



Mayor Greg Wheeler



## *Mayor's 2019 Initiatives*

### **Housing and Commercial Development Improvements**

#### *Review Codes, Zoning, and Processes*

- Continue to increase efficiencies in housing and commercial development
  - Nearly 100 new residential lots, 1,900+ apartments and 20,000 sq. ft of commercial space in pipeline
- Continue to develop and utilize technology for process improvements (permitting/business licensing)
- Will develop metrics to track business licenses and permits. ie: new starts, cancellations, process time
- Move forward on continuous quarterly updates to City Council on building permit statistics

### **Proactive Code Enforcement**

- Implement first-full year of proactive code enforcement to further address issues in the City

### **Affordable Housing Assistance**

- Monitor progress of \$100,000 assistance to Bremerton Housing Authority to help working poor, seniors with rent payments
- Monitor progress of \$100,000 assistance to Kitsap Community Resources for weatherization, minor home repair to help with heating bills
- Continue evaluating the City's code to ensure more infill housing, density and a variety of unit types for affordable housing
- Create infill development toolkit

### **Kitsap Lake Management Plan**

- Continue plans to clean up Kitsap Lake
- Begin investment in design to develop stormwater treatment, toxic algae control and other measures to improve water quality



## Park Upgrades

- Implement first full year of park security staff to further reduce vandalism and illegal use of parks after hours
- Secure funding and design work for:
  - Pendergast Soccer Fields
  - Warren Ave Playfield
  - Kitsap Lake Facilities
- Begin Evergreen Rotary Park Improvements

## Arts and Culture

- Move forward on 4-6 art wraps for utility cabinets, painting of Wash. Ave wall for new art panels and development of new City poet laureate program
- Implement remaining 2019 Arts Initiatives

## Police Support and Crime Reduction

- Hire four additional police officers
- Ramp up new bicycle patrols in City
- Install new crime analysis technology to discover/address crime trends

## Fire

- Hire three new fire fighters to increase efficiency, improve emergency response
- Activate Marine One fireboat for rescues
- Bring new fire ladder truck online
- Continue with fire inspection safety program
- Focus on continuing to integrate Fire Marshal's office with Community Development for permit process efficiency

## Nuisance Property Abatement

- Continue implementation of Court-appointed receiver program (RCW 7.60) and abatement program (RCW 35.80) to clean up nuisance property

## Streets and Sidewalks Program

- Continue full implementation of streets and sidewalks program, including:
  - Repair of 2,000 feet of sidewalks, installation of 40 ADA curb ramps
  - Design work to overlay 6th Street from Warren Ave to Pacific Ave.
  - Design reconstruction East 11th from Pitt St. to Perry Ave, Perry from East 11th to East 17th St.
  - Finalize design Kitsap Lake Elementary Safe Routes to Schools
  - Design bike lane improvements on Kitsap Way from Montgomery to SR-3, add bike lane markings downtown to/from Bremerton Transportation Center
- Develop reporting methods on progress of City's streets, sidewalk projects



## Medical Care Access

- Continue working with CHI Franciscan/Harrison to construct prompt, specialty, and urgent care as well as a residency program medical facility in the City

## Diversity

- Develop workforce diversity plan to evaluate and modernize the City's workforce policies and practices

## Parking

- Install and roll out new technology to streamline parking enforcement, develop real-time data to analyze best parking uses
- Continue meetings with parking stakeholders in the City

## Transportation

- Continue support for new Kitsap Transit Bremerton ferry and new park and ride lot in the City
- Work on continuing to restore Sunday service and developing an urban loop
- Monitor progress of changes to routes in keeping with 2018 route analysis

## Mental Health

- Continue working with local agencies, providers to evaluate possible sites for new mental health facilities
- Oversee City's ongoing involvement in Kitsap Connect/Navigator Program

## Business Opportunity and Economic Growth

- Streamline tax and licensing for businesses
- Continue working on B&O tax incentives
- Continue moving forward on Wheaton Way Corridor Study and plan for Eastside Employment Center
- Initiate Charleston district revitalization with EPA Brownfields Revitalization Grant

## All Departments

- Conduct workload analysis in Engineering
- Continue to focus on improving efficiencies in all departments
- Invest in corporate technology in all aspects of City government

