



Burien

Washington, USA

City of Burien

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 30, 2016

TO: City Council

FROM: Tony Piasecki, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

Since last week was a short week, this report covers both last week and this week.

City Manager's Office

- I am moving forward on the branding/city logo process by expanding the advisory committee with a representative from the Arts Commission, a representative from the Burien Economic Development Partnership (BEDP), and a citizen who has a background in graphic design and marketing. We will be meeting on December 7th to discuss and decide on a direction for the logo.
- I attended the pre-application meeting for the proposed developments for the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) Phase 2B and Phase 3. The meeting went well. The developer, Panattoni, is the same company that developed the Des Moines Creek Business Park on Port-owned property in Des Moines. They are proposing large flex-space buildings that can accommodate a variety of industrial, office, research and development, and warehouse uses.
- We received six responses to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for recruitment services for the upcoming city manager search. Staff and I have reviewed the proposals and will interview and check references on two. We will provide a recommendation to the City Council at a special meeting to be held on Monday, December 5th before the Council's regular meeting that evening.

Legal

- On Wednesday, November 23rd, our outside counsel was able to obtain a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO), closing the VIP Hookah Lounge. Police have checked the business throughout the long weekend and report that the business has not been operating. The hearing on a permanent order is scheduled for December 8th.
- City Attorney Lisa Marshall has been working with PD to obtain a search warrant to investigate a potential puppy mill/animal abuse case. The warrant was issued and a search was conducted. A total of 29 dogs, four roosters and a guinea pig were taken into custody by C.A.R.E.S. and are being housed in foster homes. Unfortunately, three dead puppies were found on the property and three puppies that were found alive died shortly after they were taken into custody.

Economic Development

- The RFP for the wayfinding project, being funded in part by a grant from the Port of Seattle, was issued last Tuesday, November 22nd. Proposals are due on December 7th.
- The annual Soundside Alliance breakfast is scheduled for December 1st.

Police

- Incidents of note:
 - November 16th at 4:00 PM - Patrol and detectives responded to a sewer treatment facility to investigate the discovery of a human fetus which had apparently been deposited into the sewer system by unknown person(s). Currently under investigation.
 - November 18th at 10:30 AM - Patrol responded to Highline High School and arrested a student for felony assault after she attacked a security officer.
 - November 19th at 2:20 AM - Patrol and detectives responded to a domestic violence incident in which suspect stabbed her boyfriend, causing serious injuries. She was booked into jail.
 - November 20th at 9:30 AM - Responded with the fire department to a house fire caused by an illegal marijuana growing operation involving 210 plants. Two residents were charged with possession.
 - November 24th at 8:35 AM - Responded to a shooting in the 12200 block of Military Rd. Although the occupants of the house were uncooperative, we obtained video surveillance of a suspect seen exiting the house and then firing several shots at the house. No one was injured and the case is under investigation.

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services

- Corey Jenkins, Parks and Facilities Maintenance Worker, has been appointed to the Department's open Maintenance Supervisor position. Congratulations Corey!
- The Winter Recreation Guide has been published.
- The interior of the Moshier Art Center will be painted on December 12th.
- King County ECO Net held a conference in the Community Center on Tuesday, November 29th. ECO Net stands for Education, Communication, and Outreach Network. An ECO Net exists in each of the 12 counties surrounding Puget Sound, highlighting the regional approach necessary to protect such a vital and far-reaching resource.

Public Works

- In June 2016, City Council approved a letter of agreement with the US Attorney's office regarding accessibility (ADA) concerns at City Hall. A contract is now in place to complete the voluntary remediation stipulated in this agreement for required additional ADA parking on South 152nd Street. The contract for replacing the drinking fountain at

City Hall should be complete soon. Staff expects the work to be completed by the end of this year, and to be well under the original \$100,000 estimate that was given to Council in June.

- Capital Project Manager/Engineer Brian Victor took part in an event at Sylvester Middle School as part of the school's STEM outreach program. STEM is an acronym that represents the academic disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

Human Resources

- Open enrollment for our health benefits started on November 9th and closes on December 8th.

Finance

- Staff has received demonstrations of the two financial systems that we are considering to replace our old system. While both would meet our needs, one was clearly superior to the other. The cost difference between the two systems is minimal. We will begin negotiating a contract with vendor of the preferred system.