



City Manager Weekly Report July 5, 2024

New Public Works Director

Mike Slevin, our new Public Works Director comes to us with 29 years of service at the City of Tacoma, where he worked on many municipal projects such as the Thea Foss waterway superfund cleanup and redevelopment, the Tacoma Convention Center construction, the Center for Urban Waters, Pacific Plaza Development, and many more. During his time in Tacoma, Mike served as Public Works Director, and most recently as the Environmental Services Director.

He is also a retired Army officer having 28 years of active and National Guard service. Mike has deployed to Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom, and Afghanistan as an Airborne Sapper qualified Explosive Ordnance Disposal officer and was awarded two Bronze Stars for his actions in combat.

He is a Washington State licensed professional engineer, and holds a degree in Civil Engineering from Washington State University, and an MBA from the University of Washington. Mike lives in Pierce County WA with his wife Debbie of 32 years and has two sons. In his spare time Mike loves to fish, hunt, and fly. Welcome aboard Mike!

Upcoming Summer Concert Series

We hope you had a lovely 4th of July weekend. Next up ~ our fabulous Summer Concert Series! Kicking off July 17th, and running each Wednesday through August 21st – come on down to the Beach Park for enjoyable tunes, a variety of food trucks, and fun relaxing times with friends and family. For band names and more information, check out [here](#).

Basketball Clinic – Parks and Rec

Coach Ricky is back for another summer of basketball clinics at the Field House!! 1st-2nd grade, 3rd-4th, and 4th-6th grade. Join us for a skills and drills clinic to brush up on your shots, passes, and ball handling. Next session runs August 1-22. Click the link below for info and registration.

<https://apps.daysmartrecreation.com/dash/x/#/online/desmoines/programs/3/levels?>

High Temperatures

Warm temperatures are expected this weekend and beyond. The National Weather Service forecasts moderate to major heat for much of Washington by the end of this week. Be sure to track weather conditions and plan ahead, particularly for individuals with health conditions, the elderly, and infants, to prevent heat exhaustion, heat stroke, or other heat-related illnesses.



DOH recommends the following tips:

- **Stay Hydrated:** Drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids, but don't wait until you're thirsty to drink.
- **Take Frequent Breaks:** When working outdoors, wear wide-brimmed hats, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing, and protect your skin from sunburn.
- **Recognize Heat Illness Symptoms:** If you notice symptoms such as dizziness, nausea, headaches, or muscle cramps, act immediately. Move to a cooler location to rest for a few minutes and seek medical attention if you do not feel better.
- **Keep Your Home Cool:** Close windows and shades during daylight hours and use your stove and oven less to maintain cooler indoor temperatures.
- **Check on Others:** Regularly check on friends, family, and neighbors, especially before bedtime. Assist those who are vulnerable or at higher risk, including the elderly, ill, or those who may need help.
- **Protect Pets:** Ensure outdoor pets have protection from heat. Walk on grass instead of asphalt, which can burn your pet's paws. Never leave people or pets in a parked vehicle.

Cecil Powell Playground Update

This project was delayed briefly to resolve issues related to frontage improvements and right of way. The plans have now been approved and the contractor is expected to resume work on Monday July 8 with project completion anticipated within 40 working days.

Meetings of Interest

In addition to day-to-day administrative duties, this week I met with Mayor Buxton to discuss ongoing and upcoming issues. I met with Councilmember Grace Matsui to discuss issues of interest to her. I met with the City's executive leadership team to talk about ongoing and upcoming issues. Finally, I met with Councilmember Harris and the City Building Official to discuss the new construction noise requirements and other topics of interest to Councilmember Harris.

Council Meeting Summary

There was no City Council meeting this week as City Hall was closed for Independence Day.

The City Council will have a regular meeting at 6pm on Thursday, July 11. The agenda and materials can be found [here](#). The Environment Committee will meet on Thursday at 5pm, agenda and materials can be found [here](#).

Sports Update

Today is July 5th and the Mariners are still in first place of the AL West. I am choosing to celebrate this fact and not obsess over the reality that we don't look good, we can't hit and the Astros are only two games behind us. The M's are in first. We host Team Canada for the weekend. In better news, the red-hot Seattle Storm have won four in a row now and are in second place in the Western Conference. They welcome Angel Reese and the Chicago Sky



to Climate Pledge Arena for two games this weekend, tonight and Sunday. The Euro Championship continues this weekend with quarterfinal matches wrapping up on Saturday. USA is out of Copa America and the Sounders take on New England on Saturday night.

Have a great weekend!
Tim George
Interim City Manager