



City Manager Weekly Report May 10, 2024

Mother's Day Weekend

This Sunday is Mother's Day and if any guys are only finding that out now, it's not too late to do something special for the moms in your life! To all the mothers, grandmothers, dog and cat moms, and all other moms, thank you for all you do! One day isn't enough to celebrate you but hopefully you all have a peaceful, relaxing and stress free day!

24th Avenue Project Update

Construction of the 24th Avenue Project was suspended earlier this year due to direct conflicts with PSE utility poles and overhead communication facilities. This suspension has been frustrating to City staff as we had coordinated with all of the utilities in that area well before construction began on a plan to ensure they were moved prior to the project getting underway. Our current focus has been on how to quickly resolve the conflicts and resume the project construction but it will shift in the future to seeking reimbursement from utilities for the delays. The actual construction project is targeted to resume in early June. Once again, I would like to thank the community for their patience and continued support throughout this process.

Cecil Powell Park Play Equipment Update

Construction has begun on the new playground equipment and upgrades at Cecil Powell Park (250th & 13th Pl. S.). The project is anticipated to be completed within 40 working days!

Opening Day of Boating Season

This Saturday, May 11, is the Opening Day of Boating Season. Come celebrate at the Des Moines Yacht Club, (22737 Marine View Drive S.). The ceremony and blessing of the fleet is open to the public and starts at 3p.m.

Waterland Wine & Art Walk

If you don't have a boat, and still want to celebrate the kickoff of South Sound boating season, join the ultimate on-land festival with the spring Waterland Wine & Art Walk! The event is Saturday, May 11th and presented by Destination Des Moines. More information can be found [here](#).



2024 Stormwater Management Program-Public Comment

The Public Works Department is accepting public comments for the annual update of the [City's Stormwater Management Plan \(SWMP\)](#). The SWMP focuses on planned actions that support water quality as required by the Washington State Department of Ecology. To provide comments or request information please contact: Tyler Beekley, P.E. at 206-870-6869 or tbeekley@desmoineswa.gov.

Housing Repair Assistance Program

The City of Des Moines is once again providing minor home repair services to City resident homeowners who have "extremely low" to "low" incomes based on the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income guidelines. This is done by providing free repair services to improve the health and safety of our residents as they live in their homes. Funding for this program is provided by a Community Development Block Grant through King County. Request an application by email to Tina Hickey (THickey@desmoineswa.gov) or by calling (206) 870-6535.

Chat with the Mayor

Do you have a question about our City or want to provide your feedback or insight? Join our Mayor Traci Buxton at the Woodmont Library (26809 Pacific Highway S.) on Tuesday, May 14th from 6p.m.-7:30p.m. for a casual conversation.

Meetings of Interest

In addition to day-to-day administrative duties, this week I met with the Community Development Director to discuss succession planning in the Department. I met with Mayor Buxton to discuss upcoming City issues. I met with Mayor Buxton and Deputy Mayor Steinmetz to discuss the upcoming City Council meeting. I met with the City's Executive Staff team to discuss ongoing and upcoming issues. I met with Councilmember Harris to discuss topics of interest to him. I met with the City's Information Technology staff to discuss succession planning for their department. Finally, I attended the City Council meeting on Thursday night as well as the Committee meetings.

City Council Meeting Summary

The City Council met on Thursday May 9th for a Regular Meeting. The agenda and materials can be found [here](#). Highlights from the meeting included approval of a two year extension for management of the Senior Activity Center and an update of the City's Animal Code.

The [Transportation Committee](#) and [Environment Committee](#) also met on Thursday. The agendas and materials can be found in the links.

There is no City Council meeting next week as the Council generally does not meet on the third Thursday of the month.



Sports Update

The Mariners are no longer in first place but it's way too early in the season to be obsessing over the standings. We are playing decent baseball and the A's are in town this weekend so that's three wins. My main man Mitch Haniger has sloughed off on his initial pace of 162 homeruns this season and only has 2 more since Opening Day but I'm confident he will heat up soon. The NBA playoffs continue and the Thunder finally lost a game. I'm optimistic they will lose 3 more to the Mavericks and be in Cancun soon. The Canucks are rolling in the NHL playoffs and continue their series with the Oilers tonight with a 1-0 series lead. The Sounders play Portland on Sunday but you can catch the final score in the newspaper. Enjoy the sunshine! Call your mom!

Have a great weekend!
Tim George
Interim City Manager

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim George".