

CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE REPORT ~ KENT MYERS

July 31, 2009

One of the highlights from this week was a meeting with President Tom Keegan of Peninsula College to discuss improvements to their campus planned over the next 2 years. Of course, the new Maier Hall will be an important addition to their campus and they plan on starting construction of this building in the next 2-3 months. The project was recently bid and bids were very favorable. In addition to the new building, the College is planning major upgrades to their parking lot including landscaped medians that will help with reduce the stormwater flow from their campus. They also plan to install a new entrance sign and add new turf to the athletic fields.

Now that The Gateway has been completed, we are starting to experience an increase in major events and activities at this new facility. First of all, the Crab Festival has indicated an interest in using the Gateway for this year's event and the Sunday Community Market has gotten off to a very positive start and should grow in the future. We also plan on hosting two Saturday Farmer's Markets in August as a trial period and the Farmer's Market will continue every week on Wednesdays. One of the related issues that the City will soon be considering is whether Lincoln Street, between Railroad and Front Streets, should be closed to vehicle traffic during some of the larger special events. City staff is working on a recommendation related to this closure and this should be presented to the Council in the next 30 days.

The Council is reminded that the Town Hall Meeting on the budget scheduled on Thursday, August 8 starting at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Yvonne Ziomkowski will present some basic budgetary information and I will facilitate a question and comment period. At the closure of the meeting at 8:00 p.m., I will announce other opportunities available for citizens to provide written comments related to the budget. This will not be a formal City Council meeting so your role will be as an observer should you decide to attend.

On Monday, August 3, Mayor Braun and I will be hosting a lunch meeting with city officials from Sequim and Forks. This will allow us an opportunity to discuss potential areas of coordination and cooperation in the future. Please let me know if you have any topics that you would like us to raise at this meeting.

Have a great weekend!

-Kent Myers

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DATE: July 28, 2009

TO: City Council

FROM: William E. Bloor, City Attorney

RE: Public Records Disclosure Training

This is a report for your information and requires no Council action.

Over the past month, Becky Upton and I have conducted 5 training sessions for City employees on the Public Records Act. The training was conducted at various times and locations in an effort to accommodate as many employees as possible. 71 employees attended the training. This represents the core group of employees who are likely to be involved in records requests.

The training was intended to promote a positive attitude, while at the same time sharpening the ability of City staff to respond efficiently and thoroughly to records requests. We worked hard to present this complex subject in a way that could be comprehended by everyone. The feedback received was positive, with some employees requesting training on a more regular basis.

All those who attended, and particularly Becky, should be commended.

William E. Bloor,
City Attorney

cc: ✓ Kent Myers, City Manager
Becky J. Upton, City Clerk

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