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City Manager Weekly Report February 9, 2024

Marina Steps Project Public Forum

Next Tuesday February 13th, from 6-8 p.m. at the Beach Park Auditorium, the City will be hosting a Marina Steps Project public forum. This meeting will include a presentation and update on the Project as well as an opportunity for public interaction with City staff and our consultant team. Beverages and cookies will also be provided! General information on the project can be found [here](#).

Chat with the Mayor

Mayor Traci Buxton will be hosting the first of her new “Chat with the Mayor” events this Saturday February 10th at the Quarterdeck (22307 Dock Ave S #1) in the Des Moines Marina. This informal event begins at 10 a.m. Come enjoy some coffee, the view and the conversations!

Recreation Opportunities

On February 17th, the City will be hosting a Youth Racket Sports Clinic. Kids age 7-12 are eligible to sign up to learn and/or sharpen their skills in tennis and pickle ball (the official State Sport of Washington) on indoor courts at the Field House. The clinic will be put on by Highline College Tennis Team players and coaches. Sign-ups are [here](#).

Every Monday night from 6:30 – 8 p.m., the City hosts Adult Open Gym Basketball at the Field House. No need to sign-up, just lace up your high-tops and come on down. Its 3 dollars at the door or you can buy a ten-visit pass for \$25.

The Valentine Fairy??

Our Parks and Rec Department is always up to something.... This year they have summoned a Valentine Fairy to prepare and deliver 60 boxes, packed to the brim with treats, crafts, and trinkets for unsuspecting kiddos on the 14th of February. Sign your lucky recipient up [here](#) and add a special note—the fairy will take care of the rest! Boxes are \$5 delivered or \$3 if you pick it up at the Field House on Valentine’s Day.

Murder Suspect Convicted

After a meticulous investigation and a thorough trial process, justice has been served in the case of the tragic murder of 31-year-old Andrew Carter. On October 28, 2018, Des Moines police officers responded to a 911 call reporting a shooting at the Redondo Square parking lot. Despite immediate life-saving efforts by officers and South King Fire and Rescue, the victim succumbed to his injuries at the scene. In collaboration with public assistance and video surveillance evidence, Des Moines Police detectives identified a suspect and apprehended him a few days later. Senior Detectives Mike Thomas and Fred Gendreau conducted a thorough interrogation of the suspect and ultimately obtained a confession. The case proceeded to a jury trial in January 2024, where the tireless efforts of Detectives Thomas, Gendreau, Emly, and West, alongside the initial responders, Records and Evidence staff, and the King County Prosecutors Office, culminated in a conviction on all charges.

Meetings of Interest

In addition to day-to-day administrative duties, this week I met with leaders of LIUNA 242 Laborers Union to discuss their current development project on Pacific Highway. I met with Mayor Buxton to discuss upcoming City issues and Council items. I met with Mayor Buxton and Deputy Mayor Steinmetz to prepare for the City Council meeting. I also met with Councilmember Harris to discuss topics of interest to him. I hosted a roundtable discussion with the City’s Department Director’s to discuss current and upcoming City issues. I met with the Marina Steps Project team to finalize preparations for the February 13

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public meeting. I also attended the Transportation Committee meeting, the Environment Committee Meeting and the City Council Meeting.

City Council Meeting Summary

The City Council held a Regular Meeting on February 8. The full agenda and supporting materials from the 8th can be found [here](#). Highlights included the purchase of a new police vehicle and the approval of funding for the rehabilitation and preservation of a 20-unit housing complex serving low-income families with children.

The Transportation Committee met this week, the agenda and materials can be found [here](#). The Environment Committee also met this week, agenda and materials [here](#).

The next City Council meeting will be a Regular Meeting on February 22nd at 6pm. The agenda and materials for that meeting will be posted in next week's report.

Sports Update – Extended Super Bowl Edition

I want to start this week off with an apology, I've been so caught up in all this Taylor Swift/Super Bowl drama I neglected to mention some momentous local sports updates. The Seahawks hired a new head coach last week, and in doing so they transitioned from having the oldest head coach in the NFL to now the youngest. Best of luck Coach Macdonald! The Seahawks also hired an assistant Coach Harbaugh (Jay) and the Huskies hired assistant coaches Belichick (Steve) and Carroll (Brennan). Hopefully their fathers taught them well!

Another event I missed last week that I am obligated to highlight was that the WSU Cougar men's basketball team beat the UW Huskies in a thriller in Seattle. As much as I love the Huskies, I grew up with an older brother who would constantly beat me at any sport we played. So I understand how good it feels for little brother (WSU) to finally get a win. Congrats to the Cougs.

But back to the big game, the Kansas City Chiefs take on the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday in a rematch of Super Bowl 54 from a few years ago (3:30 p.m., CBS). There are tons of great storylines as always but the one dominating the weekend of course will be America's Sweetheart and her epic playoff run. How often does someone win 2 Grammys and lead a team to the Super Bowl in the same week?!? I don't believe it's ever been done. This is truly a can't miss event. In-season hockey and basketball continue this weekend. 15 days until the first Mariner Spring Training game.



Have a great weekend!
Tim George
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