

CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE REPORT ~ KENT MYERS

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One of the highlights of this week was my presentation to Port Angeles Business Association (PABA) on the recent accomplishments of the City and plans for the coming year. The presentation was well received and I got a number of positive comments. We have a good story to tell as the community has made a lot of progress in the past year or so. Future presentations include the Chamber of Commerce, Olympic Kiwanis, Sequim Rotary Club and the First Federal Board of Directors. Once again, please let me know if you have any group that you would like for me to address.

Another highlight was a regional meeting that I hosted of the Washington City Management Association at Kokopelli's Restaurant. We shared a lot of information about current financial challenges that we are facing and ways we are dealing with these challenges in terms of special districts, cost reductions and cooperative arrangements with other public entities. I was also able to discuss with the city managers of Port Townsend and Sequim about the opportunities for a more regional approach to public safety communications.

This week we started implementing some of the direction that the Council provided at last Saturday's retreat. For example, we have started gathering information on our final court and jail-related costs for 2010 and this information should be ready to present to the Council during a work session in February. In addition, I had a preliminary conversation with the contractor for the dam removal project to get a better handle on his staffing and mobilization plans. Additional information will be forthcoming once we meet sometime in the next several months. We have drafted your recommendations for changes to the Council committees that were discussed at the retreat, and this will be included for action at the next City Council meeting.

Finally, I wanted to mention several important meetings scheduled the first part of February that you may want to add to your calendars. First of all, we are hosting a meeting to update the community on the progress of Discovery Trail for Tuesday, February 8, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers. At this meeting we will also present information on how the CSO project will impact future use of the trail. Then on Wednesday, February 9, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers we will have a briefing on the proposed Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) settlement. When you add in the AWC Conference and the joint meeting with the Victoria City Council to the schedule, the month of February is shaping up to be very busy.

So take care and enjoy the weekend.

- Kent Myers