

Resolution

No: 1328

*A Resolution Of The Edmonds City Council Thanking
Council President Diane Buckshnis for Her Service To The Edmonds City Council*

Whereas, **Diane Buckshnis** was elected as Council President on January 7, 2014 to serve a one-year term. During her tenure as President she presided over many meetings that dealt with complex financial and time-consuming land-use items as well as many other multifaceted agenda elements that were not on the usual yearly timeframe of Council review. Her tenure as Council President included managing numerous day-to-day challenges and she did this with thoroughness, organization, and expertise. She had the unusual task of replacing one council vacancy and Edmonds' Judge with the intent to confirm. Two new Student Representatives as well as two new Directors joined the City of Edmonds in 2014; and

Whereas, During her tenure, some, but not all, of the accomplishments included: adoption of the Shoreline Master Program, the Westgate Comprehensive Plan, the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) the City's Parks and Recreations and Open Space Plan (PROS) and Community Cultural Plan (CCP), a Social Media Usage Policy; rezoning of retail business store footage in the downtown retail core as well as rezoning along Highway 99; completion of the 5 Corners Roundabout and the establishment of the Veterans Memorial Plaza and the "Stages of History a Walk through Time" plaques; evaluation and renewal of the City Attorney's Contract; initiated work on the purchase of Civic Stadium, the redevelopment of the Westgate area, the revitalization of the City Park Playground and the Old Woodway High School for health and wellness activities, the Green-Business Pledges and Green Resource Center; started the following items: a Diversity Commission, an Ethics Code, the Heritage Tree Program, the Pine Street Walkway, and a specialized Strategic Planning Group; resolutions were passed acknowledging the great work of Bob and Janice Freeman, as well as, Ron Clyborne, opposition to Coal Trains and the Petroleum Transport by Rail, recommitting to the Edmonds Senior Center for its rebuild and the intent to confirm a new Judge to our City's Municipal Court; other areas included: vision planning for Edmonds' 2015 Legislative Calendar including meeting with local Legislators; design testing of Sunset Avenue Walkway, being awarded 2014 Governor's Smart Communities Award and adoption of the 2015 budget that included Council's monetary support for the code rewrite, marsh restorations, planning board videotaping, the City Park spray pad, pavement preservation, an Environmental Impact Study for Highway 99 and the CIP Alternatives Analysis for the at-grade crossing issues at Dayton and Main to support emergency access to the waterfront. Diane also helped save the City money by switching to a different insurance carrier. She supported, when possible, the Mayor during his Town Hall Meetings and also sat as Mayor Pro-Tem during four Council meetings; and

Whereas, while Council President, she sat on the following WRIA8 Salmon Recovery Commission, WRIA8 Salmon Recovery Grant Funding Sub-Committee, Snohomish County Tomorrow, Snohomish County Cities, and an alternate for Community Transit. She also filled in where necessary on the following Committees Finance, Planning, Parks, and Public Works, Edmonds Economic Development Commission, and the Strategic Planning Committee. It was decided by the Council during her term to try a different Council format by eliminating the committees and going to four full Council meetings a month – two Study Sessions and two Business Sessions.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that Diane Buckshinis be applauded and thanked for serving as Council President. The Council looks forward to her continued dedication and service to the citizens of Edmonds.

Passed, Approved, and Adopted this 6th day of January, 2015.

David O. Earling, Mayor

Kristiana Johnson, Councilmember

Strom Peterson, Councilmember

Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilmember

Thomas Mesaros, Councilmember

Joan Bloom, Councilmember

Lora Petso, Councilmember

Attest: Scott Passey, City Clerk

