod and Cleaned

As part of the preparation for the upcoming overlay of Ambaum Boulevard SW and in conjunction with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements, the Ambaum Boulevard's drainage system was videotaped and cleaned. This system consists of approximately 11,000 lineal feet (LF) of pipe. A total of 190 catch basins and 10,500 LF of pipe was cleaned. During this process, 15 catch basins that had been asphalted over were discovered.

E. Burien Wellness Healthcare Week (Pg. 103)

Health Sciences and Human Services High School (HS3), one of the small schools housed at the Evergreen campus, provided a week-long "medical clinic" experience for all 90 freshman students the week of June 14 – 18. Student teams formed medical clinics in locations around the world. Each clinic had an endemic disease that they were assigned to fight. The program enticed students to learn about a specific disease, to become educated about the country in which their clinic was located, and to work in teams to promote better health in another part of the world. Our local healthcare provided guest speakers and financial support for some student activities. The week culminated with students pitching their clinics' ideas to combat their diseases to potential investors. Burien Wellness provided some sponsorship dollars for the week of learning. Impact of the program may be found in the compiled student evaluations attached.

F. Successful Spring Recycling Event

On May 18th, 368 carloads of recyclable material arrived at a joint event sponsored by the cities of Burien and Normandy Park for a total of 50,630 pounds, or over 25 tons. This averages out to roughly 138 pounds of material per vehicle.

G. Local Hazardous Waste Management Program – 2011 Distribution of Funds

The City of Burien will again partner with the City of Normandy Park for its annual recycling events. The Local Hazardous Waste Management Program has roughly \$15,135 in grant funding allocated to the City of Burien, and \$6,443 to Normandy Park. Our Letter of Intent to partner with Normandy Park has been submitted to the Contract Administrator at King County.

H. Suburban Cities Association (SCA) Nominates Karen Ferreira for Alternate to the Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) (Pg. 105)

The Suburban Cities Association Board of Directors met on June 16 and recommended Karen Ferreira, Emergency Management Coordinator, City of Burien, for the open alternate seat on the EMAC. See attached letter of recommendation.

I. Parks Division Working With Department of Ecology on Soil Sampling (Pg. 107)

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services (PaRCS) Department is working with the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) on an assessment of soils in the city's various parks. This effort is funded through the state's environmental damage settlement with Asarco. DOE is planning the next phase of arsenic and lead cleanup associated with a century of operations at the former Asarco Smelter near Tacoma. Sampling and cleanup at play areas in public parks, camps and public housing will begin this summer. Parks throughout the region, including Burien's parks, will undergo soil sampling this summer. Results will determine which if any sites will be subject to cleanup efforts that would involve the removal and replacement of topsoils. Rep. Dave Upthegrove sponsored legislation in 2005 to require playground testing and cleanup. A question-and-answer document on the DOE Soil Safety Program is available at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/1009085.html>. DOE will update the public on sampling work using the agency's *ECOconnect* blog: <http://ecologywa.blogspot.com/>. A news release about this work is attached.

J. SeaTac to Seek New Funding for Veterans Memorial Plaza (Pg. 109)

The Council was last briefed on planning for a new Des Moines Memorial Drive (DMMD) Veterans Memorial Plaza in April 2009, when the Council endorsed the concept plan for memorial to complement the DMMD Memorial Wall at Sunnysdale School. Since then, the city of SeaTac was unable to retain the remaining funding it received that would have completed the design. Staff from the DMMD partner cities have been meeting with the Advisory Committee members to prepare requests to private groups and the legislature for funding to complete design and begin construction, with the City of SeaTac taking the lead. The attached "white paper" will be used in that effort and the City of Burien may be asked to support this request as a future legislative priority.

K. Senior Programs – Statistics Update

Programs for seniors offered through the PaRCS Department continue to be busy. Since January 2009, it has had 1127 participants enrolled in its programs. Of those 1127 participants, 608 are "active" participants, meaning they have participated in at least one program since the beginning of January 2010. On average these participants spend approximately 223 hrs per month in the various programs offered to seniors; this number is calculated by King County in one of the reports generated by PaRCS for the county ("*Hours of Participant Attendance are defined as the minimum number of hours each unduplicated client participates in activities or programs offered or sponsored by the senior center. The assumption is that each unduplicated client will attend the senior center a minimum of two and one-half hours.*"). Based on zipcode analysis, approximately 43% (or 261) of these "active" participants (i.e. last six months) are Burien residents.

L. New Sculpture Lights Up Community Center

Thanks to Puget Sound Skills Center (PSSC) instructor Dale Copeland and his welding program students, a beautiful new water sculpture entitled "Lighthouse" has been created and installed in the new Burien Community Center's outdoor atrium. The artwork is immediately visible upon entry to the Community Center. "Lighthouse" was created to represent a large shape of a coastal rock formation and made from steel sheet metal. Each student created their own tree and signed them before placing upon the rock, which also includes a beautiful lighthouse as a focus point. The sculpture was designed by Mr. Copeland, who is an artist and also teaches welding at PSSC. The students, who are also involved in the Plumber and Pipe Fitters Local 32 Welding Career Program, included Landon Abel, Bryan Asplund, Jonathon Garrison, Robert Griffith, Adam Hilmer, Nicholas Holme, Zackary Larson, Talus Moloney, Ezequiel Morales, Kevin Narverud, Ryan Northern, Alexander Nitchke, Robert Rose, Caleb Silver, Deven Smotherman, Salamina Tauanuu, and Penn Wright. Materials were donated by McKinstry Essention of Seattle; the company was the general contractor for the building remodel. This is the second sculpture created by Mr. Copeland's program. In 2009, his students created a beautiful metal sculpture of an eagle and salmon entitled "Learn and Survive" that was exhibited in the former Burien Interim Art Space (B/IAS). When the B/IAS program ended, the sculpture was moved and is currently on display outside of the PSSC campus.

M. Legislative Work for the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA)

A tool to help with the revitalization of areas such as Burien's Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA, under the Sea-Tac third runway flight path) may be the focus of legislation under consideration by the House Finance Chair, Representative Ross Hunter. Representatives Hunter and Dave Upthegrove (33rd Dist.) visited Burien for a meeting with city managers and other staff from Burien, Des Moines, SeaTac and the Port of Seattle on June 21. This meeting stemmed from the effort in the 2010 legislative session to create incentives for the development of airport-affected areas in the three cities most affected by Sea-Tac Airport. Finance Chair Hunter proposed a broader approach, to involve other communities and interest groups and secure more support for a new effort to help cities revitalize economically-challenged areas.

N. Federal Aviation Administration Official Visits Burien

The NERA was also the topic of a meeting on June 25 between Burien and Port of Seattle staff and the Regional Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and two other local FAA staff. This discussion centered on the City's efforts to create economic development in the NERA, and the anticipated FAA "Pilot Program for Redevelopment of Airport Properties" created through the FAA reauthorization bill now pending in the Congress.

The City and Port of Seattle have been working for three years to ensure that the Congress creates this program. The Pilot Program will provide up to \$5 million to each of four airport operators around the country, to work with their affected neighbor city on joint planning and other pre-construction activities in specific areas most affected by airport operations. The FAA bill is expected to be approved this year.

O. Vegetation Maintenance FAQs

The vegetation maintenance of City right-of-way includes mowing, weed eating, brush removal, street tree maintenance, litter pick-up, and all tasks related to vegetation maintenance. The City of Burien must mow over 14,000,000 square feet of area (322 acres) 2-3 times per year for a grand total of between 28,000,000-42,000,000 square feet or 644-964 acres. The heavy duty mowers we use mow at an average pace of approximately 15,000 square feet per hour. If the City is required to mow the right-of-way 3 times in a year, it takes 2,800 personnel hours and 2,800 hours of equipment time. Currently without using overtime the City of Burien can mow about 1,800 hours per year so we plan for mowing twice per year depending on the weather.

P. Summer Construction Season is Beginning

Public Works engineering is currently involved with designing and advertising for bids of approximately \$17,900,000 worth of public works construction work including street/drainage/underground utilities that will be under construction later this summer and fall. The Public Works department will be involving property owners directly affected by these construction projects through direct contact, mailings, website, and other forms of communication to make sure that we are responsive to any concerns regarding these projects including access to their properties. Utilizing our Radio Free Burien to warn drivers of construction delays is also being contemplated.

Q. Students Perform Outdoor Service Projects

School may be out but summer is still a time for learning and service work for some Burien students. Last week, seven students from the Waskowitz High School summer session program worked for two days improving and learning about the Burien environment. On July 7, students spent five hours removing non-native weeds and mulching native trees and shrubs at the Miller Creek restoration site at S. 144th St. On the morning of July 9, students cleared invasive English ivy from the trunks of trees along Miller Creek at Kiwanis Schoenwald Park. On the afternoon of July 9, the students did storm drain stenciling and marking at roughly 50 catch basins in three locations. The painted stencils "Dump No Waste – Drains to Stream" remind people that car washing soap, oil, and other pollutants need to be kept out of the storm drain system. The students learned about the storm drain system from Public Works staff Ken Srilofung, who provided supplies and safety vests. The students' learning and stewardship in Burien was organized by the Miller/Walker Creek Stewardship Program.

R. Building Department Updates

All permits for the new Navos Mental Health Clinic have been approved by City staff and are ready to be issued. The project is valued at over \$5 million with permit fees totaling almost \$95,000. The City allowed foundation work to proceed under the clear and grade permit while final permit review and approval were in process.

A certificate of occupancy was issued for the new RPC Holdings LLC industrial building located at 831 S 176th Street. The 4,000 square foot building will be used to maintain industrial cranes that ride on rails above a factory floor to move heavy items through an assembly process in factories and heavy industry.

S. North Burien Property Brought Into Compliance

A property that came to the City through annexation with multiple code enforcement issues and one of the larger files turned over to the City by King County was brought into compliance on June 25, 2010. In coordinating efforts with the property owner, a demolition of 3 houses along Des Moines Memorial Drive South, just north of Burien City Hall North, has been completed on June 28, 2010. These three houses were a very serious concern of the neighborhood, Fire Department (2 arsons in the last few months) and the Police. There have been numerous reports of drugs, prostitution, vagrant living, trash/garbage occurring on all three properties. All of these ongoing concerns of the surrounding community will now be eliminated due to the demolition of these three buildings. This had been on King County agenda since March 2009.

T. Transit Oriented Development Update

On Wednesday, July 7 Alliance Wasatch I, LLC and King County Metro Transit submitted an application for a Type I Administrative Design Review of the Burien Park and Ride/Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Project located at 4th Avenue SW and SW 150th Street. This application is the culmination of over a year of intensive work on the part of planning, building, public works and public safety staff with the developer and King County to refine and detail the design for the multi-phase, mixed use project. Phase I, the multi-story parking garage, will be the primary focus of the design review process, which should be completed by August 12th. Applications for construction permits should occur in early August. Phase II, the retail/residential development of the southern portion of the property will commence when the economy improves.

II. COUNCIL UPDATES/REPORTS

A. Temporary Closure of Sea-Tac Center Runway

The Port of Seattle reports has closed Sea-Tac Airport's center runway for a portion of the summer, in order to replace about 150 worn-out concrete panels. The center runway will be closed as of Monday, July 12, and is expected to reopen on Friday, September 10.

According to the Port, "The repair of the center runway will help assure it is operating at the highest level of safety until a planned reconstruction of the entire center runway in 2016. As part of the work this summer, workers will also repaint runway and taxiway markings. The 60 day closure will be followed by about two weeks of nightly closures to complete the pavement work.

During the closure, neighbors of Sea-Tac Airport may notice increased noise associated with changes in runway use. Most departures are expected to be on the runway closest to the terminal and most arrivals are expected to be on the third runway. Construction work will be done during daytime hours to reduce noise impacts to area neighborhoods during the evening. The closure is not expected to impact Sea-Tac's Part 150 Noise and Land-use Compatibility Study."

B. June 2010 Citizen Action Report (Pg. 111)

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

C. Advisory Board Meeting Minutes (Pg. 119)

Attached are the following approved Advisory Board meeting minutes:

- Business and Economic Development Partnership 2010 meetings from January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14 & June 11.

D. Notices (Pg. 135)

The following Public Notices are attached:

- Notice of Decision – Approved with Conditions: Shoreline Substantial Development Permit, Critical Area Review and State Environmental Policy Act Review for existing Pump Station No. 7 retrofit project involving realignment of existing pipelines and installation of a manhole for Southwest Suburban Water District.
- SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) WAC 197-11-970 Proposed amendments would combine the remaining sections of BMC Title 18 (“Interim Zoning Code”, which is a modified version of the King County Zoning Code adopted at incorporation in 1993) with BMC Title 19 (“New Zoning Code”), resulting in a single Zoning Code for the city. The amendments will also eliminate redundant language between the two codes, and eliminate provisions of Title 18 that do not apply in Burien.