



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WA**

**AB 4334
August 4, 2008
Regular Business**

**PARKS BALLOT MEASURE: GENERAL
OBLIGATION BOND LEVY AND OPERATIONS
& MAINTENANCE LEVY**

Proposed Council Action:

Submit the questions of a park operations and maintenance levy and capital bond to the voters of Mercer Island.

DEPARTMENT OF

Parks and Recreation (Peter Mayer) and CORe (Joy Johnston)

COUNCIL LIAISON

Jim Pearman Dan Grausz Steve Litzow

EXHIBITS

1. Park Project and Cost Summary
2. Project Descriptions
3. Proposed Ordinance No. 08-07 (Parks General Obligation Bond Levy)
4. Proposed Ordinance No. 08-08 (Park Operations & Maintenance Levy)

APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER

Rich Conrad 7-30-08

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$	n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$	n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$	n/a

SUMMARY

Background

As directed by City Council, a Citizen's Stakeholder Committee has been meeting since December 2007 to develop a list of park projects that could be funded through a levy lid lift and/or bond levy. With staff assistance, the Committee developed and revised a ballot measure package with the goal of meeting a broad range of Mercer Island park needs as well as being appealing to Mercer Island voters.

At its May 19, 2008 (AB 4307) Study Session, the City Council received a presentation from EMC Research summarizing the Mercer Island Parks Measure survey results. The survey was conducted as part of the work of the Committee, which developed a list of park projects and services (AB 4308). At its June 21, 2008 Mini-Planning Session, Council reviewed and discussed these recommendations as well as financing strategies and tax impacts to Mercer Island residents.

Consensus was reached to set an upper limit of \$12.0 million for the capital projects portion of the package, which is approximately \$2.5 million less than the Stakeholder Committee recommendation. Council also set an overall net property tax increase cap of \$100 on an average home (which is valued at \$1.0 million). This \$100 net increase breaks down as follows:

\$213.07	Total parks bond and O&M levies (which would begin in 2009, if approved)
- \$53.68	Less City Hall levy lid lift (which ends as of 12/31/08)
- \$59.39	Less Luther Burbank Park levy lid lift (which would be replaced by new parks O&M levy)

\$100.00	Net tax impact on a \$1.0 million home
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In other words, the \$213.07 total property tax impact associated with the proposed parks bond and O&M levies would be partially offset by the sunseting of two current levy lid lifts. Finally, Council agreed to discuss funding for the Mary Wayte swimming pool for possible inclusion in the ballot measure.

At its July 7, 2008 regular meeting (AB 4325), the City Council further considered the project selection and funding of the projects and operations and maintenance needs (Exhibit 1). A brief description of each project is included as Exhibit 2. Council opted to include capital costs of \$50,000 for Mary Wayte swimming pool funding and also agreed to:

Lump the Luther Burbank Park capital projects together for a total amount of \$6.25 million, lump playfield capital projects together for a set total amount for at \$4.1 million and all other projects will remain the same as indicated in AB 4325.

Prepare an Operations & Maintenance levy that reduces the Annual O&M for Capital Projects by \$27,000, eliminates the Forest Steward to reduce the levy by \$35,000 and reduce the Schools Financing enough to end up with net annual property tax on a \$1 million home of \$100. Set the Operations & Maintenance Levy at \$900,000 per year for 15 years.

Stakeholders were provided the opportunity to comment following the July 7th Council Meeting. Friends of Luther Burbank Park provided comments as follows: 1) without separate line items for projects, the bond could be difficult to market; 2) they support the decision that the levy is limited to 15 years and not permanent. No further comments were received from Stakeholders.

Based on Council direction, staff has recalculated the project list as noted in Exhibit 1 (See "Council Approval") and prepared two ordinances (one for the General Obligation bonds and one for the levy lid lift for operating & maintenance costs) for Council consideration (Exhibits 3 and 4). The net property tax impact is \$95 on an average Mercer Island home. In order to get these proposed levies on the November ballot, the City must submit these two ordinances, if approved, to King County by August 12th.

RECOMMENDATION

Parks and Recreation Director and Communications Coordinator

- MOVE TO:
1. Approve Ordinance No. 08-06 instructing King County Elections to place a \$900,000 per year park maintenance and operations levy lid lift for a period of fifteen years on the November 4th, 2008, Mercer Island general election ballot.
 2. Approve Ordinance No. 08-07 instructing King County Elections to place a \$12.0 million General Obligation Bond to fund park capital improvements on the November 4th, 2008, Mercer Island general election ballot.

<u>Revised Parks Ballot Measures</u>			
<u>Project List</u> (Based on 7/7/08 Council Meeting)	Committee Recommendation	Council Approval	Tax Impact on \$1.0 Million Home (Council Approval)
Luther Burbank Pk. Improvements* (may include Shoreline Restoration, Waterfront Imprvmts, Playground, Swim Beach Imprvmts, N. Wetland, Trail Connections)	\$ 7,651,000	\$ 6,252,000	
Ballfield Improvements* (may include S. Mercer Playfields Turf & Lighting, Island Crest Park - Turf Infields, Island Crest Park South Field Turf)	\$ 5,231,000	\$ 4,035,000	
Engstrom Open Space Trail	\$ 236,000	\$ 236,000	
Small Dog Off-leash Area	\$ 316,000	\$ 316,000	
Trail Enhancements	\$ 323,000	\$ 323,000	
Alt. Funding - Swim Beach Improvements	\$ 788,000	\$ 788,000	
Add Mary Wayte Pool - Capital	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	
<i>sub-total</i>	\$ 14,595,000	\$ 12,000,000	\$94.44
Luther Burbank Park O&M	\$ 370,000	\$ 370,000	\$46.73
Open Space/Vegetation Management	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	\$8.21
Pioneer Pk Forest Management	\$ 77,000	\$ 77,000	\$9.73
Forest Steward	\$ 35,000	\$ -	
Capital Project O&M	\$ 155,000	\$ 128,000	\$16.17
School-related Pk&Rec Activities* (may include Facility Scheduling, Athletic Field Maint and Other Activities)	\$ 463,000	\$ 260,000	\$32.84
<i>Levy Lid Lift Total</i>	\$ 1,165,000	\$ 900,000	\$113.68
<i>Annual Debt Service for Capital Bond Levy</i>	\$ 873,077	\$ 747,731	\$94.44
Total Annual Tax Amount	\$ 2,038,077	\$ 1,647,731	\$208.12
	Committee Recommendation	Council Approval	
Annual property tax on \$1.0 million home	\$257.42	\$208.12	
Less "sunsetting" of Luther Burbank 6-yr levy	-\$59.39	\$ (59.39)	
Less "sunsetting" of MIDA City Hall levy	-\$53.68	\$ (53.68)	
Net annual property tax on \$1.0M home	\$144.35	\$ 95.05	

*Note: Stakeholder Recommendation listed projects as separate line items.

PARKS BALLOT MEASURES PROJECT LIST DESCRIPTIONS

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDED FROM GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND

Luther Burbank Park Improvements (*projects may include*):

- ◆ **Luther Burbank Park Shoreline Restoration** (includes Calkins Point and South Wetland); restore shoreline and create 4-7 human access and erosion control beaches; add demonstration garden; environmental learning amenities and furnishings;
- ◆ **Luther Burbank Park Waterfront Improvements-** Make improvements to dock, float, pier, Boiler Building, pathway, drainage and sewer system and conduct waterfront planning process to identify future improvements and enhancements.
- ◆ **Luther Burbank Park Playground.** Replace existing children's playground equipment with new equipment.
- ◆ **Luther Burbank Park Swim Beach Improvements.** Expand swim and beach area; provide on-grade access to beach; new floating swim dock and ladder; add small water spray park, upland sand kids play area, sand volleyball court and arbors for shade.
- ◆ **Luther Burbank Park North Wetland-** Complete north wetland boardwalk and expand north wetland to south; add new plantings.
- ◆ **Luther Burbank Park Trail Connections-** Build missing trail connection from "Luther LID" to North Mercer Way; Build trail adjacent to Upper Luther Burbank Park/84th Ave SE to Town Center; Develop Downtown park entrance including wayfinding signage to Luther Burbank Park; create park area for Town Center users; add new furnishings.

Ballfield Improvements (*projects may include*):

- ◆ **South Mercer Playfields-** install artificial turf and new lighting at Field #3 and create new Field #5; add artificial turf on infields at Fields #1 and #2.
- ◆ **Island Crest Park North & South infield-** install artificial turf on the infield of the north and south field.
- ◆ **Island Crest Park.** Incremental cost to install artificial turf on the outfield of the south field.

Engstrom Open Space. Build trail to make open space accessible and connect to Pioneer Park and East Mercer Way.

Small Dog Off Leash Area. Expand Luther Burbank Park OLA to create small dog area or create new one elsewhere.

Trail Enhancements. Construct trail connecting SE 36th street via portion of I-90 service road to Shorewood Heights and construct trail adjacent to and inside Gallagher Hill Open Space to SE 40th street. Improve Ellis Pond trails.

Swim Beach Improvements. Repairs and improvements to other park swim beaches.

Mary Wayte Pool Improvements. Partial funding for new pool liner, locker room renovations and boiler system upgrades.

PARK OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUNDED FROM ANNUAL LEVY

Luther Burbank Park Operations and Maintenance. Continue funding annual operations and maintenance of Luther Burbank Park at existing levels.

Open Space Vegetation Management. Increase existing maintenance efforts. Restore the health of open space areas through enhanced levels of invasive vegetation removal; new trails; replanting of native species.

Pioneer Park. Increase existing maintenance efforts. Restore the health of Pioneer Park by removing diseased trees and invasive plants and replanting with new vegetation and trees.

Capital Projects Operations and Maintenance. Funding of park operations and maintenance costs associated with new capital projects once constructed.

School Related Park and Recreation Activities (*Services May Include*):

- ◆ **School Facility Scheduling-** scheduling of School District facilities
- ◆ **School Athletic Field Maintenance-** maintenance of School District ballfields
- ◆ **Other School Related Park and Recreation Activities**

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 08-07

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Mercer Island, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City at an election to be held on November 4, 2008, of a proposition authorizing the City to issue its general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$12,000,000 to improve, develop, construct and equip open space and park and recreation facilities, and levy excess property taxes in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mercer Island, Washington (the “City”) has reviewed the recommendations of the Parks Levy Stakeholder Committee for the improvement, development, construction and equipping of various City parks and recreation facilities (the “Park Improvements); and

WHEREAS, in order to provide all or a part of the funds to provide financing for the Park Improvements, it is deemed necessary and advisable that the City issue and sell its unlimited tax levy general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$12,000,000 (the “Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the constitution and laws of the State of Washington provide that the question of whether or not the City may issue such Bonds be submitted to the qualified electors of the City for their ratification or rejection;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings. The City Council hereby finds that the best interests of the residents of the City require the City to improve, develop, construct and equip open space and

park and recreation facilities identified in Section 2 below, at the time and in the order and in the manner deemed most necessary and advisable by the City (the “Park Improvements”).

Section 2. Park Improvements. The City shall provide funds for the Park Improvements within the City and identified below. The City’s share of the total project cost is estimated not to exceed \$12,000,000. The Park Improvements may include the following:

- Luther Burbank shoreline restoration
- South Mercer playfields drainage, turf and lighting upgrades
- Island Crest Park ballfield turf upgrades
- Luther Burbank waterfront improvements
- Luther Burbank playground replacement
- Engstrom open space trail
- Small dog off leash area
- Luther Burbank swim beach improvements
- Luther Burbank north wetland and boardwalk
- Trail Enhancements
- Luther Burbank trail connections
- Other parks swim beach improvements
- Mary Wayte Pool upgrades

The cost of all necessary appraisals, negotiation, closing, architectural, engineering, financial, legal and other consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative and relocation expenses and other costs incurred in connection with the foregoing capital improvements shall be deemed a part of the capital costs of such improvements. Such improvements shall be complete with all necessary equipment and appurtenances.

The City shall determine the exact specifications for the Park Improvements as well as the timing, order and manner of completing the projects. The City Council may alter, make substitutions to and amend such project descriptions as it determines is in the best interests of the

City and consistent with the general descriptions provided herein. The City Council shall determine the application of moneys available for the various Park Improvements set forth above so as to accomplish, as nearly as may be, all of the Park Improvements.

If the City Council shall determine that it has become impractical to acquire, construct or equip all or any portion of the Park Improvements by reason of changed conditions, incompatible development, costs substantially in excess of the amount of bond proceeds or tax levies estimated to be available, or acquisition by a superior governmental authority, the City shall not be required to acquire, construct or equip such portions. If all of the Park Improvements have been constructed or acquired or duly provided for, or found to be impractical, the City may apply the Bond proceeds (including earnings thereon) or any portion thereof to other park and recreation capital purposes or to the redemption of the Bonds as the City Council in its discretion, shall determine.

In the event that the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, plus any other money of the City legally available therefor, are insufficient to accomplish all of the Park Improvements, the City shall use the available funds for paying the cost of those portions of the projects deemed by the City Council most necessary and in the best interest of the City.

Section 3. Authorization of Bonds. For the purpose of providing all or a part of the funds necessary to pay the costs of the Park Improvements, together with incidental costs and costs related to the sale and issuance of the Bonds, the City shall issue and sell its general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$12,000,000. The Bonds shall be issued in an amount not exceeding the amount approved by the electors of the City and not exceeding the amount permitted by the constitution and laws of the State of Washington. The balance, if any, of the cost of the Park Improvements shall be paid out of any other legally

available funds. The Bond proceeds (and earnings thereon) shall be used to pay the costs of Park Improvements, together with incidental costs and costs related to the sale and issuance of the Bonds, and shall not be used for the replacement of equipment or for other than a capital purpose.

Section 4. Details of Bonds. The Bonds provided for in Section 3 hereof shall be issued in such amounts and at such time or times as deemed necessary and advisable by the City Council and as permitted by law. The Bonds may be issued in one or more series and shall bear interest payable at a rate or rates authorized by the City Council. The Bonds shall mature in such amounts and at such times within a maximum term of 20 years from date of issue of a series, all as authorized by the City Council and as provided by law. The Bonds shall be general obligations of the City and, unless paid from other sources, both principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable out of annual tax levies to be made upon all the taxable property within the City without limitation as to rate or amount and in excess of any constitutional or statutory tax limitations. The exact date, form, terms, maturities, covenants and manner of sale of the Bonds shall be as hereafter fixed by ordinance or ordinances of the City Council. After voter approval of the Bond proposition and in anticipation of the issuance of such Bonds, the City may issue short-term obligations as authorized by chapter 39.50 RCW.

Section 5. Bond Election. It is hereby found that the best interests of the inhabitants of the City require the submission to the qualified electors of the City of a proposition authorizing the City to issue Bonds for the purposes of funding the Park Improvements, at an election to be held on November 4, 2008. The Director of Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in King County, Washington, is hereby

requested to assume jurisdiction of and to call and conduct the election to be held within the City and to submit to the qualified electors of the City the proposition hereinafter set forth.

The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, not less than 84 days prior to such election date, to certify the proposition to the King County Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division in substantially the following form:

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND
PROPOSITION NO. ____
GENERAL OBLIGATION PARKS AND
OPEN SPACE BONDS

The City Council of the City of Mercer Island adopted Ordinance No. 08-07 concerning a parks and open space bond proposition. This proposition authorizes the City to restore and improve Luther Burbank Park, improve existing parks and facilities, upgrade sportsfields, develop trails and upgrade swim facilities; to issue its general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$12,000,000, maturing within a maximum of 20 years; and to levy property taxes annually in excess of regular property tax levies to repay such bonds. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED?.....

REJECTED?

Certification of such proposition by the City Clerk to the Director of Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division, in accordance with law, prior to the date of such election, and any other acts consistent with the authority, and prior to the effective date, of this ordinance, are hereby ratified.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect five days after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Mercer Island, Washington, at a regular open public meeting thereof held this 4th day of August, 2008.

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND,
WASHINGTON

Jim Pearman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Allison Spietz, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Katie Knight, Interim City Attorney

Published: _____

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Mercer Island, Washington, and keeper of the records of the City Council, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached Ordinance is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 08-07 of the City (the "Ordinance"), as finally adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on August 4, 2008, and duly recorded in my office.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that quorum of the City Council was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the City Council voted in the proper manner for the adoption of said Ordinance; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper adoption or passage of said Ordinance have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed, and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

Dated this 4th day of August, 2008.

Allison Spietz, City Clerk

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

OFFICIAL BALLOT

GENERAL OBLIGATION PARKS AND
OPEN SPACE BONDS

November 4, 2008

INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "APPROVED?"; to vote against the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "REJECTED?."

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND
PROPOSITION NO. ____

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APPROVED?.....

REJECTED?

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 08-08

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Mercer Island, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City at an election to be held on November 4, 2008, of a proposition authorizing the City to lift the tax levy limit established in RCW 84.55.010 to pay costs of operating and maintaining City parks and recreation facilities.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 03-16 approved on November 17, 2003, and Ordinance No. 03-17 approved on November 17, 2003, the City of Mercer Island, Washington (the "City") has in effect a tax levy in excess of the limit established in RCW 84.55.010 to pay costs of operating and maintaining City parks and recreational facilities, including the Luther Burbank Park; and

WHEREAS, the levy lid lift for operation and maintenance of Luther Burbank Park is scheduled to expire December 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, in order to pay costs of operations and maintenance as found necessary by the City Council, it is deemed advisable that the City impose taxes within the limits permitted to cities and such tax will replace the expiring levy for operation and maintenance of Luther Burbank Park; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050 authorizes the voters of a City to authorize an increase above the levy limitations established in RCW 84.55.010; and

WHEREAS, the conditions here and above set forth require the holding of a special election in the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND,
DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings. The City Council hereby finds that the best interests of the residents of the City require the City to pay costs of maintenance and operation of City open space, park and recreation facilities, including operating Luther Burbank Park and improving forest and vegetative health of open spaces.

Section 2. Operations and Maintenance Levy. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the City require the submission to the qualified electors of the City of the proposition whether the City shall levy regular property taxes above the levy limitations established in RCW 84.55.010 for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held on November 4, 2008. For the purpose of providing funds necessary to operate and maintain existing and future parks and recreation facilities of the City, the Director of Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in King County, Washington, is hereby requested to call and conduct such special election to be held within the City on such day and to submit to the qualified electors of the City for their approval or rejection, a proposition to increase the City's regular property tax levy by up to 10.2 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (to a total rate not to exceed \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed valuation) for collection in 2009 and increase the levy as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW for each of the 15 succeeding years.

Upon approval of the voters of the proposition hereinafter set forth, the City may use proceeds of such levy for the purpose of operating and maintaining City parks and recreation facilities. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify the following proposition to the Director of Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in King County, Washington, in the following form:

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND
PROPOSITION NO. _____

LEVY FOR PARK OPERATIONS
AND MAINTENANCE

The City Council of the City of Mercer Island adopted Ordinance No. 08-08 concerning property taxes to maintain and operate park and recreational facilities. This proposition would increase the City's regular property tax levy by \$900,000 to a total authorized rate of up to \$1.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2009 and increase the levy as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW for each of the 15 succeeding years to continue operating Luther Burbank Park, improve forest and vegetative health of open spaces, and operate and maintain park and recreation-related facilities and services. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED?.....

REJECTED?.....

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect five days after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Mercer Island, Washington, at a regular open public meeting thereof held this 4th day of August, 2008.

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON

Jim Pearman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Allison Spietz, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Katie Knight, Interim City Attorney

Published:_____

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Mercer Island, Washington, and keeper of the records of the City Council, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached Ordinance is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 08-08 of the City (the "Ordinance"), as finally adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on August 4, 2008, and duly recorded in my office.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that quorum of the City Council was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the City Council voted in the proper manner for the adoption of said Ordinance; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper adoption or passage of said Ordinance have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed, and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

Dated this 4th day of August, 2008.

Allison Spietz, City Clerk

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APPROVED?.....

REJECTED?

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

LEVY FOR PARK OPERATIONS
AND MAINTENANCE

November 4, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 4, 2008, a special election will be held in the above-named City for the submission to the qualified electors of said City of the following proposition:

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PROPOSITION NO. ____

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AND MAINTENANCE

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APPROVED?.....

REJECTED?

The polling places for all precincts wholly or partially within the City shall be as follows:

Precincts	Polling Places
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Said polling places shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

 Director
 King County Records, Elections and Licensing
 Services Division