

**Additional notes to the often quoted single statement by Mayor Mark at the March 6, 2006 Council worksession**

Here are some of Mayor Mark Admunson's other quotes transcribed word-for-word that pertain to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to place the Greenways 3 levy to voters:

Mark: In reference to the expenditure table, "They are just guidelines."

Mark: "I don't decide it, Paul does not decide it, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board does not decide it, the Greenways Advisory Committee does not decide it, the City Council decides it. So you have complete control over each thing."

Mark: "Only after the City Council approves an acquisition can I sign for the City a Purchase and Sale Agreement."

Mark: "Let's be real specific about GW III if it passes. And let's say 8 months from now there is a specific development proposal that has come from the property owners and we know what the set aside is to be required for open space and we will come in and talk to you, we will talk to the Greenways Advisory Committee and say what in addition to that do you think is necessary to preserve. And based on what you say we will then go and negotiate. That may cost \$500,000, it may cost \$5 M, it may cost \$8 M, or it may cost more than that and the Council gets to decide what you want to do with it on that basis. It is why we call it guidelines. We don't know what a specific parcel might cost and what our specific needs would be."

The following is the quote that has garnered selective attention:

Mark: "Let me tell you how I interpret this if I could so that you know what this means to me and so you know how it would be administered. And that is, the reason is that when we worked this afternoon at the committee meeting, it was my belief that it was the intention of the Council was to have the \$6 M increased to 8 that's why we put it that way. And I can tell you that from my perspective if the voters approve this is that, when the day is done and the information is all obtained and it appears that there is \$8 M of necessary acquisition at Chuckanut Ridge, 6 plus 2 is what is designated for that. That is my interpretation of what this means. If it turns out what is necessary in and around on the Southside around Chuckanut Ridge is less than 6 then that undesignated 2 plus whatever else is left can be used for other acquisitions in the community. Hopefully, up to \$6 M would be on the Southside." [The operable word is "necessary."]

Based on these and MANY other comments at this meeting, the 1st and 2nd reading of the GW III levy ordinance passed 4-3 with Barbara, Terry, and Gene in opposition. It would appear odd for these councilmembers to embrace Mark's last comment as godsend and then vote against the ordinance.

Both in the Resolution and the 3rd and final reading of the ordinance on March 13, the language states clearly: "Southside property acquisitions = \$6 M" [Note that it is in plural. If it was for all of Chuckanut Ridge, this language would have been in the singular tense at worse and specifically calling for the line item purchase of the property at best.]