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Mountlake Terrace City Council Goals Focus on Future

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE—The Mountlake Terrace City Council held a special work session/retreat on Saturday, February 20 at the Interim City Hall to set goals for 2010-2012. The six Council goals will remain the same as the last two years with much discussion on protecting the city's finances, economic development, capital infrastructure needs, and community outreach. The complete list of goals is as follows:

- Protect and Enhance the City's Financial Health and Stability
- Generate Economic Development throughout the Community
- Review and prioritize Capital Infrastructure Needs and Implement Projects
- Develop and Implement a strategy to address the City's aging public facilities
- Develop and Implement more effective Communication and Outreach with the Community
- Maintain appropriate and essential Public Services in a cost effective manner.

The Council goals and work plan will provide the foundation for the formation of city's 2011-2012 Biennial Budget that will be developed later this year. In addition to discussing the goals and work plan, the Council expressed an interest in making economic development a continued priority to help generate tax revenue to ease the burden on taxpayers and engage the community in what kind of businesses they would like to locate in Mountlake Terrace.

The City Council continued a previous review of unfunded capital needs including city facilities such as the Civic Campus and Recreation Pavilion, Ballinger Golf Course parking lot, as well as parks, sidewalks and street projects. The Council wants to continue addressing its capital improvement needs and focus on state and federal partnerships to leverage additional resources and take advantage of the very favorable bidding environment.

Other key discussion items included expanding volunteer opportunities and recognition programs, community outreach with the Edmonds School District and Mountlake Terrace Business Association, and creation of a "Hall of Fame" of Mountlake Terrace residents who have gone on to make prominent achievements.

The Council spoke about continuing communication with citizens about what programs and services they are getting for their tax dollars and how the city has fared better than many communities to weather the current economic downturn and maintain services. Councilmembers suggested they attend more events to interact with citizens such as Coffee with the City and local school activities.

The work session concluded with a review of the Councilmembers' roles on their city boards and commissions and the Council's rules and operating protocols. The Council Goals and strategies will be brought back for formal adoption in April. For more information about the City Council or its meetings, call City Clerk Virginia Olsen at (425) 744-6206 or access the city's website at www.cityofmlt.com, click on "Online Public Meetings" under "Most Requested Services".

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