

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Vancouver's legislative agenda would include enhanced revenue flexibility

The draft of Vancouver's 2004 state legislative agenda, to be presented to the City Council on Monday, Dec. 15, will focus on enhancing municipal revenue flexibility and optimizing existing municipal resources.

The draft being circulated for comment and refinement by Vancouver's governmental relations **Mark O. Brown** also calls for a number of other changes in state law that would give cities greater local control.

Brown calls for support of legislation that would provide cities with a meaningful tax increment financing tool to be used in association with economic development and redevelopment.

The draft calls for support of legislation that would provide additional counties, including Clark County, with comparable authority as was granted to central Puget Sound counties, and would provide, as a local option, the creation of regional transportation authorities.

Also recommended is support for an increase in direct distribution of state gasoline tax revenues to cities.

Brown calls for support for legislation to provide cities with authority to use up to 25 percent of Real Estate Excise Tax local funding for maintenance and operation of facilities obtained through REET funding.

The report also calls for support of legislation that would streamline the annexation process for property within city urban growth boundaries.

Brown calls for support for legislation sought by the state Association of Fire Chiefs to provide local jurisdictions with a local option of creating regional fire authorities.

49th Legislative District town hall set

A 49th Legislative District town hall meeting has been set for 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, in the sixth floor hearing room of the Public Service Center, reports the district's Republican State Sen. **Don Carlson**.

The district's two Democratic state representatives, **Bill Fromhold** and **Jim Moeller**, are participating.

Free parking is available in the service center garage after 6 p.m.

Pearl Harbor survivors to remember Dec. 7

The Vancouver Chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors' Association will commemorate the 62nd anniversary of the December 7 attack on Pearl Harbor with a memorial service at the regular noon mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 400 Andresen Road.

Mass will be followed by a rifle salute and taps, according to **John Bruening**, president of the Vancouver Chapter of the association. He says that refreshments will be served afterward.

The pastor of the church, The Rev. **Hans Olson**, will celebrate the mass. For further information, call Bruening at **253-8199**.

WEDNESDAY

Dec. 3, 2003

Admission will be free for early Christmas celebration at Fort Vancouver

Admission is free for the annual Christmas at Fort Vancouver, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13.

Living history will be re-enacted throughout the day, according to National Park Service spokesperson **Greg Shine**.

Highlight of re-enactments will be "Hunting on Christmas Day," a program involving black-powder muskets, based on a journal account by Thomas Lowe, written on Dec. 25, 1845.

Fort Vancouver is considered the birthplace of Euro-American civilization in the history of the Pacific Northwest. It includes the site of the Hudson's Bay fort, agricultural fields, the village and waterfront of the Hudson's Bay Company, and includes sections of Vancouver Barracks, and the army post parade ground. It was established as a unit of the National Park System in 1948.

News briefs

The C-TRAN board of directors meet in regular session at 5:15 p.m. today in the administration offices, 2425 NE 65th Avenue. The board will consider the transit agency's business plan and budget for 2004. ~~See~~ InterACT's First Thursday forum at noon Thursday, Dec. 4, in M Friends & I Catering, 1010 Broadway, will focus on health care costs. The Holiday Shop, charity gift store, will be part of the Thursday, Dec. 4, Art Walk, both at the main shop at 1708 Main Street and in a temporary shop in the Marketplace at Evergreen and Washington Streets.

Wednesday on the Air

Columbia Gateway Project Public Hearing—4:40 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Land Use Hearing (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Indiana at the Trail Blazers (live)—7 p.m. KXL, KKGTV

Portland Winter Hawks at Everett (live)—7 p.m. KUPL

Gonzaga at Washington (live)—7:30 p.m. FSN

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2003

Alaska Air Group	26.85	-1.05	Linear Technolog	41.48	-91
Alcoa	34.47	+3.32	Microsoft	25.67	+01
Amazon.com	51.51	-2.42	Nautilus	13.71	-17
Bank of America	75.45	-1.16	Nike	66.00	-1.20
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	34.50	+24
Bemis	46.87	+4.2	PepsiCo	47.70	-44
Boeing	38.52	+6.9	Precision Cast	41.94	+1.20
Boise Cascade	31.05	+4.5	RLRN	23.96	+11
CenturyTel	31.69	-1.12	Starbucks	31.95	-10
Costco	35.80	+2.3	TSM	11.20	-10
Expeditors Intl.	39.41	+4.3	Tektronix	26.58	+22
Georgia Pacific	28.71	+2.6	US Bancorp	27.66	-08
HPQ	22.41	-0.4	Wash. Mutual	44.22	-44
Intel	33.34	-5.1	W. Coast Bancorp	21.05	-29
Kyocera	62.75	+1.0	Weyerhaeuser	59.76	+39

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