



To the Community, City Council and City Staff

September 4, 2017

My monthly report on my activities, ensuring that I remain accountable and connected to our community.

2017 Action Agenda

Mukilteo Strong

We will continue the important work that was started in 2016 by remembering those we have lost and building a stronger community to help prevent future tragedies.

Honor Green Businesses

We will build on the amazing progress led by our Green Team to encourage and support local businesses in their work to become more sustainable.

Emergency Preparedness

A disaster could strike at any time and families and businesses must be prepared, we will work to increase awareness of readiness kits and family and business plans for emergencies.

Community Policing

We will build on the successful Citizens Academy and police volunteer programs by engaging teens and young adults in a closer relationship with our Police Department

Recreation Scholarships

We have worked to return the community to the center of Rosehill's mission, we must now work to ensure access to everyone in Mukilteo—regardless of income.



Mayor Gregerson presented Mayor for a Day Finley Gonzalez with a proclamation during her visit to the City. Mayor Finley will greet the community from the City's Float during the Lighthouse Festival Parade, and enjoyed a tour of City Hall and the Police and Fire Stations, meeting employees and learning about the City. Mayor Finley earned this honor by writing the winning essay about what she appreciates about Mukilteo, as awarded by the Mukilteo Beacon.



Mayor Gregerson joined Congressman Rick Larsen, State Senator Marko Liias, and Washington State Ferries Assistant Secretary Amy Scarton to celebrate the groundbreaking for the new Mukilteo Ferry Terminal. The Terminal construction will begin in earnest next week, and continue off and on throughout 2018 and 2019 until it's opening at the beginning of 2020.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Met the newest Mayor for a Day, Finley Gonzalez! She is a 5th grader at Endeavor Elementary and is a great writer. She toured the city and met lots of her employees for the day. I'll see her next at the Lighthouse Festival Parade.
- Welcomed the first Mayor's Key Communicator's Advisory Group participants. This group represented a number of diverse groups that are part of our Mukilteo community but that are not often seen at city meetings. Members of the Korean community, African-American community, Muslim and other faith communities differently-abled and seniors came together for a wide ranging discussion about things that the City can do to be more inclusive and open. It was a great discussion and one to be followed with a later meeting.
- Was interviewed for a Korean Broadcasting Service television show called Heart to Heart. They profiled several mayors, but I was their only interviewee in Snohomish County.
- Interviewed a number of really wonderful candidates for our Mukilteo Youth Advisory Committee. It was very difficult to choose from the highly qualified group of students. The group will work on service projects and education about city government throughout the year.
- Recognized Pam Taylor's volunteer efforts that have earned her the honor as 2017 Citizen of the Year.

A WELL RUN CITY

- Participated at the bargaining table in negotiations with the Mukilteo Police Guild.



This month, volunteers placed these markers at city storm drains, in order to remind people of the importance of our storm water system and its eventual connection to Puget Sound.

- Shared a second quarter staff update with all city staff. I appreciated sharing good stories about our employees with each other, and updating on work throughout the city.
- Budget development began in earnest this month, with a number of meetings with department directors and our budget team. The process of reaching a balanced budget is complex, and we try to make it as inclusive as possible, as well.
- Attended the 2016 state audit entrance meeting. The auditors have been at City Hall for several weeks now, going through our 2016 files.



Mayor Gregerson speaks with Mayor for a Day Finley Gonzalez during her visit to City Hall.

SUPPORT A HEALTHY ECONOMY

- Discussed a status update on the Green Business Certification Program. I'm looking forward to launching this voluntary program to identify and reward businesses that have green practices.
- Met with Carla Carrell, a new

government liaison representative with Comcast. We discussed their internet solutions programs as well as net neutrality.

- Met with long-time resident Sean O'Sullivan and Gene Kulinovsky. Gene is planning to open a retail marijuana location along the Speedway, on the first floor of the Ace Metals Recycling building. He has the correct state permits, and is working to hire the most trustworthy and dependable staff that he can find.



Paving projects were underway this month, as crews ensure city streets are well-maintained.

A HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITY

- Attended the Snohomish County Health Leadership Coalition, where we discussed new initiatives to focus on civic health of the community. I'm interested in the tie-ins with leadership and growth of our county.
- Chief Alexander gave the Executive Department staff members an EOC orientation. The Emergency Operations Center is located on the second floor of City Hall. Our emergency preparedness program has grown and developed over the last few years, with additional training for staff and supplies prepared.

WATERFRONT



Mayor Gregerson shared the City's perspective on the groundbreaking of the new Mukilteo Ferry Terminal

- Attended the monthly Mukilteo Tank Farm Coordination meeting, a prelude to two other events this month. WSF held a pre-construction meeting that I attended, and an official groundbreaking for the new terminal. The construction meetings will be attended by city employees, but it was useful to attend the first one. I was able to meet many of the contractors working on the terminal project phase 1 and ensure they heard a unified message from the city. We are holding them strictly accountable to the provisions of their city permits, including the shoreline permit, and we are ensuring noise restrictions and waterfront access are priorities. Most construction activity will begin just following the Lighthouse Festival and continue through the winter.
- I also participated in an event recognizing the inclusion of \$4.6m in funding this year for the redevelopment and design of the NOAA facility on our waterfront. Congressman Rick Larsen was instrumental in making sure this funding survived the budget process and is



Mayor Gregerson joined State Representative June Robinson, Snohomish County Councilmember Karen Guzak and others to support the mission of Pilchuck Audubon.

available. I also valued the opportunity to meet other NOAA leadership and reaffirm our support for their project.

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Along with Mountlake Terrace City Councilmember Kyoko Matsumoto Wright and Snohomish City Councilmember Karen Guzak, met with County Councilmembers Stephanie Wright and Brian Sullivan to discuss options for a housing trust fund via the Alliance for Housing Affordability. The Alliance is a collection of nearly all the cities in Snohomish County, and the county itself, working together on housing issues. It has served as an important technical assistance resource and provided good data about the housing challenges in our region. Next, we are discussing establishing a trust fund and grant program for housing developers, to increase the supply in the county.



Students from the Quil Ceda Tulalip Elementary School shared a drum welcoming song as part of the State Ferries groundbreaking. The song symbolized the Tribes welcoming those present to their ancestral lands at Mukilteo.