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TO: Mayor Ekberg
Councilmembers

FROM: David Cline, City Administrator

DATE: September 15, 2021

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Report

The City Administrator Report is meant to provide the Council, staff and community an update on the activities of the City and on issues that concern Tukwila. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information about any of the following items.

I. Intergovernmental Update

- **Washington City/County Management Association Summer Conference:** City Administrator David Cline participated in the Washington City/County Management Association Summer Conference August 10 – 13.
- **ICMA Kettering NCL Race, Equity and Inclusion Leadership Institute:** City Administrator Cline participated in a ICMA Kettering NCL Race, Equity and Inclusion Leadership Institute meeting on August 24.
- **King County City Managers/City Administrators Meeting:** City Administrator David Cline facilitated the King County City Managers/City Administrators monthly meeting on September 1 which included a presentation from the King County Redistricting Committee, ongoing discussion about Reopening Plans and Potential Vaccination Mandates, a presentation from Association of Washington Cities regarding American Rescue Plan funds, an update from Washington City/County Management Association and an update from Sound Cities Association.
- **Washington Cities Insurance Authority Long Range Planning Meeting:** City Administrator David Cline participated in a Washington Cities Insurance Authority Long Range Planning meeting on September 9.
- **Pacific Northwest Hospitality and Retail Summit:** Mayor Ekberg and Economic Development Administrator Derek Speck participated in the Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce Pacific Northwest Hospitality and Retail Summit on September 9.

II. Community Events

- **Tukwila Arts:** A thermoplastic intersection mural was installed at Baker Blvd and Christensen Road. The project was part of Phase 2 for Art @ Baker Blvd – designed by artist Elizabeth Gahan and funded by the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. Parks staff installed the mural

over the course of two days. Later this month additional sidewalk art installations will be added on the sidewalk on the east side of Christensen Road and on West Valley Hwy in front of the Ped Bridge.

- **Stewardship:** The Bhutanese Community Resource Center had another successful work party at Tukwila Park on August 30. The crew cleared 700 sq feet of dense, old ivy and cut survival rings on 13 native plants in two hours. They are working hard to clear the area for their native plants that are coming in October.
- **After School Activities Program:** The *After School Activities Program* started September 13. The program runs Monday – Friday until 6:00 PM and will follow the Tukwila School District calendar. Students are bussed from all Tukwila School District Elementary Schools, as well as Impact Schools.
- **Duwamish Alive:** Planning has started for the Duwamish Alive event on October 16, 10-1 pm at the Duwamish Hill Preserve. Bridging Cultural Gaps is funding native trees to be planted during the event. Green Tukwila is working on "How-to" documents designed through the Duwamish Alive Coalition that will explain some basic tasks for restoration through art with no words. These documents are designed to help the Duwamish Alive Coalition and Green Tukwila be more inclusive with their work parties.

III. Staff Updates Public Safety

- **King County Police Chief's Association:** Chief Drever attended the monthly King County Police Chief's Association meeting on September 9.
- **Meeting with Central Washington University:** On September 9 Deputy Chief Lund attended a meeting with the Chair of the Law & Justice Department at Central Washington University to discuss a future partnership regarding recruiting new applicants.

Project Updates

- **Boeing Access Rd over Airport Way Bridge:** Completed: July 2021
Construction has been completed for the project and all equipment has been removed from the project site. The contractor is completing the punch list to restore the project site to its original condition.
- **Riverton Creek Flapgate Removal:** Estimated Completion: December 2021
The Contractor installed the trail bridge and poured the concrete deck, which has a two-week cure time. They corrected some faulty large wood installations and completed soil placement and erosion control fabric placement along the side slopes. The wall mural painting has been completed.
- **42nd Ave S Bridge Replacement:** Design continues for the 42nd Ave S Bridge as TranTech Engineering continues to process data for the Type, Size, and Location report and the 30% design. This project has been awarded \$13.5 million in grant funding: \$1.5 million in federal Surface Transportation Program funds from the Puget Sound Regional Council to complete 100% design and \$12 million in federal Local Bridge Program funding from the Washington

State Department of Transportation for the construction phase of the project. The project is also being considered for funding as part of the 2022 Federal Infrastructure Package via Congressman Adam Smith and Senator Patty Murray. An open gallery was held on September 15 at the Tukwila Community Center. Attendees had the opportunity to vote on their preferred bridge rail, rail color, landscaping, and lumination of the walkway. Individuals may participate in an online survey at TukwilaWA.gov/BridgeChoices.

- **Wadajir:** Economic Development staff are now the City's lead to bring the applicant's development agreement request through the Council process. Economic Development and DCD are providing advice to the applicant as they expand their community outreach over the next few months.
- **Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption:** Economic Development staff are now the City's lead to bring the next update to the program through the Council process. Staff will bring initial discussions on this topic to a Council committee in October.

Boards, Commissions and Committees

- **Arts Commission:** The next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2021.
2 Resident position terms expire December 31, 2021.
VACANT: 1 Resident position.
- **Civil Service Commission:** The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2021.
1 resident term set to expire December 31, 2021.
No vacancies.
- **COPCAB:** The next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2021.
3 Resident position terms set to expire December 31, 2021.
VACANT: 1 School District Representative and Student Representative.
- **Equity & Social Justice Commission:** The next meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2021.
1 City Council Representative position term expires December 31, 2021.
2 Education position terms expires December 31, 2021.
1 City Employee position term expires December 31, 2021.
1 Community Representative position term expires December 31, 2021.
VACANT: 1 Education Representative and Student Representative.
- **Human Services Advisory Board:** The next meeting is in the process of being scheduled.
1 Resident position term expires December 31, 2021.
1 Faith-Based Community position term expires December 31, 2021.
VACANT: 1 Business Community Representative.
- **Library Advisory Board:** The next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2021.
3 Resident position terms expire December 31, 2021.
VACANT: Student Representative.
- **Lodging Tax Advisory Committee:** The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2021.
All positions are 1-year terms.
VACANT: 1 Business Collecting Tax Representative and 1 Funded by Tax Representative.