

# Glendale 2nd District Report

November 2nd, 2009



Much work has been done throughout October to prepare and finalize the 2010 Glendale City Budget. I urge all of you to attend the public hearing on November 9<sup>th</sup>. This is where the public will have a chance to hear and view the City budget in total.

Please feel free to contact me with your opinions or concerns relating to City of Glendale issues. I look forward to seeing you at the Common Council meetings.

## **Glendale City Budget 2010**

I would like to start with the City budget, as this is what I am getting many questions on over the past several weeks. First off, it looks as if a zero percent tax increase is going to be able to be attained and I think this is important in these tough economic times. Also, the City has not adopted any new fees for 2010.

At the October 26<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting a member of the public mentioned that they were pleased to hear that taxes were not increasing, because the current level of taxes are already a burden for those out of work or living on fixed incomes. I completely agree. The City and its staff have worked hard at submitting a budget that would not increase property taxes this year.

2010 will however have a slight increase in the current storm water, sanitary

sewer and environmental fees. These fee increases are in part a result of the budgetary pressures put on municipalities by the state budget recently passed.

In total, all three fee increases amount to \$10.60 per household per year. Storm water fee = +\$3, Sanitary Sewer fee = +.10 per 1000 gallons or about \$5.60 avg. per household, and Environmental fee = +\$2. Not a large increase per household annually, but too much for me. I voted no on these increases.

My opinion is that now is not the time for increases of any kind. I believe that energy, food, and governmental increases are putting a strain on those who have lost jobs, income and assets during these tough times. I believe any increase puts a strain on those trying to live on fixed incomes or reduced incomes and the taxpayer needs to be protected by those who represent them.

These are the reasons that I voted No on all three fee increases.

## **Current Project Status**

1. Green Bay Avenue Project is essentially complete. Striping, Lighting and Landscaping are being finished and all four lanes should be open this week.
2. Bender/Port Washington Road intersection project should be essentially wrapped up and operational by the first week of November.
3. Many of you have noticed the extensive landscaping taking place on Port Washington Road, from the Park and Ride all the way north to Bender Road. For your information, this is being paid for by the Bay Shore TIF district, not individual property taxes.

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## **Milwaukee River Parkway Project**

Many of you have had concerns about the condition of the road adjoining City Hall/Parkway School. Milwaukee River Parkway is a Milwaukee County road and therefore is a county responsibility. However, the City of Glendale has been concerned about the deterioration of the road, storm water drainage issues along the road and the public safety concerns for students and parents along the Parkway.

The City of Glendale, specifically Mr. Maslowski, has worked tirelessly at attempting to partner with Milwaukee County to resurface the parkway from Silver Spring to Bender. Additionally, curb and gutter, as well as sidewalk from Sunny Point to Bender would be included, along with a redesign of the pedestrian crossing between City Hall and Parkway School for safer use by students and their parents.

The City has offered to cover 60% of the total cost of this project, which is unheard of with projects of this magnitude. However, the City of Glendale has noticed a real issue with the Parkway and decided to move forward with an attractive offer to the County. We are very hopeful that Milwaukee County adds this to their 2010 Budget.

## **Glendale Police Accreditation**

The Glendale Police Department is scheduled for an onsite assessment through the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group, to achieve re-accreditation status. As part of this onsite assessment, community leaders and citizens are invited to attend and make comments at a public information session Wednesday November 4th at 5:00pm.

As part of the onsite assessment, community leaders and citizens are invited to comment on the outstanding job our City Police Department is doing. This session will take place in the Municipal Courtroom.

## **Calendar of events for November**

- Planning Commission Meeting  
Tuesday November 3rd 7:00pm
- Police Accreditation Session  
Wednesday November 4th 5:00pm
- Common Council Meeting Monday  
November 9th 7:00pm
- Common Council Meeting Monday  
November 23rd 7:00pm

I urge all of you to try and attend Common Council Meetings throughout the month.

Please encourage others to join my email list or visit the Glendale website to read this report.

Please visit often: [www.glendale-wi.org](http://www.glendale-wi.org)

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