RESOLUTION R-5117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND SETTING PRIORITY GOALS FOR 2015-2016 AND ADOPTING THE 2015-2016 CITY WORK PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, in 2011 and 2012 the City Council approved annual City Work Programs, but desires that subsequent City Work Programs be adopted as biennial initiatives to better align with the biennial budget process; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted ten Goals for the City that articulate key policy and service priorities and guide the allocation of resources for Kirkland through the budget and capital improvement programs; and

WHEREAS, due to economic cycles and fiscal constraints, equal progress cannot be made on all City Goals at all times and the City Council must prioritize certain Goals at certain times; and

WHEREAS, in 2015-2016 the City Council desires to spur job growth and economic development, retain a high quality of life in Kirkland, and provide efficient, cost-effective City services to an informed and engaged public; and

WHEREAS, to help achieve these purposes in 2015-2016, the Council prioritizes the Goals of Economic Development, Neighborhoods, Housing, Parks, Dependable Infrastructure, Balanced Transportation, Financial Stability and Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is appropriate to adopt a 2015-2016 City Work Program to help implement these priority Goals, identify the priority focus of the City of Kirkland's staff and resources, and enable the public to measure the City's success in accomplishing its major policy and administrative goals; and

WHEREAS, the 2015-2016 City Work Program is a list of high priority, major cross-departmental efforts, involving significant financial resources designed to maintain public safety and quality of life in Kirkland, as well as an effective and efficient City government; and

WHEREAS, since over the course of two years new issues may arise that require substantial City resources and City Council review, the adopted 2015-2016 City Work Program will be evaluated during the midbiennial budget process to proactively determine whether emerging items can be accommodated, deferred, or if the City Work Program must be revised or reprioritized;

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NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. The 2015-2016 City Work Program consisting of the following initiatives is adopted:

- Continue the implementation of the Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan to further the goals of Balanced Transportation, Parks and Recreation, Economic Development and Neighborhoods.
- Complete the Comprehensive Plan Update and the Transportation Master Plan to further all ten Council goals.
- Complete a comprehensive update of the Capital Improvement Program to incorporate the projects identified in the Kirkland 2035 master plans and Comprehensive Plan to further the goals of Public Safety, Neighborhoods, Balanced Transportation, Parks and Recreation, Housing, Economic Development and Dependable Infrastructure.
- Invest Fire District #41 funds and City revenues to improve fire and emergency medical services to Finn Hill, Juanita, and Kingsgate site new north end fire stations and/or improve existing stations and operations to further the goal of **Public Safety**.
- 5. Continue annexation-related facility investments by renovating City Hall with a focus on enhancing customer service and identifying options to expand Maintenance Center capacity for both Parks and Public Works to serve the larger City to further the goals of Neighborhoods, Economic Development, Parks and Recreation and Dependable Infrastructure.
- Implement the capital, financial, legislative and organizational actions necessary to facilitate the redevelopment of Parkplace and Totem Lake Mall to further the goals of **Economic Development** and **Financial Stability**.
- Provide the electorate of Kirkland the opportunity to vote on a ballot measure in 2015 or 2016 to fund an Aquatics, Recreation, and Community Center to replace the Juanita Aquatic Center to further the goals of Parks and Recreation and Economic Development.
- Actively engage the Sound Transit Board to ensure that any Sound Transit ballot measure connects the Totem Lake Urban Center to the region with High Capacity Transit to further the goals of Balanced Transportation and Economic Development.

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- Convert all employees of the City to an email archiving system to improve City responsiveness and transparency to the public, while also reducing the cost and complexity of storing email data to further the operational values of Efficiency and Accountability.
- Partner with A Regional Coalition for Housing and nonprofit organizations to site a permanent Eastside women's shelter in Kirkland to further the goals of **Housing** and **Human Services.**
- Implement the Healthy Kirkland Plan, the consumer-driven healthcare initiative, including establishing an employee clinic as part of the effort to achieve sustainability of benefits to further the goal of **Financial Stability**.
- <u>Section 2</u>. The City organization shall demonstrate the operational values of regional partnerships, efficiency and accountability as the 2015-2016 City Work Plan is implemented.

<u>Section 3</u>. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to develop implementation steps and benchmarks for each initiative in the 2015-2016 City Work Program, prioritize resources and efforts to achieve those benchmarks, and periodically update the Council regarding progress on these efforts.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 17th day of March, 2015.

Signed in authentication thereof this 17th day of March, 2015.

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Attest:

City Clerk