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Date: November 9, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

Via: Jeff Swanson, City Manager

From: Ryan Osada, Public Works Director

Subject: Public Works Monthly Report

1. **BEAVERS NORTHWEST –** Last month, Public Works staff met with Beavers Northwest for a preliminary site review of the Medina Park wetlands. Over the last several years, the area has experienced flooding due to beaver activity. Public Works is looking for creative ways to manage the area with assistance from Beavers Northwest. They have proposed a draft scope of work with estimated project management hours including tree protection measures and quarterly monitoring/maintenance visits. There will also be an option for unforeseen beaver-related conflicts that may arise.



2. **MEDINA PARK POND TREE PLANTINGS –** Riparia Environmental completed the mitigation plantings which included 51 trees strategically placed along the southern edge of both ponds. As the trees mature, they will provide beneficial shade to help moderate summer water temperatures and improve overall habitat conditions. The planted tree species are Grand Fir, Sitka Spruce, Douglas Fir and Western Red Cedar.



3. **HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVAL –** The City Arborist recently identified a ROW Douglas-fir (Pseudotsuga menziesii) measuring 37 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH) and approximately 115 feet tall with significant base decay. It is located on the south side of NE 24th Street, immediately south of the sidewalk and adjacent to 7721 NE 24th Street. He is recommending removal due to fungus (Phaeolus schweinitzii) growing near the base of the tree and proximity to targets which could result in significant property damage or disruption to utility services.



4. **EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB) –** Recently there has been news of the EAB in Washington State, however nothing confirmed in our immediate area. The insect attacks ash trees (Fraxinus) and can cause widespread mortality once established. Currently Medina has identified 201 ash trees as part of the City's ROW and City-owned tree inventory. Most of these are native ash growing within natural areas, including Fairweather Park and the various trail systems, with a smaller number of non-native ash planted as street trees. There are effective treatments available, however at this point, it seems premature and unnecessary.



5. PROJECT UPDATES -

STREETS:
2026 Overlake Drive Bridge Repairs 1014C – completed, waiting for King County's report
78th PL NE Asphalt Overlay – completed

SIDEWALK:
Resurface Gravel Sidewalk OLDr & Points Loop Trail – completed
Pedestrian Improvements Design – RFP/RFQ reviewing

PARKS:
Fairweather Invasive Species Removal - completed
Fairweather Nature Preserve Foot Bridge Improvements – Bids Nov 18th
Post Office Park Design – Park Board to discuss and bring to council
Medina Beach Park Tree Planting *trees purchased in 2025 - TBD

STORMWATER:
2026 Drainage Improvements – substantial completion, punchlist
2025 Medina Park North Pond Vegetation Removal – phase 1 completed, phase 2 permitting
Citywide Stormwater System Mapping – on going updates

BUILDING:
2026 Post Office Interior Painting – completed
Public Works Carport & Storage – containers installed, canopy is being reviewed/permitted
City Hall Backup Generator Inlet Plug – CH Generator is due for replacement in 2028
City Hall Security, Lobby Design & Space Planning – moved to next year
City Hall Water Filler Station – completed

OTHER:
Points Loop Trail - QR Code Sign – completed
Beach & Medina Park Restroom Automated Locks – completed
2026 Hazardous Tree Removal & Planting Program – ongoing