



## City Manager's Weekly Update

**March 26, 2010**

**Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, Residents, and Employees:**

**Egg Hunt at Angle Lake Park:** Hop on over to Angle Lake Park on Saturday, April 3 for our annual Egg Hunt. Kids will be “scrambling” for eggs and treats rain or shine. The Easter Bunny will be on hand to greet youngsters and pose for pictures. The egg hunt starts at 9:00 AM sharp and we strongly recommend that children bring a basket to collect their eggs and treats. Overflow parking is available at Alaska Airlines located just north of the park.

It is a pleasure for the SeaTac Parks & Recreation Department, SeaTac Fire Department, and the SeaTac Fire Fighters Local Union #2919 to sponsor this annual event.

**Wire Theft Attempts:** Last week there were attempted wire thefts in three City of SeaTac parks. The first location was at North SeaTac Park where entry to pathway lighting was gained by breaking the lids on electrical boxes. We also received information about pathway lighting at Valley Ridge Park that was not working and discovered 13 poles where the wiring had been damaged by removing the handhold covers on the sides of the poles. Upon getting this information, we began to inspect lighting systems and discovered at the SeaTac Community Center that three poles had also had the handhold covers compromised. In all of these instances there was no successful wire theft, however the wires were cut and approximately \$1,690 in repairs needed to be made.

In December 2006, following a wire theft that cost over \$17,000 to repair at the North SeaTac Park soccer fields, the Parks Department reinforced efforts by proactively installing and burying more durable electrical boxes. We also installed vandal proof bolts in all existing boxes. We decided to require these vandal resistant boxes and bolts when we constructed the new fields at Valley Ridge Park. We are also now in the process of installing vandal proof screws in the handhold covers on our existing light poles at the affected sites and will continue to closely monitor all locations for indications of tampering with electrical poles and boxes.

**Citizen's Police Academy:** On March 17, the 33rd Session of the Citizen's Police Academy began at SeaTac City Hall. This 11 week program provides a better understanding of law enforcements role in the criminal justice system and is held Wednesday nights from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. 25 students are attending the academy that either work or live in the cities of Burien and SeaTac. Students will have the opportunity to listen to speakers from patrol, special operations, SWAT, K-9 units, Guardian One helicopter unit, and homicide investigations, to hands on firearms training and defensive tactics. Participants will also have a chance to do a “ride-a-long” with an officer.

If you are interested in attending a future session, contact Community Service Officer Eloise Kruger at 973.4915.

**Somali Women’s Community Meeting:** On March 18, the City of SeaTac Police attended a Somali Women’s Group social function at the Abu Bakr Islamic Center to discuss law enforcement and social service concerns. The Cities of Tukwila and SeaTac had representatives from the Police Department, Human Services, School Resource Officer, Community Service Officer, Crime Prevention, and Domestic Violence. Each of the representatives provided information to the attendees about services and resources they could contact for help in their community. The center provided a translator to assist in facilitating our presentation and for a question and answer session. Concerns were voiced regarding youth, schooling, and respect for parents; especially involving discipline issues. One major concern was how people in their community were treated as a result of the language barrier whenever the police were contacted.

**City of SeaTac Planning Staff Teach a Class at Chinook Middle School:** Planning Director Steve Butler and Senior Planner Mike Scarey taught a weekly “Introduction to City Planning” class over the past five weeks to a group of seventh and eighth graders participating in Chinook Middle School’s After-School Program. The students learned several community planning concepts and then applied them to a future light rail transit station area in SeaTac, in the vicinity of S. 200th Street and 28th Avenue S. The class culminated in two student teams presenting their station area plans on March 22 to a panel consisting of Mayor Terry Anderson, LUP Committee Chair and Councilmember Mia Gregerson, Councilmember Pam Fernald, Interim City Manager Todd Cutts, and City of Tukwila Senior Planner Lynn Miranda. The students are to be commended for the quality of their presentations to the panel and their involvement in the class.

Thanks are also due to the City’s GIS Analysts Scott Wong and Chiaki Sakuma for their assistance with the class, and to Human Services Manager Colleen Brandt-Schluter for facilitating the connection between SeaTac’s Planning Department and Chinook Middle School’s After-School Program.


**Minutes:**

Transportation & Public Works 3.23.10

Council Actions 3.23.10

**You can view the City’s Event Calendar at:**

<http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us/index.aspx?page=16>

  
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Todd Cutts, Interim City Manager



# Transportation and Public Works Committee Meeting

March 23, 2010

4:00 PM/Airport Conference Room - 345

**Present:**

Ralph Shape, Chair  
Mia Gregerson  
Rick Forschler

**Present:**

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**Absent:**

**Commence:**

4:00 PM

**Adjourn:**

5:34 PM

Other Councilmembers present: Terry Anderson, Pam Fernald  
Staff Coordinator: Tom Gut, Public Works Director

*(These minutes are to be approved at 4/13/10 Council Meeting)*

AB #	Topic	Disposition
	1. Discussion of City of Burien's request for temporary space at the SeaTac Maintenance Facility to store vehicles and equipment (Tom Gut)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informational Update <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval ___ Approval with modifications ___ Denial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referred to Council Agenda \$5-\$35,000 Request
	Comments: <i>The Public Works Director for Burien, Larry Blanchard, was introduced. Burien is transitioning from contracting for maintenance to providing maintenance in-house with city staff. Burien is requesting to lease space at SeaTac's Maintenance Facility. The lease duration would be 6 to 12 months with month to month payment as needed beyond that term. Burien would insure their equipment and would be covered for any damage to SeaTac's facilities. The lease amount would be approved as a Council agenda \$5-\$35,000 Request item.</i>	
3217	2. Ordinance redeeming both the 1999 Local Option Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds and the 1999 Storm Water Revenue Bonds, and amending the 2010 Budget for related expenditures (Mike McCarty, Brenda Rolph)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informational Update <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval ___ Approval with modifications ___ Denial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referred to 4/13/10 A&F, RCM
	Comments: <i>The City has the option to redeem the 1999 Local Option Tax Revenue and 1999 Stormwater Revenue Bonds. This would save the money required to pay the remaining interest on the bonds. The interest rates range from 4.5 to 4.7 percent. The City is currently earning 0.21% from the State Local Government Investment pool; therefore, by paying off the bond, significant savings would be achieved.</i>	

3223	3. Motion authorizing the City Manager to request a two-year extension of contract with Redflex Traffic Systems to continue providing automated traffic safety camera enforcement services to the City (Annette Louie)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informational Update <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval ___ Approval with modifications ___ Denial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referred to 3/23/10 RCM
<p><i>Comments: An overview of the Redflex Traffic System program was presented. The contract is proposed to be extended for another two years. The program earns more than the expenses incurred. The income from the program is down due to higher driver compliance with traffic laws. It was agreed that compliance is the primary objective of the program. There is a current court case related to the Redflex program.</i></p>		
3211	4. Motion authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Highline Water District for waterline replacement as part of the 42nd Avenue South Pedestrian Improvement Project (Daren Grilley)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informational Update <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval ___ Approval with modifications ___ Denial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referred to 3/23/10 RCM
<p><i>Comments: The City will be constructing sidewalks on the east side of 42nd Avenue South this summer. The agreement would incorporate a waterline replacement within the construction contract. Highline Water District would reimburse the City for 100% of the waterline cost and 25% of the pavement restoration cost in the area of the waterline construction.</i></p>		
3210	5. Motion authorizing an agreement with Puget Sound Energy for pavement restoration as part of the 42nd Avenue South Pedestrian Improvement Project (Daren Grilley)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informational Update <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval ___ Approval with modifications ___ Denial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referred to 3/23/10 RCM
<p><i>Comments: Puget Sound Energy (PSE) is proposing to upgrade its natural gas pipeline in conjunction with the City's 42nd Avenue South Sidewalk project. PSE would reimburse the City for 25% of the pavement restoration costs on the alignment of the gas extension. PSE's work will begin before the City's and should not significantly delay the City's work.</i></p>		

3212	6. Resolution authorizing a Local Agency Agreement with WSDOT for federal funding of South 154th Street Improvement Project (Daren Grilley)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informational Update <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval ___ Approval with modifications ___ Denial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referred to 3/23/10 RCM
<p>Comments: <i>The City has been awarded \$1,500,000 in Federal Surface Transportation Program funds. This agreement ensures the federal funds are spent in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations. WSDOT administers these funds. The City is required to enter into a Local Agency Agreement with WSDOT prior to receiving the federal funds.</i></p>		
	7. Informational update on Annual Sidewalk Program (Daren Grilley)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informational Update <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval of S 138 <sup>th</sup> St, S 164 <sup>th</sup> St. ___ Approval with modifications ___ Denial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referred to staff for implementation
<p>Comments: <i>An overview of the Annual Sidewalk Program was presented. The City has budgeted 1.5 million per year for sidewalk projects. SeaTac's Sidewalk Program has the highest spending per capita on sidewalks in the Puget Sound Region. The projects for 2009, 2010 and 2011 were described. 42nd Avenue South is the 2009 project and design is complete. South 138th Street is proposed for the 2010 project and has been previously presented to Council. South 164th Street is proposed for the 2011 project. It is a designated school walk route and connects to commercial destinations. Staff is proposing to apply for Safe Routes to School grant funds for this project in May, 2010.</i></p>		
	8. Discussion of proactive and reactive Code Enforcement (Gary Schenk)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informational Update <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended for: ___ Approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval with modifications ___ Denial ___ Referred to
<p>Comments: <i>Staff presented background information on how they have responded to code enforcement questions at the last council retreat. Staff compared existing and proposed approaches to code enforcement. Staff presented data on the frequency of various violation types in 2009. The majority of violations were property complaints as opposed to life safety issues. The proposed enforcement effort is primarily reactive, or complaint driven, with some time spent on proactive, or staff observed, violations. None of the neighboring cities has an ombudsman involved in their code enforcement process. If a property owner is unwilling or unable to meet the code, the City has performed abatements where the City corrects the code violation and recoups the cost from the property owner. The City does provide opportunities for residents to keep their properties up to code, such as the Yard Waste and Special Recycle events. Staff is looking at ways to improve education and public awareness via the City's website and SeaTV. Staff was requested to add graffiti to the proactive list.</i></p>		

# City of SeaTac Council Actions March 23, 2010

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## **The following Council actions were taken at the March 23, 2010 Regular Council Meeting:**

**Summary of \$5,000 - \$35,000 Purchase Requests** for the period ended March 19, 2010:

*Passed:* Highline Botanical Garden Funding - \$12,000

*Passed:* Windows Server 2008 Datacenter Addition - \$6,860

*Passed:* Sport Court Cleaning – Valley Ridge Park, Sunset Playfield and SeaTac Community Center - \$6,707

**Summary of Donation \$500 or Greater** for the period ended March 19, 2010:

*Passed:* Emerald City Softball Association - \$1,310

**The following Council Meeting Minutes** *were approved:*

**Administration and Finance Committee Meeting** held February 9, 2010.

**Public Safety and Justice Committee Meeting** held February 9, 2010.

**Administration and Finance Committee Meeting** held March 9, 2010.

**Public Safety and Justice Committee Meeting** held March 9, 2010.

**Special Council Meeting** held March 9, 2010.

**Agenda Bill #3219; Resolution #10-009** repealing a moratorium in the SeaTac/Airport Station Area, as established by Resolution #09-023 *was passed and became effective March 23, 2010.*

**Agenda Bill #3135; Ordinance** adopting the 2009 Final Docket of Comprehensive Plan (CP) Amendments *was postponed to the April 13 Regular Council Meeting.*

**Agenda Bill #3221; Ordinance #10-1012** establishing an operating budget for the SeaTac Center, and amending the 2010 Annual City Budget for the related estimated revenues and expenditures *was adopted March 23, 2010 and becomes effective April 3, 2010.*

**Agenda Bill #3223; Motion** authorizing the City Manager to request a two-year extension of the contract with Redflex Traffic Systems to continue providing automated traffic safety camera enforcement services to the City *was carried and became effective March 23, 2010.*

**Agenda Bill #3210; Motion** authorizing an agreement with Puget Sound Energy for construction of pavement restoration as part of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South Pedestrian Improvement Project *was carried and became effective March 23, 2010.*

**Agenda Bill #3211; Motion** authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Highline Water District for construction of waterline replacement and pavement restoration as part of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South Pedestrian Improvement Project *was carried and became effective March 23, 2010.*

**Agenda Bill #3212; Resolution #10-010** authorizing a Local Agency Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for federal aid funding of the South 154<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements Project and any subsequent documents related to the agreement *was passed and became effective March 23, 2010.*