

RESOLUTION R-5254

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF AN ACTION PLAN FOR 2017-2019 TO GUIDE CITY PARTICIPATION IN THE EVOLUTION OF TOTEM LAKE.

1 WHEREAS, the City Council committed City of Kirkland ("City")
2 resources toward the renewal of the Totem Lake Business District and
3 adopted Resolution R-4856; and
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5 WHEREAS, the actions that were delineated in Resolution R-
6 4856 and the action plan that followed it have been largely achieved;
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9 WHEREAS, among the completed actions was over \$51 million
10 in public improvements including but not limited to: \$30 million for a
11 new Public Safety Building; \$5 million to purchase the Cross Kirkland
12 Corridor ("CKC"); \$3.6 million to repurpose the CKC as an interim trail
13 for bike and pedestrian travel; and \$4.5 million to mitigate flood events
14 in the Totem Lake area; and
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16 WHEREAS, the City has completed and has begun to implement
17 a number of plans including the Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan and
18 the Totem Lake Park Plan, to help guide further redevelopment and
19 enhancement of the Totem Lake business district; and
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21 WHEREAS, the City has recommitted to the redevelopment of
22 the Totem Lake Mall, assigning the 2006 development agreement to
23 new owners, CenterCal, that will result in a prosperous mall, the Village
24 at Totem Lake, graced by quality public spaces due to be completed in
25 2018; and
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27 WHEREAS, the City Council at its December 13, 2016 regular
28 meeting adopted a 2017-2022 Capital Improvements Program that
29 included an expanded and accelerated Totem Lake Park capital
30 improvement project as part of City efforts to extend the ambiance of
31 the new mall and associated development by creating nearby quality
32 open space, investments in improved intersections and sidewalks, and
33 the design and construct of a pedestrian bridge connecting the CKC to
34 Totem Lake Park, and
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36 WHEREAS, as per the resolution and action plan, the City has
37 maintained a continuous outreach to and communication with
38 stakeholders, advising them of Totem Lake activities through quarterly
39 newsletters and Totem Lake Conversations meetings, together with
40 soliciting ideas and implementing changes to the Kirkland
41 Comprehensive Plan to improve the economic climate of the Totem Lake
42 Business District; and

43 WHEREAS, the City sponsored a Totem Lake Symposium on April
44 13, 2016 to receive input from developers, commercial brokers,
45 architects, Totem Lake property owners and neighborhood
46 representatives on what should be done in the future planning and
47 development of Totem Lake to achieve a transit-oriented Urban Center
48 vision for the district; and

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50 WHEREAS, among the suggestions expressed by Symposium
51 attendees and others was to bring cohesion to the appearance and
52 character of Totem Lake, including consideration of renaming streets to
53 eliminate confusion and disorientation, and implementation of a
54 wayfinding plan and district-wide design standards that expand upon
55 the ambiance created by the Village at Totem Lake mall redevelopment;
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58 WHEREAS, Symposium attendees expressed support for a
59 vibrant real estate market, and noted the need for flexibility and
60 incentives to attract development that furthers the Urban Center vision;
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63 WHEREAS, on February 21, 2017, the City Council adopted
64 Resolution R-5239, approving the 2017-2018 City Work Plan which
65 identifies three initiatives directly relating to the Totem Lake Business
66 District which are to fund capital investments to support growth in
67 Totem Lake Urban Center; partner with Sound Transit, the State
68 Department of Transportation and King County Metro Transit to ensure
69 that investments along I-405 serve Kirkland's mobility needs; and to
70 implement the Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan focused on the
71 Totem Lake Connector and South Kirkland Park and Ride connection;
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74 WHEREAS, it is recommended that the Council adopt a new
75 resolution delineating continued actions to revitalize Totem Lake.

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

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80 Section 1. The City Council will adopt a revised Action Plan for
81 Totem Lake by September of 2017, to include carryovers from the
82 previous Totem Lake Action Plan and the addition of new items
83 recommended by Totem Lake Symposium 2016 stakeholders together
84 with input from the Planning Commission and City Council, and
85 categorize these items into immediate, short, medium and long-term
86 actions, and establish points of accountability for each item.

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88 Section 2. City staff shall develop an enhancement plan for
89 Totem Lake that extends and is compatible with design elements
90 developed by the Village at Totem Lake, provides a sense of identity
91 through consistent design, identification and development of public
92 spaces, assists wayfinding and navigation around the district and access
93 to I-405, and suggests opportunities for businesses to contribute to the
94 public realm.

95 Section 3. City staff shall seek funding to help build the transit-
96 oriented district planned within the Urban Center.
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98 Section 4. City staff shall advise the City Council of development
99 proposals within the Totem Lake Urban Center that support the vision
100 but require zoning flexibility or incentives to move forward and shall
101 obtain direction from the City Council about how to best respond to the
102 proposals.
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104 Section 5. The Capital Improvement Program prioritizes
105 funding for public facilities that support the Urban Center including but
106 not limited to the 124th Bridge, also known as the Totem Lake
107 Connector, and Totem Lake Park.
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109 Section 6. With the passage of ST3, City staff shall work with
110 Sound Transit, WSDOT and METRO to implement capital facilities and
111 increase transit levels of service to Totem Lake as well as safe bicycle
112 and pedestrian access to the transit service.
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114 Section 7. City staff shall coordinate with WSDOT and Sound
115 Transit on the planning and implementation of a transit oriented
116 development (TOD) that includes significant affordable housing units at
117 the current Kingsgate Park & Ride.
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119 Section 8. City staff shall review the Planned Action Ordinance
120 (PAO) study and make recommendations about incentives that the
121 ordinance could afford.
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123 Section 9. City staff shall review the intended jobs housing
124 balance for Totem Lake as set forth in the Comprehensive Plan, and
125 recommend ways of encouraging more commercial development if
126 necessary.
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128 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
129 meeting this 2nd day of May, 2017.
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131 Signed in authentication thereof this 2nd day of May, 2017.


MAYOR

Attest:


City Clerk