



City Manager Weekly Report July 19, 2024

Director of Court Administration earns national recognition from Institute for Court Management

Last week, our Director of Court Administration, Melissa Patrick, was certified as a fellow of the Institute for Court Management at the National Center for State Courts, graduating at the United States Supreme Court in Washington DC. “ICM Fellows complete a rigorous four-step process that measures an individual’s aptitude in court management, research, and executive leadership through three levels of certification.” Melissa was the sole graduate from Washington State this year. The Fellows’ project was titled “DUI Courts: Why, How, & Going Forward”.

Melissa began with the City in January of 2014 as a part-time file clerk with the court. In January 2015, she started the first probation department within our court. Melissa was instrumental in bringing DUI therapeutic court to Des Moines in 2017. In 2021, working with court leadership, the probation department evolved into the Support Services division of the court for which Melissa was named the Support Services Manager. In January 2023, Judge Leone named Melissa the court’s Director of Court Administration.

More information on this rigorous program can be found here: [ICM](#)

Please join us in congratulating Melissa on this wonderful achievement!





Waterland Parade Weekend

A big weekend is on the horizon for Des Moines. The annual Waterland Festival and Parade kicks off Saturday, July 20th. Attend the Waterland Kids Festival, Pirate Cove – from 12-4pm at the Des Moines Field House – there will be face painting, arts and crafts, food trucks and more. Then prepare for the evening’s Waterland Parade and Junior Parade. The Junior Parade kicks off at 5:45pm, and kids of all ages, parents, and pets are invited to dress in their best festive costumes and decorate strollers, scooters, bikes and more!

2024 Leadership Conference and Workforce Discovery Lab at Highline College

Seattle Southside’s inaugural Leadership Conference is today, July 19th, at Highline College. The first of its kind in our area, it brings together local business and community leaders, subject matter experts, and rising professionals for a day of learning, networking, and inspiration. This event as well as the lead up to their discovery lab represent the pinnacle of their commitment to empowering the next generation of leaders in our region.

The 2024 Workforce Discovery Lab is scheduled from Monday, August 5th to Friday, August 9th. This year’s program will offer 30 local students from Highline and Tukwila public schools the opportunity to explore over 15 different career pathways, gain professional skills, and earn \$500 cash and other instrumental resources to support their professional journey. By partnering with local businesses and school districts, they aim to bridge the gap between education and the workforce, providing students with invaluable developmental opportunities. Together, these initiatives underscore the commitment to building a stronger community by empowering emerging professionals and addressing key workforce and talent challenges. Join the Workforce Discovery lab by participating or partnering to create meaningful opportunities for our youth. More information can be found [here](#)

National Night Out Kick Off, Tuesday July 30

The Police Department is planning a National Night Out Kick – Off event this year. The event is designed to increase community awareness and community togetherness. The theme is a city-wide block party that will take place at Steven J. Underwood Park from 5-8pm on Tuesday July 30. Check back here next week for more info!



Meetings of Interest

In addition to day-to-day administrative duties, this week I met with the Assistant City Manager to debrief and catch up following my vacation last week. I met with the Finance Director to finalize the initial projections for the 2025-26 City Manager's Office budget. I met twice with Mayor Buxton to discuss upcoming City issues. I met with the City's Executive Leadership team to talk about ongoing and upcoming issues. I met with Councilmember Harris to discuss items of interest to him. Finally, I met with senior City staff to discuss efficiencies and opportunities for reorganization in advance of the upcoming budget process.

City Council Meeting Summary

There was no City Council meeting this Thursday as the Council does not generally meet on the third Thursday of the month.

The Council will meet next week (July 25th) for a Regular Council meeting, the agenda and materials can be found [here](#).

The [Municipal Facilities Committee](#) will also meet at 4pm and the [Economic Development Committee](#) will meet at 5pm. The agenda and materials can be found in the links.

Sports Update

Major League Baseball took a break this week to celebrate the 2024 All-Stars. The Mariners start up again tonight with what could be a make or break series against the Houston Astros. If it goes well we could end the weekend with a 4 game lead. If it doesn't, the Seahawks preseason starts in 22 days... The 2024 (British) Open is being played this weekend in a wind tunnel called Scotland. The Irishman Shane Lowery leads by two strokes heading into Saturday's round. The WNBA All-Star game is Saturday night with the WNBA All-Stars taking on Team USA before the league takes an extended break for the Summer Olympics. The Sounders host LAFC on Saturday night at Lumen Field. Enjoy the sunshine!

Have a great weekend!

Tim George
Interim City Manager

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