

CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE REPORT ~ KENT MYERS

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This week we received the Consumer Price Index (CPI) information from the U.S. Department of Labor for the Seattle/Tacoma/Bremerton area. During the past 12 months, the CPI actually decreased -0.7 %. This is important to note as we move forward with personnel expenses related to the 2010 City Budget.

The request for funding for the Harbor Works Development Authority is not included on the agenda for Tuesday's Council meeting for several reasons. This is primarily due to the fact that we are still gathering information to support the need for this budgetary request. It is likely that this request will be included on your August 4 meeting agenda.

One other item that we have postponed for Council consideration is a revised final budget for the Gateway project. One of the primary reasons that we are not ready for Council consideration is that we have not had an opportunity to meet with Terry Weed to discuss how the final costs for the Gateway will be split between the City and the Transit Authority. Also, we still have several open contracts that we need to finalize before we can determine the final costs.

Next Thursday, July 23, City staff members will be meeting with representatives from the Housing Authority, Serenity House and Habitat for Humanity to discuss how the City can help facilitate the development of more affordable housing in the Port Angeles area. The recent decision by the City Council to fund an additional match to support the CTED grant application for infrastructure improvements in the Maloney Heights Subdivision was a major step forward to creating additional affordable housing. We hope to build upon this success by working closer with these groups to address their needs.

There are no attachments with this week's report.

Have a great weekend!

-Kent Myers