

The Highline Forum
City of Federal Way Update
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Mayor Jim Ferrell

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Reopening our City in the post-COVID World:

“This is not a challenge—this is an opportunity.”

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2022 State of the City

**While there is much that is happening in Federal Way,
the State of the City focused on five major areas:**

- Our Response to COVID-19
- The Budget
- Economic Development
- Public Safety
- Federal Way's Homelessness Response

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MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

Between Rivne city territorial community (Ukraine) and
 Territorial community of Federal Way (USA)

Rivne City territorial community (Ukraine) represented by the Rivne City Mayor Mr. Oleksandr Tretyak, on the one hand, and territorial community of Federal Way (USA) represented by the mayor Mr. Jim Farrell, on the other hand,

- expressing the territorial communities' good will to strengthen cooperation between them;
- willing to foster the stable and favorable character of partner relations between Rivne City territorial community and territorial community of Federal Way;
- aiming at establishing and strengthening cooperation between territorial communities in business, economy, cultural, education and sport;
- willing to strengthen the partnership based on common ideals, mutual respect and understanding targeted at the local problems resolving that will help local governments of Rivne City and Federal Way to become more efficient and responsible;
- wishing to achieve the goals defined by territorial communities of both municipalities for sharing the experience of local government,

The Parties have agreed on the following:

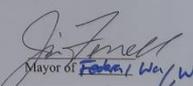
- 1) To promote information exchange about Rivne City in Ukraine and Federal Way in the USA.
- 2) To develop cooperation between local governments of Rivne City and Federal Way;
- 3) To foster business development, initiation and implementation of different projects.
- 4) To hold collaborative cultural, educational, sport events etc.
- 5) To support all other proposals aimed at the Memorandum implementation.

The full implementation of these intentions expressed by the Memorandum will be the subject of further cooperation between the parties.

This Memorandum has been prepared in two copies in Ukrainian and English languages, both of them are authentic.



Oleksandr Tretyak
 Rivne City Mayor



Mayor of Federal Way, WA



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Opening of “The HUB”

Last week our partnership with the region’s educators including Highline College, the University of Washington Tacoma, and Federal Way Public Schools culminated in the opening of the “The Hub,” a satellite education facility providing access to post-secondary and adult education.



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COVID-19 Humanitarian Response

- Working with the Multi-Service Center, Senior Center food bank and other local partners, we were able to help ensure food banks were stocked for our neighbors in need.
- Rental assistance was crucial and we were able to help with \$500,000 in direct payments for families who were unable to pay their rent. We did this in partnership with El Cento De La Raza. Eighty percent of this critical lifeline of rental assistance went to historically marginalized communities.

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COVID-19 Economic Revitalization Response

- Using CARES Act funds we distributed \$4.4 million in vital resources including cash payments to approximately 638 businesses devastated by the COVID caused closures.
- We are now analyzing the use of the American Rescue Plan to lever funding on behalf of our community the allocation of 19 million for the reopening of our city in the post-COVID environment. Funding proposals from community organizations are also being considered.

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Revitalizing Downtown

- Revitalizing our downtown is a key priority. When Federal Way chose to become a city in 1990, there was talk that to be a successful city, Federal Way would need a downtown – not only an identifiable place on the map, but a walkable, vibrant, and welcoming space. Downtown Federal Way is envisioned to be the center of the city - a place where children play, restaurants and businesses flourish, people work, and the community gathers.
- We have begun a community process to imagine what we want for the future heart of our City as we create a “vision that will reflect the values and aspirations of our community.

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Light Rail on the Horizon

- The Link Light Rail Federal Way extension is now over 25% complete and will begin serving our downtown in 3 short years.
- Combined with the investments we have made with the Town Center Project, Light Rail will bring nearly unlimited potential for new business, jobs, growth, and investment in our community.
- To quote the Commons owners “With a light rail station arriving across the street in 2024 serving more than 30,000 daily riders, (we are) considering opportunities to redevelop the Commons...The first phase will include an adaptive re-use of the former 160,000 square foot Sears box, now Amazon Fresh, followed by a multi-phased repositioning and densification plan.

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New Businesses

- Coming Soon: Amazon Fresh Dick's Drive-in and among other new initiatives at the Commons at Federal Way.



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Other New Businesses

- Federal Way is welcoming the expansion of *DaVita Integrated Kidney Care*, the country's largest kidney care provider. DaVita is adding hundreds of well paying jobs to our City and will become the largest private employer in the City of Federal Way.
- We are in the processes of bringing *Smith Brothers Dairy* to Federal Way, and *Pape' Kenworth* is building a new facility in town. *All City Fence*, a regional fencing company, is opening their third location here.
- We continue to monitor progress with the IRG (former Weyerhaeuser campus) property.

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Public Safety

- As our City continues to grow and new residents and business contribute to Federal Way's diversity of culture, it is critically important that we continue to prioritize the absolute top priority of local government; Public Safety.
- Our entire region has seen an unacceptable and dramatic increase gun and drug related crime, property crimes, organized retail theft, and more. Whether the cause is legislation easing the drug laws in our state, COVID-19, a lack of resources to help families in need, or an overall lack of accountability, these crimes continue to affect our quality of life.

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- Last Fall, I proposed and the City Council unanimously approved funding for 13 additional police officers. This brings our total number of budget officers to an historic high of 150.
- The Council has approved 1 million dollars in funding for overtime, so we can strategically use emphasis patrols to address problem areas along Pacific Highway, and throughout Federal Way as pockets of crime activity and trends are noticed.
- Our police department is working with our regional partners to share information between agencies to ensure top offenders are identified and arrested.

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- Our Police Department stays up-to-date on the latest technology and training tactics and we are recruiting a diverse police force, representative of our entire community. Last year, we fully implemented the Body Worn Camera program ensuring accountability.
- Our 2022 State Legislative priorities included support for Youth Violence Prevention as a top priority. As a City, we will continue to support agencies and organizations that do the hard work in the community to establish trust and support families.

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- I have joined with the Mayor's of Auburn, Kent, and Renton to work with King County to strengthen diversion programs rooted in accountability. This allows for greater coordination between our communities to address this serious crime epidemic.
- In addition, recently the City Council unanimously approved my proposal to not allow consumption of fentanyl on public transportation and other public spaces passed unanimously.

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City Innovative EcoSystems Program

- In 2021, Federal Way was selected by the National League of Cities as one of eight cities nationwide for its City Innovation Ecosystems program. This innovative program has already helped us assemble resources that will enable us to convene and connect local innovative entrepreneurs with resources for their growth and expansion.

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Transportation Improvement Board Funding

Federal Way has been awarded a 2.5 million dollar grant to fully fund our roundabout at 373rd.

Earlier this year, we added improvements to mitigate the dangerous conditions which led to four vehicular deaths.



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- Pride Month Flag raising ceremony in June
- Juneteenth Weekend Events including Flag Raising (Friday), Celebration at the Farmer's Market and Juneteenth Walk (Saturday), other events.

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Veterans Monument

On the anniversary of 9/11, we dedicated a Veterans Monument and Flag Pole at the top of Town Center Steps. Thanks to King County Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer and our local VFW for their work on this project



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Airport Issues and StART

- We continue on focused actions on behalf of our residents:
- Involving our entire community's involvement in the upcoming Sustainable Airport Master Plan process
- This includes the raising of the descent angle for landings on runway 34 right from 2.75 degrees to 3 degrees, an increased focus on noise abatement for homes and businesses and actions on emissions, including Ultrafine particles.

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Questions?

Thank you for visiting Federal Way!