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MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Ramsay, City Manager
From: Daryl Grigsby, Public Works Director
Date: March 6, 2009
Subject: Council Recognition of Gary Zwick

On Tuesday, February 24th, Street Division employee Gary Zwick was driving to his work assignment on NE 85th near Lee Johnson Chevrolet when he noticed a person lying on the sidewalk. He stopped the vehicle, went to aid the victim, and asked his partner Scott Helsel to call 9-1-1. Gary Zwick administered CPR for several minutes until the Emergency Response Unit arrived.

City of Kirkland aid units arrived, took over CPR, and transported the individual to the hospital. When Fire Emergency crews left the hospital, the victim had a pulse and had regained consciousness. We learned later the individual died in the hospital from a massive heart attack.

It appears the individual was a truck driver delivering cars, and apparently had fallen near the truck from the heart attack. During the fall he also suffered a gash wound to the head.

Despite those conditions, Gary Zwick did not hesitate to do all he could to insure the individual had every opportunity to survive. We therefore request that the City Council recognize Gary Zwick for his unselfish courage and quick reaction to a medical emergency. His actions were far beyond his job description and normal assignment of duties.

We all know that times are hard on many levels, and there is much concern and worry. In that context, Gary Zwick's actions remind us of what is important and what it means to set aside your own fears to help someone else. By his actions that day, Gary exemplifies what it means to be a public servant and a caring human being.

March 6, 2009

Mr. Gary Zwick
22832 102nd Avenue SE
Woodinville, WA 98072

Subject: FEBRUARY 24, 2009

Dear Mr. Zwick:

On behalf of the City Council, I am pleased to recognize you for your actions on February 24, 2009. On that day, you came to the aid of a person lying motionless on the sidewalk. Not only did you rush to see what the problem was, but you immediately utilized your skills at CPR on the victim. The presence of a head wound did not delay or hinder your response. In fact, you continued CPR until the City of Kirkland Fire Department arrived.

Therefore, on behalf of the City Council I am commending you for your actions that day. During these difficult times, where there is much worry and concern; you demonstrated the importance of unselfish courage and care for others. Your actions exemplified what it means to be a public servant, a person who works each day on behalf of the community and in times of crisis steps forward to do what needs to be done.

The City Council, on behalf of all the employees of the City family and the citizens of the community, gives you our heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

Sincerely,

KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL

By James L. Lauinger
Mayor