

2. City Manager's Report

Eric Schmidt, City Manager, will present his monthly report to council.
minutes

April 15, 2025

To: City Council

From: Eric Schmidt, City Manager

Subject: City Council Business Meeting –City Manager Report

Good evening Mayor, Council President and Councilors,

The following is my monthly City Manager report this evening:

Police Department:

- The Ceasefire work group consisting of 7 officers and 2 sergeants, working primarily on overtime or during their regular hours, have accomplished a great deal in a short period of time.
 - 72 Community Contacts
 - 2 Misdemeanor Arrests
 - 8 Felony Arrests
 - 2 Citations (Violations)
 - 14 Ceasefire Referrals for Services - Focused on Preventing Retaliation or future Violence
 - 4 Search Warrants
 - 8 Firearms Recovered
 - 2 Stolen Vehicles Recovered
- Also, during a recent retail theft mission on April 10, officers made 7 arrests and recovered \$724.85 stolen merchandise.
- Finally, the Police Department continue to be active with their community engagement efforts, recently attending the LAO New Year celebration at the Wat Lao Buddhist Center NW and participating in the LIONJIVITY Peace and Protection Conflict Resolution and Firearm Safety Education event at Rockwood Market Hall.

Fire Department:

- The levy-funded lateral fire fighter/paramedic academy has completed apparatus operator certification and are now with their assigned crews. They are all on-line serving the community of Gresham, the three cities, and District 10.
- We now have an entry-level recruit academy that is in their second week of training. This recruit class will graduate on July 3, 2025.
- Fire station air quality monitoring/testing is going very well following completion of the in-bay ventilation projects at all stations.
 - Air sampling results from Maul Foster & Alongi (MFA) for Stations 72, 74, 75, and 76 all came back satisfactory with no concerns.
 - Air sampling monitors were deployed at Station 31, 73, and the Fire Training Center on Monday, to be retrieved this Friday.

- PFAS monitoring at the Fire Training Center
 - A contract with a groundwater monitoring consultant (GSI) is now in place.
 - Monitoring is expected to begin in May.
- Workout trailer at Station 73
 - The Certificate of Occupancy was issued last Wednesday.
- Station 72 second story addition
 - The design team is diligently working on the project and first building permit submittal is expected in a couple of weeks.
- Brian Flowers recognition by the Oregon State Senate
 - On April 9, 2025, the State of Oregon Senate, Oregon Senate Concurrent Resolution 24, honored Gresham firefighter, Brian Edward Flowers, who passed from occupational leukemia on November 19, 2023. He was a 15-year firefighter with the Gresham Fire Department, died at age 48 from this disease. His son joined the same department shortly before his death. Brian was celebrated for his humor, dedication, and community service, leaving a lasting impact on his family and the Gresham community. His contributions and legacy were honored by the Senate and attended by many from Gresham Fire and other jurisdictions.

General Updates:

- Teamsters succession bargaining unit negotiations kicked off on March 11. The current contract expires June 30, 2025.
- The Spring edition of GRESHAM, our quarterly print newsletter, landed in mailboxes last week. Going to over 54,000 homes, the spring newsletter was full of important accomplishments from across the City, helpful resources and plenty of fun recreational opportunities for our community.
- In the past month, Communications have published four press releases garnering over 1,000 media mentions, with a majority trending in positive sentiment, and an ad equivalency of \$58M.
- Community enhancement grants close this Friday 4/18. These are funds from Metro and eligible projects include those aimed at improving the appearance of a neighborhood, preserving the natural environment, enhancing public safety, providing recreational opportunity, or benefiting under-served populations.
- Gresham Green & Clean: Saturday May 17, 9 AM - 12 PM at Aspen Highland Park.
 - Be a part of Gresham's 10th annual Green and Clean. During Gresham's day of service, we come together to promote community pride and celebrate our parks and trails. Lunch to follow and stick around for a pickleball party, celebrating the new pickleball courts at Aspen Highland. Visit the City's green and clean webpage for more information and to register.