

Tuesday is First Council Meeting of the Year

On Tuesday evening, January 9, the City Council meeting at 7:00 PM will include the traditional swearing-in of new (Joel Wachtel and Clyde Hill) and reelected (Pam Fernald) Councilmembers. All three were officially sworn-in during a brief ceremony in late December.

In addition, the newly formed Council will select the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to serve for the next two years. A brief break in the Council Meeting will provide for the traditional congratulations and welcome celebration, before they return to the dais complete the regular agenda.



Photo from Official Swearing-in December 22, 2017

City Hall Security and Access Improvements Update

The construction work on the first and third floors has been completed. The new Municipal Court Clerk area (shown below) shares a lobby area with the existing Police Department window. In addition to the practical convenience of a single lobby, the new service area includes an ADA accessible payment window, and incorporates other internal changes which will improve public service delivery. Over the next months, new signage will be installed to improve wayfinding throughout the building (temporary signage is testing different styles and options). An open house is tentatively planned for late February. More information will be provided in future issues.



FAA Proposes New Aircraft Noise Complaint System

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has provided notice to the public and requested comments for a proposed new “Noise Portal” which will be used to collect public complaints and comments regarding aircraft noise issues. In order for the FAA to move forward with this voluntary initiative it must request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Comments were due to the FAA by January 2, and the City sent a letter on December 29. These comments apply only to the FAA’s intention to start the program and additional opportunities for comment will be provided prior to the implementation of the Noise Portal program. This request is a positive step forward by the FAA to try and better understand and respond to noise issues that impact airport communities throughout the country. The City’s comment letter can be found on the City’s website at the link below:

<http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us/Home/ShowDocument?id=21162>

Public Works Project Updates

Highline Water District Repair Work – S 176th St

Highline Water District Repair Work – S. 176th Street Water main repair work by Highline Water District (HWD) is ongoing along S. 176th Street, between Military Road S. and 42nd Avenue S. Traffic is being managed through a single lane closure during construction. This work is ongoing through December and early January, and final restoration of the roadway will be early spring, 2018. For further information, you may call Highline Water District at 206.824.0375.

Level 3 Utility Work – Military Road South

Fiber optic installation work by Level 3 started in December and is ongoing, along a route that begins at International Blvd at S 152nd St and ends at Military Road S and S 228th St. The work is scheduled to be performed at night and will involve accessing existing manholes in the roadway to install new fiber optic cable. Appropriate traffic control measures and off-duty officers (as required) will be implemented to manage traffic through this work area.

Utility Work – South 188th Street

Utility work for the Hilton Garden Hotel (currently under construction) at 3056 S. 188th St. is ongoing. This work will require lane closures in S 188th St east of International Boulevard. Several utilities will need to be installed across S 188th St to serve the new hotel. Appropriate notification, traffic control measures, and off-duty officers (as required) will be implemented to manage traffic through this work area.

12th Place and 13th Avenue South Overlay Project

The scope of this project includes pavement repair, asphalt paving and stormwater improvements on 12th Place S. and 13th Avenue S. between S. 200th Street and S. 207th Street and S. 207th Street between 12th Place S. and 14th Avenue S. Highline Water District (HWD) will be replacing all of their water lines and services within the project limits.

- 100% plans, specifications and estimate are being prepared
- Construction is planned for March/April 2018

Pedestrian Sidewalk Access Evaluation (ADA Transition Plan)

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan will include a Self-Evaluation Study which identifies barriers within public rights-of-way to persons with disabilities from access (for example, at curb ramps, sidewalks, pedestrian crossings and signals, shared use trails, parking lots, and bus stops).

- Data collection is complete and the draft plan is being developed.
- A public meeting is scheduled on February 1, 6 pm in the Council Chambers

Permit Parking Program

The purpose of the Permit Parking Program is to evaluate on-street parking in three neighborhoods where parking concerns have been identified, and to implement a program to allow the City to better manage the supply to meet community needs.

- Review of final draft of “Best Management Practices” document and matrix of proposed treatments is underway
- Draft was presented to Public Safety and Justice Committee on January 4

Military Rd and S 152nd St

Improvements for this road reconstruction and safety project include construction of bike lanes, curb and gutter, sidewalks, new pavement, installation of street lighting, upgraded and interconnected signalization with pedestrian crossings, construction of a right turn lane on eastbound S. 152nd St. and the elimination of the skewed intersection at Tukwila International Blvd. and Military Rd. S. This project was scheduled for construction in the summer of 2018 but has been rescheduled for spring 2019 construction to align with the City of Tukwila’s Justice Center development.

- Continued preparation of figures for property owner outreach
- Development of 60% plans is underway

S 166th St Sidewalk Project

This Safe Routes to School Program grant funded project includes construction of sidewalks, curb and gutter, storm drainage facilities, installation of an enhanced crosswalk and radar speed feedback signs. This project is scheduled for construction in the summer of 2018.

- NEPA documentation is complete has been approved by WSDOT Local Programs.
- Consultant selection is underway to select a consultant to complete the design of this project

2018 Overlay

This project will reconstruct Military Road South between S 209th Street and the I-5 bridge. Work will include rubblization of the existing concrete road in place and overlaying with hot mix asphalt, construction of storm water improvements, addition of pedestrian facilities and bicycle lanes, signal upgrades, roadway channelization, and permanent signing. This project is scheduled for construction in the summer of 2018.

- Development of 60% plans is underway

S 200th St/26th Ave Intersection Project

The scope of this design project includes the grind and overlay of the intersection at S. 200th St. and 26th Ave. S., installation of ADA compliant sidewalks and ramps, pedestrian signal upgrades, signal loop detectors and channelization. This project is scheduled for construction in the summer of 2018.

- Development of 60% plans is underway

Pavement Condition Survey

IMS Infrastructure Management Services LLC is conducting a detailed inventory and condition rating of all city streets. Data collection is complete. Pavement condition spreadsheets and mapping have been submitted to the City for review.

Des Moines Memorial Dr. and South 200th St. Intersection Improvement Project

This project will construct left turn lanes at all four legs of the intersection and a right turn lane on the east leg. Sidewalks and bike lanes will be extended to the beginning of the turn pocket transitions or approximately 300-feet in each direction. The existing span wire traffic signal will be replaced with a mast arm system and the street lighting will be upgraded. Curb ramps and pedestrian signals will be upgraded to current ADA and APS standards and the storm drainage system will be reconstructed. This project is scheduled for construction in the summer of 2019.

- Consultant selection process has begun and design work should begin in March 2018

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