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MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Ramsay, City Manager

From: Daryl Grigsby, Public Works Director

Date: May 4, 2006

Subject: Introduction of New Public Works Storm/Sewer Division Manager

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that we introduce the new Storm/Sewer Division Manager for the Public Works Department to the City Council.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

I am pleased to introduce Bobbi Wallace as the new Storm/Sewer Division Manager for the Public Works Department. Bobbi is a proven manager with a track record of innovation, strategic planning, and service-oriented program implementation. She most recently was the King County Parks Maintenance and Facilities Manager. In that role she managed 84 staff and a \$12 M annual budget. Prior to that, Bobbi was a Parks Manager for the City of Seattle. Her management roles were preceded by working her way through the ranks in the Seattle Engineering Department. She started as an Assistant Gardner, and from there was promoted to Truck Driver, Heavy Equipment Operator, Concrete Paving Crew Chief, and Street Maintenance Supervisor.

Bobbi's references cited her abilities as a supportive supervisor with high expectations and a 'can-do' attitude. She was also praised for her problem-solving skills, innovation, teamwork, creativity, and positive energy. She has received the Seattle Management Association Award for Excellence in Innovation, the National Association of Counties Innovation Award, and her section received the County's Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award. In addition, Bobbi was appointed to the Governor's Early Action Oil Spill Task Force and is a member of the National Urban and Community Forest Advisory Council.

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