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City Council Reviews Community Goals

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE—The City Council recently reviewed its adopted goals and work plan for 2010-2012 and concluded that significant progress has been made in moving the city forward in 2011. Council's goals and accompanying work plan focus on protecting the city's finances, economic development, capital infrastructure needs, and community outreach.

The City Council expressed their continued commitment to ensuring the financial stability of the city, noting how Mountlake Terrace has fared better than most communities in weathering the current economic downturn and maintaining services.

One key outcome of the goals is the Downtown Main Street Revitalization Project to help generate tax revenue and grow a diverse and stable economic base that supports the community. This project would reconstruct 56th Avenue between 230th and 236th Streets and 232nd Street from 56th to 58th Avenue and include undergrounding all overhead utilities and widening sidewalks. Main Street revitalization could add 1,400 new jobs and over 800 housing units to the city's downtown.

The City Council continues to seek out state and federal partnerships to leverage additional resources and take advantage of the favorable bidding environment for the city's capital improvement needs. One of the city's major accomplishments is the implementation of a ten-year, \$88.5 million capital improvement plan that includes street overlays and reconstructions, new sidewalks, traffic signal upgrades and many other projects. In the last 3 years,

the city has received over \$7 million in state and federal grants towards these projects.

At the direction of the City Council, communication and outreach efforts were enhanced with the addition of city Facebook and Twitter accounts. These communication tools provide more timely information and are particularly effective for time sensitive situations such as weather related events or road closure information. They are also useful for promoting community recognition and outreach such as the city's popular Evergreen Awards Program, volunteer efforts and accomplishments within the community.

The Council reviewed and prioritized a list unfunded capital projects. Those projects are reviewed annually and as funding becomes available, they are added into the capital improvement program. On the unfunded list is the Civic Center project that was reduced in size and cost by one third following direction of the City Council. The Council is reviewing financing options for this project while also evaluating the possible formation of a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority with neighboring cities and fire districts.

For more information about the City Council or its meetings, call City Clerk/Community Relations Director 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." A complete list of the [2010 City Council Vision and Goals](#) is available on the city's website under City Council.

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