

## CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL

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## Carol Allread

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**From:** Public Council Inbox Email  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 8:54 AM  
**To:** 'Robert van Weezendonk'  
**Subject:** RE: CTTC -Taxes increased as are potholes...

Dear Mr. van Weezendonk,

Thank you for writing to the City Council to express your concerns. Your inquiry has been forwarded to staff for follow-up.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Robert van Weezendonk [mailto:rvanweez@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 25, 2017 10:59 AM  
**To:** Public Council Inbox Email <Council@burienwa.gov>  
**Subject:** **me** -Taxes increased as are potholes...

Dear council members,

I saw our recent tax bill growing by \$1,000.00 - if you ask me that's a steep increase for a transit system that I rarely use.

We have several potholes that get a simple patch that get dissolved and increases the hole more. Can someone tell someone to cut out the section of road and fix it right! Also just east by two blocks is the Shorewood elementary school where it appears a flashing red stop sign would help keep speeders (15-25 over speed limit) and ensure (we hope) people actually come to a complete stop!

That's where tax dollars would make sense.

Thanks.

Regards,  
Robert van Weezendonk  
11550 30th Place SW  
(425) 903-7313



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**From:** Robert van Weezendonk <RvanWeez@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 02, 2017 4:15 PM  
**To:** Brian Roberts  
**Cc:** Public Council Inbox Email; Tony Piasecki; Maiya Andrews; Skip Dreps; gtrevorphillips@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Re: For Follow-up: CTTC - van Weezendonk- Taxes increased as are potholes...

Hello Brian,

Thanks for the pothole-I'm familiar with cold patches...

As for the stop signs.

There was a pedestrian hit by car at this intersection. Do we really need reactionary measures instead of proactive ones for the blinking stop signs?

I understand your review of sight distances, however it's the enforcement or "highlighting" the fact that this is a school zone and there are frequent violations that could pay the way for filling the coffers and keep the neighborhood speeds and 'complete stops' in check.

I've copied my neighborhood watch colleagues on this email to further add as they may see fit. (They live on the this particular stretch I'm referencing).

Regards,  
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(425) 903-7313

> On Mar 2, 2017, at 15:19, Brian Roberts <brianr@burienwa.gov> wrote:

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> Mr. van Weezendonk,

> I have been asked to respond to your message to the City Council inbox.

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> The street crew was dispatched to the pothole that you referenced. It has been temporarily patched with cold mix asphalt until a permanent patch can be installed after the weather is warmer and drier. In the future, the crew can be dispatched faster to address potholes in your neighborhood by calling the location in to the Public Works desk line at (206) 248-5521.

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> Engineering staff had looked at the intersection you refer to (SW 116th St at 28th Ave SW). It is currently a 4-way stop with marked crosswalks. Sight distance is good in all four directions. Flashing red lights can only be installed at intersections that have a history of three or more accidents related to running the stop signs, and at least one leg of the intersection carries at least 500 cars per day on average (AADT). None of these conditions have been met. The stop signs were replaced with larger size signs about a year ago.

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> Public Works will be requesting an emphasis patrol at this intersection from the police department to address any speeding issues or drivers running any stop signs. After that, we will deploy the speed radar trailer to reinforce the speed limit. Ramesh Davad will be in contact with you over the next few days for your feedback to aid in an appropriate location to deploy the speed radar trailer.

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> Burien does not receive any of the Sound Transit 3 funds. They are distributed directly to Sound Transit. However, I can assure you that the \$10 Transportation Benefit District fee increase authorized by the City Council last Fall is funding our

pavement preservation program right here in Burien. While our pavement preservation program is still not fully funded, the TBD increase brought us closer to our goal of maintaining our citywide pavement condition.

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> Your name is familiar to me. I'm almost certain you and I have spoken in the past. As always, you're welcome to contact me directly regarding services rendered by the Public Works Department.

> Warmest Regards,

> Brian H. Roberts, P.E.

> Assistant Public Works Director

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**From:** Public Council Inbox Email  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 8:48 AM  
**To:** 'LINDA WATSON'; Public Council Inbox Email  
**Subject:** RE: ENC -complaints about state of Burien

Dear Ms. Pricco-Watson,

Thank you for writing to the City Council to share your concerns. Your email has been forwarded to Council, and referred to Code Compliance staff for follow-up.

Additionally, the Council Meeting schedule can be found here:

<http://burienwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6741>

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** LINDA WATSON [mailto:watsonlinda15@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 26, 2017 12:59 PM  
**To:** Public Council Inbox Email <Council@burienwa.gov>  
**Subject:** me -complaints about state of Burien

I have lived in this town several years throughout my life and I am very embarrassed to say that I live here. The state of this town is deplorable and you are raising taxes? What for? It doesn't seem that anything is done to improve the neighborhoods.

In my area, there are junked cars in the yards, one house has many bicycles, wood, another just keeps accumulating more junk. As you should know, all that does is attract rats, mice, ants. We try to take pride in our house and yard, there is no reason that they can't.

Sure some may be of lower income, but I see them hauling cars in and that cost money.

I noticed on your website that roosters are not allowed in Burien, the city of, and we have those. I am tempted to kill them myself just for the fact that they create a lot of noise. The same person burns his garbage and we can't seem to get that stopped. When he burns, it causes my eyes to burn and stinks.

Another thing that we have in our neighborhood is businesses being run out of houses. They are running a cleaning business from a residential house. Another house runs a church every Sunday.

The amount of cars that are parked on this street could fill a dealership.

I just don't know how you can promote this city as an up and coming place to live when you don't spend the money to make the current residents comply. We plan to someday sell our place and because of the state of the area, I don't think that we will get very much for it.

Are there forms that I need to fill out to get the ball rolling to submit some of the complaints that I have or should I start coming to the City Council meetings and voicing my complaints?

It is not fair that these ordinances are not enforced and I do not think that I should have to be burdened with job and becoming a marked person because I do want something done to make my environment livable.

I would appreciate a response and a calendar of your future meetings.

Respectfully,

Linda Pricco-Watson

a concerned citizen

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**From:** Monica Lusk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 2:23 PM  
**To:** Public Council Inbox Email  
**Subject:** CTTC - FW: new information about CARES and CARES contract

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**From:** Centurylink Customer [mailto:rmdchd@q.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 1:54 PM  
**To:** Monica Lusk <MONICAL@burienwa.gov>; Lucy Krakowiak <lucyk@burienwa.gov>; Bob Edgar <bobe@burienwa.gov>; stevea@burienwa.gov; Nancy Tosta <nancyt@burienwa.gov>; Debi Wagner <debiw@burienwa.gov>; Austin Bell <austinb@burienwa.gov>; Lauren Berkowitz <laurenb@burienwa.gov>  
**Subject:** new information about CARES and CARES contract

To Monica Lusk-Please post this letter in the next city council packet

To the Burien City Council;

Why is Burien using a violent, convicted felon to do animal enforcement law in Burien? Why is Burien using the CARES contractor, who provided false information about their employee and was out of compliance with their contract, still being employed by the city?

Honesty is the most important attribute in any city government. And it extends to all contractors who work for city government as well, especially those who work in Burien law enforcement. Recently, a very disturbing public records disclosure from the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC), points out that the city contractor CARES, responsible for Burien's animal control services, appears to have been dishonest in its dealings with the Washington Animal Control Association (WACA) and with a state animal control officer training program (CJTC). I discovered the following;

- 1.) CARES submitted a criminal background check required to take Animal Control Officer training, signed by the CARES Director, stating that an employee had passed such a check, when actually, the employee was convicted of two violent felonies in the city, making him ineligible to take the Animal Control Officer training. CARES still hired this employee, had his training paid by Burien, and continued to keep him under contract as an animal law enforcement officer even after CARES was informed of his violent criminal history. Other national, state, county and local law enforcement agencies to not hire, retain or allow convicted felons to do law enforcement.

- 2.) It also appears that CARES, in June, 2016, then did not inform the Burien City Council that the same employee, who appears to have illegally participated in the Animal Control Officer training, had had his certification revoked as a result of discovering his criminal background. Both WACA and CJTC(Sue Rahr) have confirmed the details of this.

This CARES Animal Control Officer, who is really a Burien animal law enforcement officer, was charged and pled guilty to attempted robbery and criminal assault at a Burien auto parts store (previous to his employment at CARES) when he attacked people in the store with an ax, as he was attempting to steal a car alternator. Police were called, he needed to be restrained and eventually pled guilty to the crimes. This easily can be verified by an internet search of the B-Town Blog and the Seattle Times by the employee's name.

As a result of this new information, it appears that CARES has been out of compliance for several years with the Burien CARES contract. It also appears that the CARES Director never informed the recently city-hired CARES auditor of this history or the revoked certification. As recently as June, 2016, the CARES Director provided documents and testimony to the Burien City Council and the public that she has two Animal Control (WACA) certified staff members working for CARES.

Contractors who do not tell the truth to the city, the citizens and the council should not have a city contract.

Sincerely,

Roger DeLorm

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**From:** mojoe44@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 02, 2017 11:22 AM  
**To:** Public Council Inbox Email  
**Subject:** CTTC - For City Council Attention

Honorable Mayor and Burien City Council

First, I would like to acknowledge the hard work that the Mayor and City Council have put into making Burien a better place to live for everyone. Thank you.

Second, I would like to question what has the City of Burien done to encourage amateur radio development in our region? In regards to Emergency Management requires that we should encourage the implement of a plan for the continuity of operations. The reliance upon current given resources might prove to be not enough.

Amateur radio (HAM) have been essential in supporting links to the Internet, Repeaters and Satellite Communication. I feel strongly that Burien should provide opportunity's for our own townfolk to become capable of essential communications in the event of a disaster.

In the age of the cell phone and internet, members need to prepare for the inevitable catastrophic system failure and have some means of communication.

That is amateur radio

Thank you for your time

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**From:** Bernard Koontz <bernard.koontz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 02, 2017 7:47 PM  
**To:** Public Council Inbox Email  
**Subject:** **ENC** –Promoting a Safe and Welcoming Burien

Burien City Council,

The action you took on January 19 to pass Ordinance 651 makes me proud to raise a family, live, play and work in Burien. This ordinance makes a profound statement about what we value as a community. I appreciate the many neighbors that contributed to the conversation that supported the ordinance. I understand the limitations of a city's jurisdiction, but also appreciate the great potential a municipality has to create conditions for our community to thrive. I am also encouraged by Deputy Mayor Tosta's interest and awareness in equity issues, as described in the reflection from the Jan 26 Equity and Inclusion Convening. I hope this leads to continued and strengthened attention to these issues in our community. Below I outline continued action to ensure a safe and welcoming Burien and encourage you to consider as you lead our city.

### Citywide Celebrations

I greatly appreciate our ongoing commitment to embrace and affirm all our neighbors' identities through Parks & Rec programming. The Dia de Los Muertos celebration is a wonderful example of how Burien includes, recognizes, and celebrates a major holiday for many in our community. As we prepare to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, how can we ensure that celebration shares our very American value of welcoming refugees and immigrants? As our Muslim neighbors move into Ramadan, and prepare to celebrate Eid, how can we engage the broader community in an inclusive celebration that helps the whole community to better understand and appreciate our neighbors' customs and traditions? In what other ways can the departments that interact with our neighbors reflect and embrace our diverse identities?

### Leadership Messages and Commitments

It is critical that we continue to act to build a sense of safety, dignity, and value for our neighbors, especially in the coming weeks and months as new policies may unfold that will potentially impact different segments of Burien's population. We can look to other leaders in our region for actions they have taken-Ed Murray with various statements in Seattle; Susan Enfield from Highline Public Schools with multiple messages to students, staff, and family; Jay Inslee with direct messages on Washington's responses to executive orders. As leaders of our city government, please find opportunities to raise your voice in this critical time. Additionally, I encourage you to have Burien join one of the organizations listed below to join others across the country as an ongoing commitment to embracing all of who we are:

- o Cities for Action Cities for Action is a coalition of over 100 mayors and municipal leaders fighting for federal immigration reform and galvanizing the movement by launching inclusive policies and programs at the local level.
- e Cities for Citizenship Cities for Citizenship is a major national initiative aimed at increasing citizenship among eligible U.S. permanent residents and encouraging cities across the country to invest in citizenship programs.
- Welcoming America A coalition of municipalities across the U.S. that intentionally integrate pro-immigrant and pro-refugee policies, programs, and actions throughout all levels of government.

As you continue leading our city, I know you address a wide range of issues, and respond to an even wider range of feedback from the community. As you listen and respond to growing concerns about safety and security in Burien, I encourage you consider how to ensure EVERYONE in Burien feels safe and secure. As described above, there are multiple actions you have taken, and can take in the future to support the safety of our immigrant communities. Please do not forget that we also have a responsibility to keep our homeless neighbors safe as well. Often, our society chooses to scapegoat the homeless for problems of crime and insecurity – ironically they are more often than not the victims of crime. The challenges are great and the solutions complex. Whatever our response, I know you will act with compassion and respect the dignity of all, regardless of their situation.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to lead our community.

Bernard Koontz

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