

CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE REPORT ~ KENT MYERS

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This week PA Forward decided to take an active role in working with the National Park Service and our Congressional delegation in an attempt to keep Hurricane Ridge Road open on a more regular basis. As you are well aware, when this road is closed in the winter months, it has a significant impact on local businesses. We have asked the Superintendent of Olympic National Park to provide us with financial information on what it would cost to keep the road open throughout the year. Then we will present this information to our Congressional delegation when we meet next month. We will keep you posted on our efforts.

Thank you for your active participation in the open house conducted by the Department of Ecology this week. It is hoped that the comments made at this meeting send a clear message that the community is not pleased with the current schedule in the agreed order. Today the Chamber of Commerce Board voted to oppose the timeline in the agreed order and the Port will consider similar action at their next meeting on February 22. Based upon my short experience working with the Department of Ecology, it appears that our best approach to getting them to listen and understand our position is working with our legislative members and the media. I encourage you to continue to express your individual opinion to the legislature and the *Peninsula Daily News* and *Newsradio 1450 KONP*.

At the last City Council meeting, and the recent City Manager Coffee, concerns were expressed about the City's use of local companies for professional services. At this week's staff meeting we discussed these concerns and agreed that we need to do more outreach to local firms to get them involved in the City's RFP and formal bidding process. With this in mind, Glenn Cutler will be sending out a letter to all consultants on our roster that have a Clallam County address to invite them to a meeting to discuss the City's Capital Facilities Plan (CFP). Since the CFP covers the major capital projects that we are planning for the coming years, this will give them advanced information on the projects that they can expect for the remainder of 2010. I also gathered information on the amount of city spending in the past year on local vendors and this information will be sent to you separately. Although we spent almost \$6 million with local companies in 2009, I am not satisfied that we are doing everything possible to support these companies. So I will continue to monitor these expenses in the coming year.

I wanted to remind you that this Monday is a City Holiday. If you have any questions about any item on the agenda please send it to me as soon as possible so that we can try to get you a response prior to the meeting. Also please remember that we have a special meeting at 5:00 p.m. for public official liability training.

- Kent Myers