

City Manager's Office

February 2, 2016

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

Police Department

- Kimberly Jewelers was the target of an attempted burglary last week. The suspects opened a crawl space cover and crawled under the dentist office next door. They pushed the TV out of the floor in the kids play room and then busted through the wall into the Jewelers setting off the alarm. Nothing was taken.
- Last weekend we had several stolen vehicles reported to the department. We also recovered two. Kent had a stolen vehicle pursuit that terminated in our city. Suspects were apprehended. K9 found the bad guy at 226th and 24th. Property owners were advised.
- An individual was seen shoplifting two sandwiches and two Old English 800s at the Safeway at the Redondo Square shopping center last week. A witness to the theft confronted the suspect out in the parking lot. The citizen told the suspect to return the stolen items. The suspect pulled out a knife and showed it to the citizen. The citizen started backing away, which gave the suspect the chance to flee. The citizen followed the suspect to the Woodmont Library and last saw him running west bound on 268th. Officers located the suspect in a car behind Woodmont Elementary eating the stolen sandwich with the beer at his feet. The suspect did not want to go to jail and fought with officers. It took 3 minutes of fighting to finally get him secured. Suspect was booked for robbery 1.
- “Coffee with a Cop” at the McDonalds in Pacific Ridge went well last Saturday the 30th. Citizens commented about the number of homeless people sleeping inside the restaurant. They complained that the homeless have become aggressive with customers in the past. Officer Batterman is working with management on this and a number of other issues.

Legal

- 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made a public records request for all of the City's records (a request he made of all cities in King County) has now withdrawn all of the public records requests he made to the City of Des Moines.

- Legal is working with the Planning, Building, and Public Works Department to address an access easement issue involving the Blueberry Lane subdivision and a piece of property that the subdivision surrounds on three sides.

Finance

- The books for 2015 are officially closed. All cash accounting is complete and staff will now work on accruals. Part 1 of the financial statements are due March 7th.
- Finance Director Mason continues working on a finance system replacement. She is exploring the possibility of incorporating a human resources module and a park and recreation module into the overall system.

Planning, Building, and Public Works Department

- Last week, staff participated in a meeting regarding the SR 509 extension project. One issue discussed in the meeting was the assumptions made in the environmental impact statement completed for the project many years ago. The question that the Washington Department of Transportation is looking into is the validity of the assumptions that were used in the original EIS. It appears that the assumptions regarding growth were wrong. The amount of growth (in construction/development, traffic, etc.) that we actually had in 2015 was 25% less than what was projected in the EIS.
- The new vehicles that were authorized for the 2016 budget will be ordered by the end of February.
- The City Council Municipal Facilities Committee meet last week and one item they discussed was the need to replace the Field House roof. The Committee asked several questions that staff is researching. Responses to those questions will be provided to the Committee via a memo.
- Bids to build the new boardwalk in Redondo were opened on Monday, February 1st. We received six bids. The lowest bid coming from Quigg Brothers, Inc. that was right at the engineer's estimate for the project. Staff will be reviewing all of the documentation submitted with the bid to make sure that the contractor and their bid meet all of the qualifications to be awarded the contract.
- The Gateway Project Segment 1A (South 216th Street from 24th Avenue South to Pacific Highway South) was awarded to SCI Infrastructure, the same contractor who constructed the segment on 24th Avenue South from South 216 Street to South 208th Street. Staff anticipates giving SCI notice to proceed by March 1st.

Parks, Recreation, and Senior Services

- Senior Services Manager Padden is interviewing candidates for her open Senior Services Specialist position. She hopes to make a selection and have that person start soon.
- Staff is working through all of the issues involving the furloughs that will occur every first Friday of the month starting in March.

Marina

- Harbormaster Dusenbury and Park, Recreation, and Senior Services Director Thorell have put together an emergency appropriations request to send to our representatives in the state legislature to replace the north marina parking lot bulkhead from the northeast corner of the Marina to the new section of the bulkhead at the northeast corner of the guest moorage area. In last week's report, I noted that this project would also include the bulkhead in Beach Park from the northeast corner of the Marina to the pedestrian bridge that crosses Des Moines Creek. We have decided to remove that part of the project at the advice of our legislators who believe only emergency type projects are appropriate for the second year of the state's biennial budget. The bulkhead forming the Marina's north parking lot is at risk of severe damage during a heavy wind storm occurring at high tide.
- The Seattle Boat Show started last Friday, January 29th. The Marina has a booth at the show and reports that the amount of traffic at the Show seems to be more than last year.

Economic Development

- Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director Matthias made a presentation to the community last Wednesday at the Des Moines Yacht Club regarding development possibilities on the Marina Floor. Also present at this meeting were Mayor Pina, Councilmembers Bangs and Back and Harbormaster Dusenbury. The presentation went well and city representatives stayed for quite some time answering questions from the audience.