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### **MAYOR SIGNS 2019 BUDGET ORDINANCE**

***Combined Operational and Capital Budget Totals \$109,471,322***

**(Edmonds, WA)** - On Thursday Mayor Earling signed the 2019 Budget Ordinance, capping off a months-long budget process that resulted in City Council approval, with amendments, on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

While the Mayor had expressed concern over the cumulative financial impact of the Council's numerous, late-term additions to the 2019 Budget, as he signed the Budget he commented that "there is simply so much that is good in this budget." He added, "it covers a full range of our mutual goals, including public safety, transportation, recreational, environmental, housing, utilities, arts and culture and many other priorities."

While delivering his Budget Message in October, Mayor Earling expressed caution as the current economic expansion completes its 10<sup>th</sup> year, approaching a historic record, which suggests an economic down-turn in the next year or two. Adding to the softening economic outlook, the Mayor recalls the painful lay-offs and cut-backs the City was forced to make after he first took office. "It is precisely for these reasons that the many additions to the 2019 Budget have given me pause, even though I certainly concur that the projects they fund are meritorious and worthy of City financial support," he added.

Nevertheless, the Mayor has affixed his signature to the 2019 Budget, which will go into effect as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, funding over \$109 million in capital projects, special projects, and operations.

Concluding his remarks, the Mayor commented: "As Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer of this municipal corporation, together with my staff, I will diligently and efficiently execute the Council's unanimously adopted 2019 Budget, including all of its programs, projects and activities. That's my job and I take it seriously."

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