

RESOLUTION R-5290

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND REVISING THE 2017-2018 CITY WORK PROGRAM TO DEFER EXPLORATION OF POTENTIAL FIRE STATION MODERNIZATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS BALLOT MEASURES.

1           WHEREAS, on February 21, 2017, the City Council  
2 approved Resolution R-5239, adopting the 2017-2018 City Work  
3 Program which included an initiative to "Explore potential ballot  
4 measures for Fire Station modernization and public safety  
5 operations to further the goals of Public Safety, Dependable  
6 Infrastructure, and Financial Stability"; and

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8           WHEREAS, Resolution R-5239 stated that "since over the  
9 course of two years new issues may arise that require substantial  
10 City resources and City Council review, the adopted 2017-2018  
11 City Work Program will be evaluated during the mid-biennial  
12 budget process to proactively determine whether emerging items  
13 can be accommodated, deferred, or if the City Work Program must  
14 be revised or reprioritized"; and

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16           WHEREAS, the City Council has concluded that the 2017-  
17 2018 City Work Program should be revised to defer exploration of  
18 fire facilities and operations ballot measures, as several conditions  
19 have changed since the adoption of the City Work Program; and

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21           WHEREAS, the City Council assumed in Resolution R-5239  
22 that Fire Station 24 would be constructed and operating prior to  
23 any potential public vote in November of 2018; and

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25           WHEREAS, a condemnation legal challenge has prevented  
26 securing the property necessary to construct Fire Station 24 for  
27 over a year and, although the City is confident the site will be  
28 acquired, construction of the station is not projected to be  
29 completed until the middle of 2019; and

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31           WHEREAS, additional changed conditions include taxpayer  
32 concerns about significant new property taxes and vehicle license  
33 taxes implemented by voters as part of Sound Transit 3 in  
34 November of 2016, higher state property taxes as a result of state  
35 legislation passed in the summer of 2017 intended to fully fund  
36 basic education, and the passage by voters of additional King

37 County property taxes through the Veterans, Seniors and Human  
38 Services levy in November of 2017; and

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40 WHEREAS, in the fall of 2017, the Lake Washington School  
41 District Board of Directors placed three property tax measures on  
42 the February 13, 2018 ballot in Kirkland, including a capital bond  
43 measure, a capital levy, and an educational programs and  
44 operations levy; and

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46 WHEREAS, the City Council is concerned about the  
47 cumulative financial impact of the foregoing on the residents and  
48 businesses of Kirkland, and desires to defer consideration of a  
49 Kirkland property tax measure for fire facilities and operations,  
50 perhaps until the economy has had time to adjust to the higher  
51 tax rates imposed by other jurisdictions and Fire Station 25  
52 renovation and Fire Station 24 construction are completed.

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

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57 Section 1. The 2017-2018 City Work Program Initiatives are  
58 amended to delete Initiative number three and renumber the  
59 remaining Work Program Initiatives accordingly:

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61 1. Implement the Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan focused  
62 on the Totem Lake Connector and South Kirkland Park and  
63 Ride bridges to further the goals of **Balanced**  
64 **Transportation, Parks and Recreation, Economic**  
65 **Development, and Neighborhoods.**  
66 2. Renovate Fire Station 25, construct new Station 24, and  
67 site new Station 27 to further the goals of **Public Safety**  
68 **and Dependable Infrastructure.**  
69 ~~3. Explore potential ballot measures for Fire Station~~  
70 ~~modernization and public safety operations to further the~~  
71 ~~goals of **Public Safety, Dependable Infrastructure,**~~  
72 ~~and **Financial Stability.**~~  
73 4-3. Expand the Maintenance Center to meet the service  
74 needs of the larger City to further the goals of  
75 **Dependable Infrastructure, and Parks, Open**  
76 **Space and Recreation Services.**  
77 5-4. Partner with A Regional Coalition for Housing,  
78 churches and non-profits to construct a permanent  
79 women/family shelter in Kirkland to further the goals  
80 of **Human Services and Housing.**

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- 6-5. Fund capital investments to support growth in Totem Lake to further the goals of **Economic Development, Balanced Transportation, and Parks, Open Space and Recreation Services.**
- 7-6. Replace the City's core financial and human resources software to further the goal of **Financial Stability.**
- 8-7. Facilitate Community Policing through implementation of Police Strategic Plan to further the goals of **Public Safety and Neighborhoods.**
- 9-8. Partner with Sound Transit, the State Department of Transportation and King County Metro Transit to ensure that investments along I-405 serve Kirkland's mobility needs to further the goals of **Balanced Transportation and Economic Development.**
- ~~10-9.~~ Procure a new solid waste contract and engage King County and Kirkland residents to determine the future of the Houghton Transfer Station and Houghton Landfill to further the goals of **Environment and Dependable Infrastructure.**

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Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to complete the renovation of Fire Station 25, complete the construction of Fire Station 24, and secure the rights to acquire a final site for a new Station 27 as soon as practicable and consistent with the public interest as articulated herein by the Council.

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Section 3. The City Manager is also authorized and directed to develop a plan to adequately staff Fire Station 24 upon completion of the station and include options for funding the staffing plan in the 2018-2019 Biennial Budget.

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Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 12th day of December, 2017.

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Signed in authentication thereof this 12th day of December, 2017.

  
Amy Walen, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kathi Anderson, City Clerk