



Burien

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City of Burien

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 7, 2017

TO: City Council

FROM: Tony Piasecki, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

City Manager

- On Friday, March 31, the City Attorney, Communications Officer, and Councilmember Bell attended an information session on immigrant and refugee issues, co-sponsored by King County and Sound Cities Association (SCA). A group of panelists spoke on the breadth of issues facing immigrants and refugees, as well as local governments.

Administrative Services

- The Administrative Services Division will hold a mini retreat to coordinate work plans on Tuesday, April 11, from 8:30-noon at Dottie Harper House.
- Staff is gearing up to begin the animal licensing renewal process after the City Manager interviews are complete.
- On April 18, the Administrative Services Manager will meet with the HRA-VEBA representative to perform the annual review of the program.

Communications

Projects:

- A plan is underway for the website redesign and brand rollout; the Communications Officer will attend department meetings to provide information about next steps.
- Input is being gathered from all City departments to develop a guiding document for the web designers.

Meetings:

- The Communications Officer met with the publisher of Burien Magazine to discuss strategies for increasing advertising revenue from Burien Magazine in order to recoup more publication costs.
- A meeting was also held with Puget Sound Access (PSA) to work on their contract and talk about other services they offer, such as drone and time-lapse photography.

Community Development

- With adoption of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Docket at the April 3 City Council meeting, staff efforts will now be focused on addressing the four Comprehensive Plan Map amendment requests and document updates outlined on the adopted docket. All amendment requests will be reviewed by the Planning Commission this fall with their recommendations to be considered by the City Council in November.
- The Burien Hearing Examiner will conduct a land use hearing on April 20 for the Miller Creek Court project. That land use request is to rescind the binding site plan and approval of an additional 28 dwelling units for a total of 74 dwelling units for the multi-family Miller Creek Court development which is located at 246 South 162nd Street. The Hearing Examiner will issue a final decision on this Type 2 land use request.
- The April 12 Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled. Two Planning Commissioners will be participating in the City Manager finalist interviews on Saturday April 8. The next scheduled Planning Commission meeting is April 26.

Economic Development

- The next meeting of the stakeholders for the Wayfinding Facility Design project is Thursday, April 6.
- An online survey will be used to seek feedback for the Wayfinding Facility Design project. Staff will promote this through social media and the local blogs-it will likely be available the week of April 10.
- PCC Natural Markets has announced they are opening a new location in Burien. It will be in the Five Corners Shopping Center in the space that formerly housed Haggen's and Albertson's. They hope to open by the holiday season.
- The Economic Development Manager is working with the Communications Officer on a social media strategy to implement the City's branding program and enhance business attraction efforts. When a proposal is ready, it will be taken to the BEDP for their feedback.

Finance

- Work on year-end processing is ongoing.
- The Quarter 4 report is complete.
- The auditors will arrive May 1 and are expected to be on-site until early July.
- A kick-off meeting with Tyler (Munis) and the key stakeholders is scheduled for Monday, April 17. Tyler is the financial software selected to replace Springbrook.
- Walker Creek Conference Room will be unavailable from May 1, 2017, until approximately March, 2018, as it will serve as the Command Center for the coming software upgrades.

Legal

Update: VIP Hookah Lounge:

At the hearing on the City's Motion for Summary Judgment on Friday, March 31, 2017, Judge Chung granted to the City of Burien the full relief sought, including:

- A permanent injunction, barring Mr. Hersi from operating in the City;
- A Declaration of Chronic Nuisance, and order closing the building for one year;
- \$4,300 in civil penalties;
- A Warrant of Abatement (allowing the City to enter and secure the building, if Defendants fail to do so); and
- An Order granting the City its costs and fees (including attorneys' fees), based on a cost bill to be submitted later.

The City Attorney will be working with legal counsel in the coming week to discuss next steps as it relates to calculating costs and fees, and to securing the property.

Parks and Recreation

- In partnership with Food Sense (a Washington State University Extension program), the City will offer Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed). This nutrition education program focuses on families and households that qualify for food assistance benefits (food stamps) and teaches youth and adults with limited incomes to eat healthy and maximize the value of their food dollars and food assistance benefits.
- We are excited to begin offering new swimming exercise classes for senior participants at Evergreen Pool beginning in May, 2017.
- PaCRS staff are evaluating the current facility rental processes to look for opportunities to streamline/improve and enhance the customer experience, prior to the implementation of the new software system.

Police

- The job announcement for the Proactive Sergeant has been circulated throughout the sheriff's office. A selection process will likely occur next week with the goal of filling the position on June 1.
- On April 4, Burien commanders and detectives met with the KCSO major crimes unit, the KCSO criminal analysis unit, SeaTac detectives, unincorporated detectives, and a representative from the ATF. We discussed multiple shots fired incidents where no one was hurt, and one homicide which all appear to be related. We are carefully coordinating the investigations and planning efforts to reduce or eliminate this activity.
- On April 5, officers responded to investigate a report of a suspicious person in the 15700 block of 1st Ave South. They arrived to interrupt an attempted armed robbery at a retail store. The suspect was apprehended and his loaded handgun was recovered.

- One of our sergeants was approached by a resident who wanted to commend our DUI officer. He explained the officer arrested him for DUI in December of 2015, and the officer took time to counsel him on encouraged him to turn his life around. He has been sober since and credits our officer with helping him make this change. Our DUI officer (Silverstein) has already conducted 53 DUI investigations this year!

Public Works

- Demolition of Peter Western Bridge is likely to occur in the next two weeks. Staff is working with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife to address potential environmental impacts.
- A Pre-Construction meeting was held for the 8th Ave S. Storm Drainage Retrofit project in NERA.
- The City has signed a lease with the Port of Seattle for the property for the temporary Public Works Maintenance Shop. The portable office is set to arrive Friday, April 7, and conex trailers that will be used for storage space will arrive next week. Staff is still arranging for power and utility hookups. Public Works staff have started the enormous task of packing equipment and materials in preparation for the move.