

BREMERTON WASHINGTON



CITY OF BREMERTON, WASHINGTON
2020 ANNUAL BUDGET

For the period January 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2020

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Mayor

Greg Wheeler

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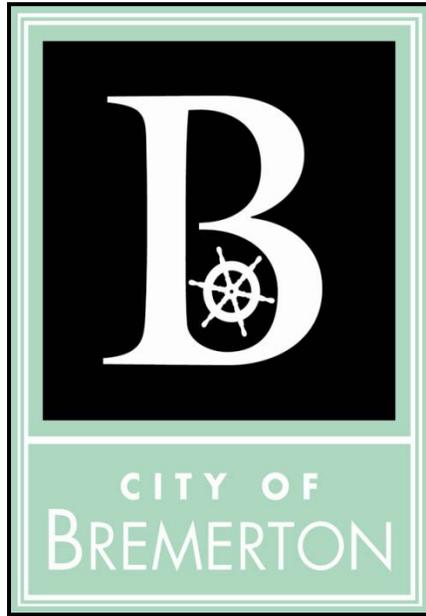
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Pat McGanney .. Interim Fire Chief

Andrea Spencer .. Director of Community Development

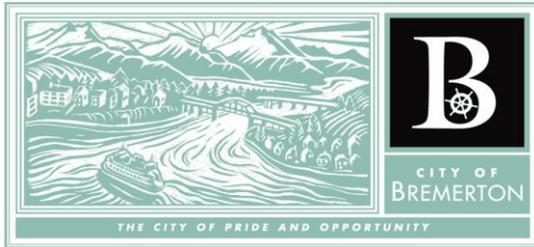
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Mayor Greg Wheeler

November 20, 2019

To the Citizens and the Honorable Council of the City of Bremerton:

I am pleased to submit for your consideration the City's Annual Budget. This budget recognizes the initiatives of my administration and also focuses on Council's goals and priorities. Our City is growing and the need to focus on homelessness, mental illness, safety of our neighborhoods, and quality affordable housing remains important. Investments that enhance services to our citizens, including renovations to parks, improvements to streets and sidewalks, and support for public safety are also a priority. I am pleased this budget addresses these issues while also ensuring City finances are managed responsibly.

The financial picture of our City remains strong. A recent increase in our already excellent bond rating reflects strong fiscal responsibility by my administration as well as significant economic growth occurring in our community. Through sound financial management, the City will continue to restrain our spending and maintain a well-balanced General Fund that exceeds national best practices.

Here are highlights of programs in the 2020 budget:

Quality affordable housing remains an essential priority to me and the City Council. In January, the City will continue partnering with the Bremerton Housing Authority (BHA) to manage the rental assistance and eviction prevention program for a second year. We will provide BHA with \$100,000 to assist the working poor and seniors who are struggling to pay their rent. During the pilot year in 2019, the program helped Bremerton residents to reduce housing instability that occurred due to a disruption in income or unanticipated expense. With the success of the program's first year, BHA is committing an additional \$100,000 to match the City's funding, bringing the total to \$200,000 to help

residents maintain housing stability and decrease the chances of becoming homeless in our community.

As part of the on-going focus on affordable housing, the City will also provide \$100,000 to Kitsap Community Resources (KCR) to fund a second year of the weatherization and minor home repair program. In 2019, the pilot year, the program helped low income residents who faced the difficult choice of affording their heating bills or paying for rent or food. The financial assistance will fix and insulate homes, resulting in a 30% reduction in the use of energy and lower heating bills.

The City Council established a goal to increase support for residential streets and sidewalks, and I provided funding in the last budget in support of that goal. Over the year, we have made progress on efforts to build our streets and sidewalks program to ensure ongoing maintenance for the City's infrastructure. The budget will continue to move the program forward and includes funds to improve walkability in neighborhoods, create more disability access for sidewalks and maintain quality streets.

Providing public safety is important and is at the center of protecting a community. I have added three new firefighter positions to support emergencies and other needed services. These new Firefighter/EMTs positions will allow us to keep increasing efficiencies and improve our emergency situation rescue times in Bremerton.

I am proud to share that the City had many accomplishments in 2019, which were supported in the previous budget and were successfully implemented. These include:

- Implementation of the Wheaton Way/HWY 303 Corridor Study; East Side Employment Center/Harrison Hospital Market Analysis EIS; and Charleston Business/Community District Study
- Completion of the first year of the Rental Assistance Program and Weatherization Program
- Implementation of the Kitsap Lake Study on Vegetation Management and Toxic Algae Control
- Approval of the First Project Utilizing the Opportunity Zone Designation
- Completion of Art Initiatives Projects
- Improvement of City's Bond Rating and Refinancing of LTGO Bonds to a Lower Interest Rate
- Completion of the First Full Year of Proactive Code Enforcement
- At least \$128 million in Residential/Commercial Projects Expected to be Issued by End of 2019
- Beginning Implementation of Parking Study Recommendations
- Identifying a Location of New Primary Healthcare Clinic on Kitsap Way
- Working on Pendleton Place Supportive Housing Complex

- Securing Legislative Funding for Warren Ave Bridge Improvements, Warren Ave Playfield, Pendergast Regional Park, Kitsap Lake, and Design for Quincy Square
- Hiring of 3 EMT/Firefighters and Operation of New Marine 20 Fireboat and Ladder One Firetruck
- Reaching Full Staffing of Police Department after Years of Unfilled Positions
- First Year at Full Operation of Streets and Sidewalks Program

This 2020 budget will continue the momentum of the previous year and reflects the City's values to meet the needs of our citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Wheeler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" being more prominent than the last name "Wheeler".

Greg Wheeler
Mayor



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