

Friends and fellow citizens:

First, Happy Mother's Day to all our Westworth Village mothers. I am so thankful for my wife of 42 years, Susan, our two children, and, of course, those two sets of twin grandsons.

Thank you for your participation in last Saturday's municipal election. Disregarding last November's general election aberration, last week was the second largest municipal turnout in the city's history, with a far higher percentage of participating voters than our neighboring cities. I credit that not only to our four fine candidates, but also to you – an interested and informed electorate.

If you've never been to a city council meeting, I urge you to consider coming to the first 30 minutes or so of this Tuesday's meeting. This meeting will reflect the very genius and uniqueness of our constitutional republic. After a special invocation, the city council will retire for a very short executive session, and then we will come out and approve a lawsuit settlement, and affirm last week's election results.

Then, you will see what makes our country so special. As we say goodbye to two excellent council members, Rosa Mendez and Dore Hendrix, and thank them for their fine service, we will then turn our attention to welcoming our two new councilmembers, Phillip Poole and Halden Griffith. We will swear in our two new councilmembers, and then, following welcoming speeches and commentary, we will adjourn the meeting for five minutes or so before we return to get down to business.

Those of you who have been around me know this is always my favorite council meeting of the year. There is nothing that can match the excitement, enthusiasm, and fresh ideas which only new councilmembers can bring. It's truly the genius behind Thomas Jefferson's rotation-in-office representative form of government.

On a personal note, thank you for the opportunity to serve a second term as your mayor. While, with the staff's and city council's support, we were able to accomplish a good deal to move our city forward within the last two years, important work remains to be done. We need to 1) build the special and unequaled Melva Campbell Park, 2) strategically act upon the results of our soon-forthcoming city drainage analysis, and 3) complete the city's infrastructure revival throughout our town. Hard work, and hard decisions, await this new city council.

Please try to come Tuesday night. As mentioned, after the ceremonial transition, a short break will afford you the opportunity to leave after 30 minutes or so. You truly will see the very heart of your local government, and what makes our country so uniquely special.

Finally, I had the opportunity to visit the control tower at NAS Fort Worth JRB last week, and I was fortunate enough to capture one of the new F-35As during a checkout flight for General Dynamics. This is the most modern fighter aircraft in the world, and you probably know that a squadron of F-35As will be headquartered at our base within the next couple of years, helping to ensure that our base remains strong and viable for the foreseeable future.

As always, it is a truly special honor to serve as your mayor. Please let me know if I can ever be of assistance to you.

Regards, Kelly



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