Introduction

-Tim Matthes, Mayor

Below is an update on the Council's 2015 goals. A lot of work has been done, and future discussions with the Council are needed to determine how the City will move forward on funding many of these priorities.

Transportation

Bethel Corridor

- **Grind out Phase 1** - The City issued the 2015 Bethel Corridor Grind-out/Repair Advertisement for Bid on 2/20/2015. Bids are due on 4/3/2015. The ad-ready plans, specifications and engineering (PS&E) covers all mill and fill repairs from Sedgwick to Mile Hill, and the mill and fill plus overlay at Bethel/Lund via separate bid schedules. Bid schedules will be accepted, depending on price, when matched to the approved 2015 Budget allocation. The overall grind-out/repair project could take three budget years to complete given current transportation revenue funding.

- **Start the redesign public process** – The Bethel Corridor Redesign effort’s start date (2016-2018) depends on several factors: Tremont Street Widening funding success and the outcome of the 2015 Transportation Impact Fee/Transportation Benefit District discussions. It is anticipated that a continuous 3-lane widening with bike lanes, sidewalks, overhead utility undergrounding and specific controlled intersection improvements (either signals or roundabouts) will reduce the overall project cost (final design, land acquisition, construction and construction administration) of the current Kitsap County prepared 2006 Bethel Corridor Plan.

Street & Sidewalk Improvements

Getting the 2015 Bethel Corridor Grind-out/Repair project to bid has been the Public Works' number one priority thus far. But the immediate cold-mix patching of potholes throughout the City has been a recent task performed by Public Works staff and follow-up replacement with hot-mix asphalt pending. Due to weather conditions, no sidewalk repair activity has yet to be performed in 2015.

Bay Street Pedestrian Pathway

- **Right-of-way (ROW) Certification** - In order to obligate the $1.5 million in ROW funding needed for the purchase of parcels, the City must complete several tasks recently identified by WSDOT. It may take several months to accomplish these tasks, so staff has determined that a six-month extension request to Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) may be prudent. In the meantime, Universal Field Services will pursue previously identified easements and small right-of-way acquisitions needed. ROW Certification cannot be obtained until all easements and parcel purchases and complete and an audit performed.

- **Segment 3A** - The City is pursuing a Recreation & Conservation Office grant to acquire the property next to the Marley Apartments. Work should begin on this in the second half of 2015, if funding is received from the next two-year State budget.

- **Segment 4 Bridge** - Staff continues to work with the design/permitting consultant team and State agencies to obtain a viable resolution to issues of the cost and design of the bridge. A solution is close at
hand, and the summer 2015 construction schedule is still possible.

**Tremont Corridor Funding Plan**
City staff are working on a funding plan. In the meantime, Public Works is tasked with maintaining project activity with WSDOT, seeking viable funding partners (e.g. Transportation Improvement Board), and working with Transportation Solutions, Inc. to bring the Transportation Impact fee/Transportation Benefit District conversation to Council.

**Parks**
**DeKalb Pier Phase 2**
The City has requested from both the House and Senate, an appropriations request for an additional $500,000 to complete the project. Current indicators are favorable.

**McCormick Village Design Phase 1B**
The City was unsuccessful in obtaining a Recreation & Conservation Office grant for this project phase.

**Paul Powers Park**
The 2015 Interim Improvement Plan design phase is near completion. There are no improvement (construction) funds within the 2015 Budget.

**Administration**
**City Hall Space Analysis**
Public Works/Community Development have made some interim modifications to house current staff levels, but nothing else as of yet.

**Evaluate & plan to improve City’s use of technology**
Information Technology (IT) is currently in the process of acquiring the virtual servers funded in the 2015 budget. To do this, a request for proposals (RFP) seeking technical assistance to review IT’s current infrastructure and recommend hardware and upgrade path has been drafted. The RFP seeks assistance in migrating to the virtual environment. **In addition, IT is asking for recommendations on future design needs for an expanding City.** The purchase of servers will be conducted by the City with outside technical advice. It is believe the City purchasing power will help hold down cost. The RFP is scheduled for release in April. IT will communicate recommendations and suggestions learned through the process.

**Economic Development**
**Website Update**
IT is available to assist the Council Economic Development/Tourism Committee pursue a website update. To date, IT is not aware of this initiative moving forward and IT is not budgeted for website update in 2015.

**Other**
**Pursue grant opportunities**
The City’s Storm Drainage Utility applied for a Water Quality Grant for the Decant Facility construction phase from the State’s Stormwater Financial Assistance Program and has scored #43 out of 266 (144 projects are funded). If the program remains funded, the City will receive $761,250 in grant funding and will contribute $253,750 from the Utility Fund Capital Improvements Program Reserve. Final notification is scheduled for July 1, 2015. The current $6 million Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan for Well #10 is underway. The next PSRC/Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council transportation funding cycle is in 2016.

**Create financially constrained plans**
On February 10, 2015, the City Council approved the professional services contracts for the BHC Consultants, LLC for the 2015 Sewer Plan update, PACE Engineers for the 2015 Water System Plan update and the Transportation Solutions, Inc. for the 2015 Transportation System Plans (Comprehensive Plan Element updates). The Storm Utility Plan was updated in 2014 concurrent with the 2014 Storm Gap Analysis. Additionally, on January 27, 2015, the Council also approved a change order to continue the Water/Sewer Gap Analysis into 2015. The culmination of these efforts (plan updates along with a critical eye on currently listed on Capital Improvement Programs), and rate discussion decisions, will allow for a financially constrained 2016 Comprehensive Plan.