



Administrator's Friday Letter

November 13, 2009

1. Fire Department News

Two of our firefighters, Dan Potts and Jim McMicheal were recently promoted to the position of Probationary Lieutenant. In addition each of the three lieutenants was assigned a primary area of responsibility. Jim McMicheal, the A Shift Lieutenant, has been assigned the responsibility of maintaining all equipment. Larry Creekmore, the B Shift Lieutenant, has been assigned to Training. Dan Potts, the C Shift Lieutenant, has been assigned to Facility Maintenance.

Chief Cooper met with AMR Ambulance Company regarding ALS coverage after January 1st, 2010. The City will be dependent primarily on private ambulance response after December 31st. The City and AMR are seeking ways to improve response times by AMR.

The fire department completed a safety audit by Labor and Industries and with only minor infractions and helpful recommendations for correction. The City is committed to a safe working environment.

2. City Council Collaborates on More Environmental Review of Glacier Project

At the November 10th Council meeting the City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding with among others, Glacier NW, the Department of Ecology, and the Nisqually Delta Association to provide additional environmental and mitigation due diligence on the impact of the proposed aggregate mine expansion on water resources. Concerns have been expressed about Sequelitchew Creek water flows, the health of Edmonds Marsh, and impacts on aquifers. The current land use application process will be postponed until the supplemental work can be completed.

3. City Council Continues Work on the 2010 Budget

The 2010 City Budget is the most difficult the city has had to assemble in recent memory. The recession has had a dramatic impact on sales tax revenues and development related fees. Many other revenues are also impacted by the downturn in the economy. At this point in the budget process, the 2010 Budget would represent a 10.5% decrease from actual 2008 expenditures. The General Fund comprises 58.4% of the operating budget. The City Council will next meet to discuss the 2010 Budget on November 17th at 6PM.

4. Town Hall Meeting to Present Survey Results

The Mayor and City Council have scheduled a special meeting on November 19th at 7PM at City Hall, 1700 Civic Drive, to discuss the results of the recent community survey. Dr. Bruce Brown of PRR consultants will present the findings and answer questions. Among other subjects to be addressed will be the appropriate uses for the telephone and the online versions of the survey.