

# CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE REPORT ~ KENT MYERS

June 18, 2010

First of all, I want to remind you of the Special City Council meeting and Work Session planned for Tuesday, June 29, at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Due to the number of important topics scheduled for discussion, this work session will last 3 to 4 hours so a light dinner will be provided. As I mentioned this week, we have five topics suggested including the 2011 budget, labor negotiations, the Capital Facilities Plan, economic development strategies, and City committee structure. An agenda will be sent to you later next week.

This week the Economic Development Council Board approved the final acceptance of the Economic Development Summit report and I have placed a copy in your box at City Hall. At our upcoming work session on June 29 we will be discussing this report and how we can build on this with our own City economic development strategies. Please bring your copy to the meeting for reference purposes.

I also wanted to let you know that we are continuing our efforts to try to reduce our jail and court costs. During the past week, I have initiated meetings with the County and the City of Sequim to discuss how we can reduce our court costs for 2011. In addition, we are making some headway on getting additional city prisoners on electronic home monitoring (see attached letters). Since this will have a major impact on our costs, we will provide monthly reporting data on home monitoring. Also, with the new community services contract with Friendship Diversion, approved by the Council this week, I will be meeting with all City departments to ensure that we are making full use of this program so defendants can work off fines while the City has an increased ability to use more community service workers.

As Councilmember Perry reported, we recently hosted a delegation of business and community leaders from Victoria that were very impressed with our community. We are in the process of scheduling a visit to Victoria to meet with their city and business leaders where we can discuss additional partnerships between our communities. This visit is being planned for Friday, August 27, so please note this date on your calendars for now. Additional information and details will be forthcoming.

**- Kent Myers**

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WASHINGTON, U.S.A.

Legal Department

June 10, 2010

Barbara E. Miller, Director  
Friendship Diversion Services  
P.O. Box 11215  
Olympia, WA 98508

Re: Electronic Home Monitoring

Dear Ms. Miller:

The Clallam County District Court has a standing policy that allows all City prisoners sentenced to jail to serve time on electronic home detention, except in those cases where the judge explicitly makes a written statement that the prisoner is not eligible for electronic home detention. The Clallam County Jail has been directed to release all City prisoners on electronic home detention, provided that they are eligible. Eligibility for electronic home detention would mean that the judge has not affirmatively stated in writing that the prisoner is disqualified, and that Friendship Diversion Services has screened the prisoner, pursuant to our contract, and determined that the prisoner is eligible based on the screening criteria.

In light of the Court's policy, the City respectfully requests that Friendship Diversion Services screen all City prisoners to determine eligibility for electronic home detention, except those whom the judge has expressly declared to be ineligible.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

William E. Bloor  
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June 10, 2010

Sheriff Bill Benedict  
Clallam County Sheriff's Office  
Clallam County Courthouse  
223 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Re: Use of Electronic Home Monitoring

Dear Sheriff Benedict:

As a consequence of numerous recent meetings between City representatives and County representatives concerning District Court issues, the City of Port Angeles now understands that the Clallam County District Court has a standing policy that allows all City prisoners sentenced to jail to serve time on electronic home detention, except in those cases where the judge explicitly makes a written statement that the prisoner is not eligible for electronic home detention. Additionally, the Clallam County District Court recently changed its Judgment and Sentence Form with the intention of more clearly highlighting the availability of electronic home detention.

This is to advise you that the City of Port Angeles would like the jail under our contract with the County, to release on electronic home detention all prisoners held on Port Angeles cases, provided that the prisoners are eligible for electronic home detention. Eligibility for electronic home detention would mean that the judge has not affirmatively stated in writing that the prisoner is disqualified, and Friendship Diversion has screened the prisoner using Friendship's screening criteria for electronic home detention, and that will determine whether a prisoner is eligible under the criteria. The City has a contract with Friendship Diversion Services. By that contract, Friendship has the duty to administer electronic home monitoring for City prisoners. It is the City's intention that Friendship Diversion should screen all City prisoners, except those who are expressly declared by the judge to be ineligible.

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In addition, the City requests that the jail advise the City's Legal Department in the event that any City prisoners are found ineligible for electronic home monitoring. This notification may be done by sending an email to a group consisting of the following: [ddickson@cityofpa.us](mailto:ddickson@cityofpa.us); [hgreenwood@cityofpa.us](mailto:hgreenwood@cityofpa.us); [rmahlum@cityofpa.us](mailto:rmahlum@cityofpa.us); and [hmoore@cityofpa.us](mailto:hmoore@cityofpa.us).

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. I am sure you recognize, based on the discussion recently held, how important this matter is to the City. We do appreciate your willingness to assist us in this matter.

Very truly yours,



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