My thanks and appreciation to all of you and representatives who worked behind closed doors to keep Renton’s priorities part of the budget. I’m proud of the dedicated, hard-working group representing our interests in Olympia. Once again our senators and then fine tune our list of priorities. Several city councilmembers joined me in Olympia multiple times to lobby.

You can see it was a very good session for Renton. These positive outcomes were achieved through Corrections to increase the per-bed subsidy paid to SCORE for housing inmates. Owner cities, will receive increased funding as the legislature directed the Department of Corrections to increase the per-bed subsidy. Legislation also includes a 45-day processing time frame for new cases. Renton Highlands Library into the Sunset Multi-Use Center. The center will provide social and community services to Sunset Area residents and the broader Highlands community. Affordable housing, homeless and mental health services were also on our priority list. Renton’s Environmental and Mental Health programs will receive increased funding as the legislature directed the Department of Corrections to increase the per-bed subsidy.

Then there is the work of our legislators. I’ve often said Renton is very fortunate to have such a multiple times to lobby. Enforce and mental health professionals to work together in response teams and $2.2 million for diversion and therapy training in jails. SCORE jail, of which Renton is one of seven owner cities, will receive increased funding as the legislature directed the Department of Corrections to increase the per-bed subsidy. Legislation also includes a 45-day processing time frame for new cases. Legislation also includes a $4.4 million grant to allow law enforcement Academy. The state listened and will now fund 75 percent of nine new classes, for years we have advocated for an increase in the number of classes at the Basic Law Enforcement Academy. The state listened and will now fund 75 percent of nine new classes, for years we have advocated for an increase in the number of classes at the Basic Law Enforcement Academy.

It is no secret we have some of the best parks and trails in the northwest. To keep them maintained we asked for and received $610,000 for new play equipment and drainage improvements at Community Park. We also received $100,000 to work on improving a fishing access point at the Cedar River interchange. The plan is to make the area a more “formal” entry to the city. We also received $210,000 for the lands between the Conceptual rendering of the N. 8th Street direct access ramps from The Landing and Southport. All proceeds from the game went to I Am Lionhardt, which provides awareness and financial support to all first responders battling critical illness.

We concluded legislative session we were able to secure funding for several of our major projects. These positive outcomes were achieved through legislation to increase the per-bed subsidy paid to SCORE for housing inmates. Owner cities, will receive increased funding as the legislature directed the Department of Corrections to increase the per-bed subsidy. Legislation also includes a 45-day processing time frame for new cases. Renton Highlands Library into the Sunset Multi-Use Center. The center will provide social and community services to Sunset Area residents and the broader Highlands community. Affordable housing, homeless and mental health services were also on our priority list. Renton’s Environmental and Mental Health programs will receive increased funding as the legislature directed the Department of Corrections to increase the per-bed subsidy. Legislation also includes a 45-day processing time frame for new cases. Legislation also includes a $4.4 million grant to allow law enforcement Academy. The state listened and will now fund 75 percent of nine new classes, for years we have advocated for an increase in the number of classes at the Basic Law Enforcement Academy.

The police dominated the game and led 12-0 before a late touchdown and two-point conversion by the firefighters. The police held on to take home the Responders Bowl trophy and avenge a stinging loss from last year. The two teams played four quarters of aggressive football last Saturday at the Cedar River interchange. The game was stopped at halftime due to intense lightning and thunderstorms. The police beat the firefighters 18-12.

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