

City Manager's Office

January 20, 2016

To: City Council
From: City Manager
Re: Weekly Report

Finance

- Finance's focus continues to be the year-end financial statements for 2015. They are planning on putting together a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year 2015. This requires a higher level of effort and includes more detailed information about the City's financial position and thus provides the public a more complete picture of the City's financial health.

Legal

- At the January 14th City Council meeting, the City Attorney provided the first two presentations in a series of government 101 programs, designed to show how our local government works. The first focused on our form of government and the roles of the City Council, the City Manager and staff, and the second covered public records and open public meetings.
- Staff continues to work with Tim Clemans, the citizen who made a public records request for all of the City's records (a request he made of all cities in King County). Some cities have decided to simply deny Mr. Clemans' request while others have chosen to work with him in a methodical, phased approach, giving him access to boxes of records for him to sort through and decide which he wants.
- In late 2014, the Police Department conducted a prostitution solicitation sting and made several arrests. One defendant who was convicted of patronizing a prostitute appealed his conviction. His appeal was heard in King County Superior Court on Friday, January 15th. After reviewing briefing by both parties and hearing oral argument, Judge Heller upheld the conviction.
- Staff has been trying to serve a complaint on the owner of one of the problem, vacant homes in Des Moines, but has been unable to do so. We are therefore forced to serve him via publishing a notice in the newspaper (Seattle Times) in order to get this matter heard in Superior Court.

Court

- Next week, the Court will begin installing the new case management software that was included in the budget for 2016. They expect to complete the process and begin using the new system by the end of April.

Police Department

- Commander Bohl is working with the owners of the Redondo Square shopping center on a new location in the center for our South Precinct. The owners informed us that they wanted to move the Precinct to another space because they have a tenant interested in the space we currently occupy. As a reminder, we pay no rent for this space and have been occupying it on a month-to-month basis for several years now.
- The Department is doing an analysis of overtime hours for 2015. It appears that we will have over 5,000 overtime hours spent last year, which is up from 2014, with over 3,000 of those hours occurring in the Patrol Division.
- The suspect in recent burglaries on North Hill was captured in Auburn.
- There was a stabbing Monday night at the corner of South 240th Street and Pacific Highway South and a shooting last Friday that appear to be drug deals gone bad.

Planning, Building, and Public Works Department

- Staff met with a representative of the Highline School District to discuss the possibility of school impact fees. The District is hoping to have each jurisdiction within its service area assess impact fees. The Council's Finance and Economic Development Committee discussed this issue at its last meeting.
- Department staff, along with the Legal Department, are researching when the Conditional Use Permit issued for the Woodmont Recover Campus expires. This has turned out not to be as simple a question to answer as we first thought.
- The Redondo Boardwalk project is out to bid. Bids will be opened on February 1st.
- The revisions to the adult entertainment ordinance were submitted to the Department of Commerce and expedited review was granted. The SEPA work has begun. The public hearing on the ordinance is scheduled for February 25th. If the Council adopts the ordinance, adult uses will only be allowed within Pacific Ridge commercial zones and cannot be within 1,000 feet of another adult use.
- A letter for the Mayor's signature regarding Sound Transit 3 (ST3) has been modified per Council direction, signed by the Mayor and sent to Sound Transit. Issues brought up by Mr. Bishop at the January 7th City Council meeting were briefly mentioned in the letter. We have asked staff from Sound Transit to provide us more information in response to Mr. Bishop's concerns.

Parks, Recreation, and Senior Services

- Village Concepts, the organization building the affordable senior housing project in the Marina District known as the Adriana, came to the January 14th City Council meeting and presented the Des Moines Legacy Foundation a check for \$32,000 to be used to provide programs for senior citizens.

- Four outgoing members of the Human Services Advisory Committee were honored for their service at the January 14th City Council meeting. Three new members were appointed to fill these openings, leaving one opening left to fill.
- Staff set up a booth at the Seattle Wedding Show, showcasing the facilities we have to offer for weddings, particularly those in Beach Park. There were 7,000 attendees at the Show. We had 45 people sign up to come see Beach Park.
- Candidates for the vacant, part-time Senior Services Specialist position are being held.

Marina

- Staff continues to work on paid parking options to present to the Municipal Facilities Committee at its January 28th meeting.
- Staff is preparing for the Seattle Boat Show, scheduled for the last week of January. We will have a booth set up to highlight the amenities we have at our Marina. We've attended the Show in the past and have been very successful booking reservations for boating clubs to visit us in the late spring, summer and early fall.