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Shoreline City Council Proclaims April 22 Earth Day

It is fitting that at its April 17 meeting when it proclaimed April 22 Earth Day, the Shoreline City Council also reviewed the parks maintenance program and discussed adoption of the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

Earth Day

In proclaiming April 22 Earth Day, Shoreline City Council called upon Shoreline residents to celebrate this special observance and commit to doing the best they can to accomplish positive changes in our relationship with our natural environment.

To celebrate Earth Day, the City of Shoreline has a series of events planned throughout the community. For a full listing, visit www.cityofshoreline.com, pick up a flyer at City Hall (17544 Midvale Ave. N.) or call Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 546-5042.

Parks Maintenance Report

In one of a series of informational discussions, Shoreline City Council was briefed on the parks maintenance program. These discussions allow Council an opportunity to review and discuss program staffing, activities, challenges, costs, performance measures and future directions in depth prior to the annual budget process.

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The parks maintenance staff is responsible for the care of over 350 acres of property in Shoreline as well as scheduling and maintaining athletic fields. The 2006 budget for the maintenance of parks and open space is \$1,089,283 and the annual athletic field maintenance and operations budget is \$274,927. Since taking over the parks system from King County, much of the City's focus has been on making safety improvements and increasing the level of service in the park system.

U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

At its April 17 meeting, Shoreline City Council discussed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and asked staff to put a resolution supporting adoption on the agenda for April 24.

The agreement urges the federal government and state governments to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the goal of reducing global warming pollution levels to 7% below 1990 levels by 2012 as set out by the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement to address climate disruption.

As part of the agreement, the City of Shoreline would strive to meet or exceed the pollution reduction targets by taking actions in its own operations and community. Shoreline staff does not anticipate any significant financial impact from adopting the agreement because many of the measures listed as examples are already underway in Shoreline.

Although the United States is not participating in the Kyoto Protocol, many state and local governments, as well as many leading U.S. companies, have adopted greenhouse gas reduction programs in response to the measure.

In Washington, just a few of the cities that have signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement include Seattle, Redmond, Kirkland, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Tacoma and Olympia. Major western United States cities that have signed the agreement include Portland, Missoula, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Salt Lake City, Albuquerque and Denver.

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