

City Manager's Office

March 3, 2016

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

Police Department

- On Monday, 2/29, MPO Montgomery was typing notes into his MDC at 242/24th when a shot was fired nearby. A white SUV took off from the area at a high rate of speed, even running a stop sign. The vehicle momentarily got out of Officer Montgomery's sight but he located it just as the occupant (s) fled the vehicle. A revolver with a bandana wrapped around the grip can be seen in the vehicle jammed between the driver's seat and the center consol. A rifle can also be seen through the rear window. Officers looked all over, including walking Parkside Park and could not located a victim or anything damaged. Vehicle was towed so that a search warrant could be executed to gather evidence.
- Day shift received multiple calls at approximately 6:00 a.m. the morning of Sunday, 2/28, regarding an illegal firearm discharge (4-12 shots). The homeowner at 20923 8th Ave S. called the evening of Monday, 2/29, to report that his house had multiple bullet holes. Apparently there were people home when the shots were fired but they didn't feel the need to call police. Two of the bullets struck the television. They found an actual bullet and spent the day passing it around. Number of invited transients and other living at this residence.
- PD received a Code Enforcement complaint regarding the vehicles that are parking blocking the roadway at 20923 8th Avenue South. CSO SeaberryTonya is working with dayshift to resolve this situation, but this is also the home that was involved in the driveby shooting this past Sunday. The property owner is renting out space in the home as well as running a Party Bus business out of this location.
- A commercial burglary was reported at 1625 Kent Des Moines RD (Hidden Harbor). Suspect in his 20's entered the laundry room and pried open several dryers to steal about \$200. Mangament recently placed a camera in the laundry to help thwrrart theft. Suspect covered his face, and then covered the camera to avoid detection.

Economic Development

- Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director Matthias met on Wednesday, 3/2, with the two principle investor who are purchasing the Landmark on the Sound. They continued their discussions on the buyers' thoughts with regards to the property.
- Local resident Ken Rogers participated in the February meeting of the Municipal Facilities Committee, discussing his ideas for using shipping containers as semi-permanent commercial buildings on the Marina floor for such uses as restaurants, small retail shops, bistros, etc. Staff will be working with Mr. Rogers to further refine his ideas.

Parks, Recreation, and Senior Services

- Parks, Recreation, and Senior Services Director Thorell is working the Destination Des Moines and their Main Street Committee on a grant to survey Marina District landmarks.
- Director Thorell is also working on a Critical Areas application to allow invasive species (ivy) removal in Beach Park on Earth Day.
- Senior Services Manager Sue Padden is working with Wesley Homes to move several of our senior programs to their facilities on furlough Fridays.

Marina

- Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury reports that they have been unable to find anyone to repair the roof on the tenant restroom in the south parking lot for the budget we have established for the project (\$6,000 - \$10,000). He is looking into other options, including finding funding that will cover the cost.
- State Fisheries will be opening a shrimp season in March. We expect at least a three day season, with the days not necessarily consecutive. We are working on how we will handle the influx of boats at the boat launch in Redondo, given the Redondo Boardwalk Project will be under construction at that time. Staff is looking at offering a special short-term moorage rate at the Marina for the duration of the shrimp season.

Planning, Building, and Public Works Department

- Staff video inspected the surface water pipes in the area of South 22nd Street and 24th Avenue South. They found partially collapse pipes that may be contributing to the flooding seen in that area during heavy rains.
- A pre-construction meeting was recently held for Segment 1A of the Gateway Project (South 216th Street from Pacific Highway South to 24th Avenue South). One issue that was raised was need to accommodate three handicapped individuals who regularly travel by foot or wheel-chair along this part of South 216th. Our contractor should start their work on March 28th. Puget Sound Energy is already doing work to relocate their facilities.
- Construction on the Redondo Boardwalk Project is scheduled to start Monday, March 3rd.
- The Massey Creek Project is out to bid. We expect to bring a recommended contractor to the City Council for approval at the March 31st Council meeting.
- Public Works staff has recently been conducting clean-up activities in the Pacific Ridge neighborhood. They report having taken three dump truck loads to the solid waste transfer station.

- The Safe Routes to School sidewalk project on South 268th Street will be the subject of a discussion at the Council's Public Safety and Transportation Committee meeting on March 3rd. The project calls for sidewalk along the entire northern side of South 268th from 16th Avenue South and Pacific Highway South, and sidewalk along all but 800-900 feet of the southern side. Given the extent of utility work on South 268th and several side streets, the entire length of South 268th, from 16th Avenue South to Pacific Highway South will completely repaved. Staff will be proposing that Council consider putting in sidewalk along the entire southern side. We will contact the granting agency to see if they are willing to fund this. The extra cost will be between \$160,000 and \$180,000.

Finance

- Finance staff continues working on 2015 year-end financial statements.
- Finance Director Mason will be interviewing candidates for the vacant staff accountant position this week.

Legal

- Legal reports that Washington Cities Insurance Authority will be participating in mediation with regards to a slip and fall incident in the Marina in 2013.
- City Attorney Pat Bosmans is a board member of the Municipal Research and Services Center. She reports that the State Senate has stripped all funding for MRSC from its supplemental budget. This troubling for two basic reasons. First, many cities, both large and small, rely on MRSC for critically needed research capabilities. Second, the funding mechanism for MRSC was established over 80 years ago when cities in Washington State agreed to lower the amount of liquor tax money they receive in order to fund MRSC. Pat sent a letter of support to the Senate for continued funding.
- Assistant City Attorney Tim George has put together a draft utility franchise agreement to present to the Council's Ad Hoc Franchise Committee at their March 3rd meeting.