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State of the City Address

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2005 was a productive year for Roseburg city government and 2006 looks to be even more exciting. Last year in my State of the City address, I labeled 2005 as "The Year of New Beginnings", and with the help of our citizens, commission members, city staff, and our City Council, we were able to accomplish goals and establish new challenges. From the new city seal to the amendment of our North Roseburg Urban Renewal Plan, we can look to a bright and invigorating future for our city.

The City Council successfully completed several tasks during the year. After a nationwide search lasting six months, Eric Swanson was hired as our new city manager and took over the position in March. Also joining our government is Fred Alley, a former development director from Nebraska, who was hired to fill the same position here. Neighborhood walks in Wards 1 and 2 provided council members with input, advice and suggestions for improving customer service to community members. Council chambers are now graced with a beautiful city seal created by local artist Al Hooten. Crafted from 7 different types of woods and comprised of more than 350 pieces, the 40 pound seal features trees set against snowcapped mountain tops and the words "City of Roseburg, Timber Capital of the Nation." The new Visitors & Convention commission is already at work on plans to support our current local events, and the council is working on the new PEG channel as a way to televise council meetings. But perhaps the most important accomplishment of the council was the amendment of the North Roseburg Urban Renewal Plan which allowed us to change boundaries and provide roughly 160 new acres to the renewal plan including downtown Roseburg as well as the South Umpqua waterfront area.

The Public Works Department, led by Clay Baumgartner, underwent organizational changes and now includes five major divisions: Airport, Streets, Water, Public Works Administration, and Parks which used to be a separate department. The move should result in improved operations and more efficient utilization of available resources. Reservations, permits and special events will continue to be coordinated through the Public Works Administration office on the first floor of City Hall.

The Fir Grove soccer field renovations have been completed along with additional drainage projects creating a quality soccer facility for the community. This spring a parking area along the east side of the park will be constructed. Plans are also underway for a hiking trail in Sunshine Park. Staff has also been meeting with Roseburg Urban Sanitary Authority to explore the possibility of building a new 18-hole golf course that could be irrigated by using effluent. This beneficial use of treated wastewater has become increasingly widespread as communities look for ways to reduce costs while protecting water quality in rivers and streams. One of the largest projects within the Public Works Department is the \$3 million airport expansion with 90 percent of the funding provided by State and Federal grants. This summer 75,000 cubic yards of material was moved, providing more room for future airplane storage and hangars. Paving will be finished when the weather allows. City crews replaced 5,000 feet of undersized and/or deteriorating water piping. Additionally, resurfacing Stewart Parkway between Garden Valley and Edenbower Boulevard was finished along with paving and sidewalk improvements on Garden Valley Boulevard between Mulholland Drive and Fairmount Street.

Human Resources Director Barbara Gershon finished a successful year. There were changes in about one third of the total work force including hiring 24 new employees and processing promotions, retirements and other types of personnel actions. Every City department experienced staff turnover resulting in recruitment, testing, and orientation for those positions.

Police Chief Mark Nickel announced that on October 1, 2005 the department had finally reached full staffing levels only to have one of their new recruits resign the following month. Steps have been taken to streamline the hiring process and reduce the time from application to hiring. Soon two motorcycle officers will again be assigned to street patrol. Look for new police cars to be introduced to the fleet as older vehicles are rotated out. The new cars will sport the traditional black and white color scheme with new graphics. The Citizen Police Academy, made up of nearly 20 students, completed a 10-week course as part of a joint venture between the Douglas County Sheriff's Department and the Roseburg Police. Another class is scheduled for spring. In May, Roseburg police became involved in the first "officer involved" fatal shooting in a number of years when they responded to a "man with a gun" in northwest Roseburg. After a standoff lasting several long hours and unsuccessful negotiations, the individual ran from where he had barricaded himself, firing his weapon at officers. One officer sustained a slight wound requiring hospitalization. Unfortunately, the subject was fatally wounded when officers returned fire. This incident illustrates that no community is immune to violent crime, but it also shows that Roseburg employs the highest caliber of professional police officers. Officers involved in this incident were subsequently honored by the Oregon Peace Officers Association for their conduct before, during and after the tragedy.

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Larry Rich
Mayor

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State of the City continued

During 2005, the fire department under Jack Cooley continued to work towards matching emergency demands with our available resources. Despite a growing senior population, changes to the health care system, and increased urban development, progress was made in reducing call volume. Revisions to the false alarm ordinance, including education, preventative maintenance and fee incentives, resulted in reducing false alarms. The department still responded to 3800 calls with an average response time of 5:40, a true urban level of service for the citizens of Roseburg. Funds from Homeland Security Grants played a major role in large equipment purchases and training. Over \$206,000 was used to buy new breathing apparatus and emergency vehicle computers. The money also allowed the continuation of the Community Emergency Response Team also known as CERT. Along with participating in two large-scale countywide disaster drills, Roseburg firefighters assisted at two major fires in our county—the Murphy Plywood fire in Sutherlin and the Pellet Mill fire in Dixonville. And most importantly, the Harvard Avenue fire station is being reopened on February 1st. In May, approval was given to hire four personnel who will staff the station during peak activity times providing an improved level of fire and EMS service for the entire city. Just as the Harvard station suffered several years of staff reductions before it was ultimately forced to close, it will also take several years for the station to once again be fully operational.

In addition to hiring Fred Alley as director, the Community Development Department adopted a new mission statement: Helping Plan and Build a Better Roseburg. As part of the mission statement, steps were taken to improve the city's development and permit process. On December 1st, the department published the first edition of the "Community Development Newsletter" as a means of improving communications with members of the development community. The monthly newsletter will highlight current planning and development items and will be distributed primarily by e-mail. Anyone interested in receiving a copy should contact the Community Development Department and ask that they be placed on the e-mail list. A copy can also be mailed to those who do not have e-mail. Umpqua Homebuilders and the Roseburg area Chamber of Commerce joined with the City of Roseburg to create a Quality Control Review Committee as a means of improving and streamlining the building permit issuance and inspection program. Also starting in 2006, the front service counter at city hall will be open the first and last hour of the day to provide more assistance from building inspectors. Expanding the hours is an outgrowth of requests from the Quality Control Review Committee and homebuilders who needed specific times set aside for them to make inquiries with the building inspectors.

2006 should prove to be an exciting year for our city with many of the changes centering around the redistricting of the urban renewal boundaries. By including the downtown and waterfront areas, we will be increasing opportunities that will benefit the community for years to come. We will be studying the possibility of having a combined fire and police station headquartered in the area. Currently, the downtown fire station is badly in need of repairs, and the police station is located in a rented building. Combining the two would allow for state of the art facilities and better coordination of services. Construction of streetscape improvements throughout downtown include street lighting, street furniture, sidewalk ramps, tree grates and a walking path that would connect downtown to the waterfront area and the new convention center proposed by the Umpqua Band of Cow Creek Indians. If we are fortunate enough to receive funding through the "ConnectOregon" grant, there is a strong possibility of moving the downtown switching yard further north of town. This would have a positive effect on reducing the amount of time the downtown tracks are blocked by trains. While trains would still be coming through downtown, the flow of community traffic would be much improved as well as access for emergency vehicles. And finally, the newly formed Visitors and Convention Commission is moving ahead with plans to develop a fall festival or other major event for the Roseburg area as a way to promote tourism and to spotlight the quality of life enjoyed by our citizens.

During the last seven years that I've been your mayor, our city has gone through a lot—fears of what the Millennium might bring, the tragedy of 9/11, rising unemployment, budget shortfalls, loss of experienced staff and cuts to services. But today the present is bright and the future even brighter. Hard working city employees, dedicated council members, and everyday citizens who are willing to get involved, seek solutions and volunteer their time have joined together to bring about change, progress and growth. Thank you all for a job well done.

Mayor Larry Rich

MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

Dear Citizens of Roseburg:

It has been a year since I accepted the City Manager position in Roseburg. My family and I appreciate the warm welcome we have received. The community has much to offer and we consider ourselves to be blessed to live in such a beautiful area.

Since coming on board in March, I have emphasized the importance of customer service and continuous process improvement. This statement is part of the new city seal that adorns our Council Chambers and is written on the new city flag that flies above City Hall. The implementation of the neighborhood walk program, customer service response cards at all locations where the public conducts business, the streamlining/reorganization of the parks department under public works and the community development department process improvement initiatives are all examples of that commitment to excellent customer service and efficient service delivery.

I have also emphasized the importance of creating partnerships. These partnerships have resulted in the successful execution of Intergovernmental Agreements with Douglas County for Mercy Medical Center building inspections and the Cow Creek Tribe reimbursement of city services rendered on tribal properties in Roseburg. Efforts to assist California Pacific Railroad (CORP) to relocate the CORP switchyard out of the city and the joint endeavor to study the feasibility of constructing an 18-hole golf course in cooperation with Roseburg Urban Sanitary Authority have been made possible through the city's commitment to establishing meaningful and productive partnerships.

Participation in and access to your local government officials are also important to our community. The recent effort to begin televising City Council meetings using the Public, Education and Government (PEG) channel will afford you an opportunity to become even more knowledgeable about how your city functions. We have also updated the city's website (cityofroseburg.com) to include a City Manager link. This link includes contact information and other pertinent facts about my role within city government.

I look forward to the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Swanson

Roseburg City Manager



TRAFFIC COLLISION INVESTIGATIONS

The Roseburg Police Department is one of only a few agencies in Oregon that respond to and investigate non-injury traffic accidents. This essay will try to explain our procedure during the course of an accident investigation.

The Roseburg Police Department will respond to a collision if reported to the department by anyone involved or by a witness who happens to call the accident in. When an officer responds to a serious collision involving an injury or major damage to property, our primary responsibility is to provide emergency care to anyone injured, clear the roadway, and conduct an investigation. The investigating officer will determine if there has been a violation and take appropriate action based on the circumstances, which in most instances results in a citation. The officer does not determine fault, only identifies contributing factors to the collision and violations of law. Fault is assigned through subsequent litigation by insurance companies and/or the courts.

Generally, if a motorist is involved in a minor collision, where the total estimated damage is less than \$1500 and no one is injured, there is no state requirement to report the incident to a "official" agency. Involved parties are required to exchange information with each other and take whatever action their insurance company requires. If damage is estimated to be more than \$1500 or if there is any injury, the Department of Motor Vehicles requires the involved drivers to file a DMV collision form with that agency. This form is available at any DMV office and at most local police department offices. DMV requires that this report be completed and returned to DMV within 72 hours of the collision.

Most insurance carriers will provide you with a "what to do if you are involved in an accident" pamphlet. The instructions provided by your insurance carrier can make the claims process less painful.

When officers are called to minor collisions where damage is minimal, an investigation may not take place, and generally does, especially if one of the involved drivers requests one. If in the course of the investigation the officer determines a violation has occurred, a citation may be issued to the violator.

Some collisions are caused by, or involve criminal activity. Most often, these are traffic crimes such as DUI or Reckless Driving. In cases where a crime is suspected, the officer conducts simultaneous criminal and accident investigations.

Collisions that result in the death of a person or serious injury to a person are investigated similarly to any other death investigation. Physical evidence is collected from the scene, witnesses are interviewed and detailed reports are completed and reviewed by the District Attorney's Office.

We appreciate the support that the Roseburg community has shown us over the years though we are realistic enough to believe that we are in a business that no matter what action we take, not all of our customers will be happy. The hope is that through this article more of the community will understand the process we go through when investigating traffic collisions.

**UMPQUA VALLEY HOMEBUILDERS ASSOC.,
ROSEBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND CITY OF ROSEBURG**

JOIN TOGETHER

**to Improve the City's Development and Permit
Program and Process**

The City of Roseburg, the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce and the Umpqua Valley Homebuilders Association held a "Roseburg Building Development Forum" in November.

The group identified four top priority topics or issues the group would like to see improved.

1. Reduce the processing time of development permit.
2. Improve the level of consistency in service delivery.
3. Streamline the permitting and development process.
4. Reduce conflicting or differing development standards between the city and the county.

It was evident that all attending have a strong desire to improve the overall development and permitting process, with a genuine goal to enhance the overall community development program in the City of Roseburg. It was evident there were two different interest groups in attendance. One group, the developer/builder group concentrated their interest in improving the overall development process, developing infrastructure standards and reducing inconsistencies in staff reviews and discussion. The second group was the builder/contractor group, which concentrated their focus on the actual building, permit application, submittal, review and permitting process. The common goal, however, is to improve the overall permitting and development program and process. To help guide and develop the program a Quality Control Review Committee was created. Committee Members include Eric Swanson, Fred Alley, Clay Baumgartner, Steve Lovemark, John Kennedy, Russ Noah, Rob Lieberman and Bently Mooney.

During the forum, the group identified many of the same permitting and development issues that were identified by earlier meetings held last year by the City of Roseburg. Some of the key issues identified included:

1. An ever increasing workload on city staff and not enough staff

2. Support for more staff to perform plan check and building plan reviews.
3. A need to continue to streamline the development permit process particularly for routine projects
4. Develop some type of phased building permit program.
5. Need to improve customer service
6. Need to develop permit checklist forms.
7. Improve the working relationship between the City and the County.
8. Willing to consider higher permit fees, but expecting a better level of service.
9. A need to have the Building Official in the office more hours. More time for staff to be in office to perform plan check and customer service counter work.
10. More face to face contact with the building/development community.
11. Need to screen applications and not accept incomplete applications
12. Develop method to review/permit smaller routine projects, not holding them up because of larger more complex permit applications
13. Need to implement a complaint process for use by the development community. Encourage use of City Customer Survey Cards.
14. Support for the development of a monthly Community Development newsletter.

It was very evident in the forum discussion that there is a mutual recognition of these issues and needs and a continued willingness to work together on solutions. Community Development Director Fred Alley will facilitate the Quality Control Review Committee. The committee will meet on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 am. These meetings will be inclusive, open to the public and open to all members of the building/development community. Agenda and minutes will be maintained and regular reports prepared for the building/development community. These will also be posted on the City's new Web Page, simply click onto the Community Development Department and the Quality Control Review Committee Reports. Those wishing more information on the program are encouraged to contact Fred Alley.

New Bus Routes For Umpqua Transit

Recently Umpqua Transit revamped their bus routes not only in the County and nearby communities but also in Roseburg. The plan is to create additional bus stops that will serve the public in a greater capacity. Currently, there are 37 bus stop locations planned in Roseburg.

The City Manager and Public Works Director agreed to help in this undertaking by placing signposts and signs at each bus stop location within the city limits. The new routes have already started as of December 27th 2005. In the future Umpqua Transit plans to add bus shelters to most of the stops as time and weather permit.

For more information about the bus routes/schedules you can call Umpqua Transit at 440-3587 or get the schedules online at [HYPERLINK http://www.ur-cog.cog.or.us/umpqua_public_transit.htm](http://www.ur-cog.cog.or.us/umpqua_public_transit.htm).



THE REOPENING OF FIRE STATION

It has been four years since the Roseburg Fire Department has occupied the Harvard fire station full time. As a result of public input and a commitment by City Staff and Council, the Harvard fire station is being reopened part-time. A Federal grant opportunity became available in June to hire six personnel and save over \$500,000. The possibility of receiving this grant delayed the opening of the station by six months. In November, it was determined that other communities needs were more dire than ours were awarded the grant funds. Beginning in May, the fire department began the process of advertising, testing and ultimately hiring four new firefighters. Promotions are currently underway to fill the Officer and Driver/Engineer positions that will be needed at the station. The anticipated opening date is February 1, 2006.



The staffed fire station will provide an improved level of fire and EMS service for the entire City. Travel distances and response times will be reduced, which should result in less property loss and potentially a better quality of life for those suffering from serious medical emergencies. The additional fire engine and personnel will provide added relief to the other two stations. Simultaneous calls will be better covered. All too familiar to Roseburg travelers is being stuck on the wrong side of the tracks when a train travels through town. The opening of the station reduces the chance that the entire fire department will be found on the wrong side of the tracks.

The Budget Committee was given the challenge to reasonably select one of several options to get personnel back into the fire station. The option selected will use a combination of overtime, relief personnel, and full-time employees to open the station during peak activity times. The station will be staffed with two personnel 24 hours a day, an **average** of 20 days, and 12 hours the remainder of the month. Since the fire station took several years of staff cuts to ultimately close, it will take several years to get the station fully operational.

A WORK OF ART



At the November 14, 2005 City Council meeting, local artist Al Hooten, unveiled his beautiful creation of the City of Roseburg logo. The piece of art, which is on display in the City Council Chambers, features approximately 350 pieces from seven different types of wood. Hooten traced, cut, glued and stained each individual piece. The logo features green trees against a mountain. The tree trunks were made from cedar with poplar boughs. The mountain tops are made from aspen with pecan mountainsides. A ridge made from cedar lies at the bottom. Boulders are made from walnut. The words, "City of Roseburg Timber Capital of the Nation" are made from a black wood from Africa.

Coincidentally, Hooten served as the City's General Services Director in the mid-1980's. City officials are extremely appreciative and proud of Mr. Hooten's work!

CITY COUNCIL RESTRUCTURES URBAN RENEWAL PROGRAM

In August 1989, the City Council adopted the North Roseburg Urban Renewal Plan. The plan has been in existence for the last 16 years and has provided financing for a number of projects in the renewal area. The largest single project built was the Stewart Parkway bridge over Interstate 5.

The city's urban renewal program gets its authority under state law (ORS 457). Money for projects comes from property taxes generated by the increase in property values in the urban renewal area from the time it is first established. The assessed value of an urban renewal area at the time the plan is adopted is called the "frozen base". Growth above the base is called the "increment" and provides money for projects. Stated another way, all tax money from the frozen base is distributed to the city, the county, and for education, while the Urban Renewal agency gets the increase in taxes above the frozen base for projects within the plan boundary.

On December 12, the City Council passed Ordinance number 3216 which made a number of changes to the city's urban renewal program. Key changes to the 1989 plan include:

Change to District Boundaries. Revises acreage within the Urban Renewal plan boundary to 925 acres by removing 116 acres from the plan boundary at the north end and adding 161 acres to the south, bringing the downtown and waterfront area near downtown into the Plan boundary. The removal of land from the Urban Renewal boundary will return over \$23 million in taxable value to Douglas County, the City of Roseburg, and other taxing bodies.

Addition of New Projects. Adds additional projects and their costs to the list of projects to be funded under the Plan.

Addition of Five Years to Plan Duration. Extends the duration of the Urban Renewal plan an additional five years, which means the remaining time left on the plan is now 14 years.

What will be done with tax money generated by the Urban Renewal program? On a yearly the City Council decides the specific projects that will be completed; however, the newly adopted Urban Renewal Plan does provide a listing of what the Council would like to accomplish over the next few years. Highlights include:

Continue Infrastructure Projects on Major Transportation Routes. Possible projects include intersection reconfiguration, widening, and additional landscaping at Edenbower and St. Parkway, adding a left turn lane off Stephens to Douglas, adding a traffic signal at Chestnut Stephens, and signal improvements at Douglas and Jackson near downtown.

West Avenue Redevelopment. Conduct a planning study for the redevelopment of the bounded on the north by Chestnut Avenue, on the east by Stephens, and bounded on the west south by the railroad right-of-way. The planning study will determine the improvements appropriate to help upgrade the area. Possible improvements include street, sidewalk, street storm drainage, and other infrastructure projects.

Downtown Roseburg Master Plan Implementation Projects. One of the major reasons restructuring the Urban Renewal program is to provide funds to help implement recommendations in the adopted Downtown Roseburg Master Plan. Possible projects include street improvements throughout the downtown area, to include new streetlights, street furniture, and sidewalks, new curbs/gutters, sidewalk ramps, tree grates, and new crosswalks. Also, the city would like to construct a defined walking path or park strip between the downtown area waterfront area, and the area where a new Convention Center may be built.

Waterfront Redevelopment. Once a more detailed land use and development plan is adopted for the waterfront area near downtown (north of the visitor's center), the City Council would like to consider street improvement work, new sidewalks, streetlights, and other infrastructure work. To be considered is the construction of a new park where Deer Creek enters the South Umpqua River.

Police and Fire Headquarters building. The City of Roseburg does not own a police headquarters building. The building on Jackson Street where the police are now located is owned by Douglas County. In addition, the city's main fire station on Rose Street in the downtown area is deteriorated and in need of replacement. Urban renewal funding can be used to help finance a new building near city hall that could be a new headquarters building for the Police and Fire departments.

General/Miscellaneous. The city also will use Urban Renewal money to continue making debt service payments and to pay for administrative expenses for urban renewal staffing and expenses related to project implementation. Finally, the city will also use urban renewal funds to pay the local share or match for state and federal grants for projects within the plan boundary.

Stay tuned for more details as projects get closer to being completed.

RECENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The City of Roseburg has been busy with various projects and improvements throughout the City. Among the many projects completed within the year, some of the larger ones are detailed below:

• Kline/Moorea Street Improvement \$400,000

This was a joint project funded by the City of Roseburg, Douglas County and the residents who benefit from the street improvement. It included reconstructing a 900 foot long private section of Kline Street, to city standards. The project included improving drainage facilities, paving and constructing sidewalks, curbs and gutters.



• Garden Valley Paving \$600,000

The City proceeded with the second phase of paving improvements on Garden Valley between Fairmount St. and Mulholland northbound off-ramp. This project included grinding down the asphalt, repaving surface and the construction of sidewalks. The first phase, completed previously included construction of improvements between



Stephens and Fairmount Streets.

• Stewart Parkway Paving \$800,000

This is a main north/south arterial through town between Garden Valley Blvd and Edenbower Blvd. Because of the large amount of traffic on this section, work was done at night. The project included grinding the existing asphalt and replacing with 6" of new asphalt.



• **North Channel Drainage \$150,000**

There was a need to improve the drainage facilities on Garden Valley Blvd along the railroad tracks near the intersection with Fairmount St. Working with the adjacent property owner, the City installed improved drainage facilities to better accommodate the large amount of surface water that drains from the northeast section of town.

• **Reservoir Avenue Demo \$125,000**

The City had a water tank on Reservoir Avenue built in the early 1900's. The tank had not been used for several years. During the demolition project, there were other upgrades made to the water system.

• **Airport Improvement Project \$3,000,000**

The City of Roseburg received grant monies from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to decommission the Town & Country Mobile Home Park, expand the airport to provide room for new facilities, and to construct paved holding areas to improve the safety for pilots waiting for take off.



• **Water Treatment Plant Improvements \$1,500,000**

Improvements to the solids handling section of the existing water treatment plant are underway. This is a preliminary step to further expansion to accommodate the new developments occurring in and around the Roseburg area.

• **Water Main Replacement \$400,000**

City crews installed about 5,000 feet of water main in various locations throughout the city during this past year.

• **Ramp Road \$ 600,000**

The City with participation from Douglas County widened about 1000 feet of Ramp Street. This project included widening the street from 17 feet to 28 feet and included the addition of sidewalks on one side of the street.

UPCOMING SUMMER PROJECTS

• **SOUTH MAIN STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT**

Construction of approximately 550 feet of curb, sidewalks and driveway approaches, and related work on SE Main Street, between Germond Street and Sanford Street, in an effort to resolve some drainage problems for residents on the west side of Main Street.

• **CHESTNUT STREET TRAFFIC SIGNAL**

This project is under design and expected to occur during the 2006 construction year.

• **SOUTH STEPHENS STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS**

A section of SE Stephens Street will receive new asphalt this summer beginning at the Parrott Creek bridge at the south end of the city limits and extending to Oak Street to the north. This project is currently being designed.

• **EDENBOWER TRAFFIC SIGNALS**

The City of Roseburg has been working with Oregon Department of Transportation to improve the traffic situation on Edenbower Blvd at the Interstate 5 overpass and Aviation Drive. A traffic signal is currently in design and is planned to be constructed by ODOT at the southbound on/off ramps. The City will install a signal at the intersection of Edenbower and Aviation Drive with funding participation from Lowe's Home Improvement Center.



• **DOUGLAS AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS**

Improvements have been designed along Douglas Avenue between Stephens Street and Claire Street. It is hoped that construction will begin this summer but the schedule is dependent on funding availability and coordination with ODOT's planned project to add a left-hand turn lane at the intersection of Douglas and Stephens.

• **WAL-MART/ROSEBURG VALLEY MALL - 4 WAY SIGNAL**

Plans for upgrading the traffic signal at this existing location will include a signalized access into the Roseburg Valley Mall. It is hoped that construction will begin this summer, adding a fourth leg to an existing signal. The construction schedule is dependent on approval from the owners of the Roseburg Valley Mall since the driveway access is on private property.

PUBLIC WORKS PLANNING STUDIES

Planning studies are an important tool to plan for future City needs, identify solutions to problems, and to develop budgets and funding for improvements. Roseburg has numerous important planning studies underway. Following is a description of 14 studies that are expected to be completed within the next 12 months. If you have questions about the status of studies, please contact the Public Works Department.

10-YEAR PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Inventory the condition of existing streets, develop cost estimates and priorities for maintenance needs, and recommend an annual list of street repairs for the next 10-years. A policy on trench cuts of City streets will be included.

STORM DRAINAGE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The City's existing storm drainage master plan was prepared almost 20 years ago, in 1987. The update will consider the impact of development that has occurred during last 20 years, evaluate requirements to annex areas inside Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), study drainage related costs for expanding UGB, and incorporate new water quality regulations for drainage.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION, PRE-DESIGN REPORT

The water plant, constructed in 1992 with a current treatment capacity of 12 million gallons per day (MGD), was designed for expansion to a capacity of 18 MGD. Current demand for water is approaching 12 MGD. The pre-design report will provide updated budget cost estimates for the expansion, so the City can secure funding and proceed forward with the construction project.

LONG-TERM WATER SUPPLY

Roseburg has a combined total of 20 MGD in water rights from the North Umpqua River. Although this should be sufficient to meet the City's needs for the next 20 years, with municipal water supply it is important to plan much longer into the future. The study will evaluate several options, including acquiring other existing water rights on the North Umpqua River or building a second treatment plant in the future along the South Umpqua River (and utilize stored water from Galesville reservoir).

CAULKINS/KLINE STORM DRAINAGE EVALUATION

A draft study of storm drainage needs in the vicinity of Caulkins and Kline was recently completed. The study recommended approximately \$2,000,000 in storm drainage improvements. A multi-phased plan is recommended to stage improvements because of the high cost.

FULTON STREET PRE-DESIGN REPORT

This report will provide design alternatives and cost estimates to improve Fulton Street between Diamond Lake Boulevard and the north end of Fulton, and neighboring side streets between Fulton and Gardner. Storm drainage will be considered.

AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

The 1995 Airport Master plan is being updated, with 90 percent grant funding from FAA.

AIRPORT BUSINESS PLAN

The draft Airport Master Plan identified \$12 million of airport improvements that are needed during the next 20 years. The airport business plan focuses on developing revenue to fund the local match required for future capital improvements and airport operations.

STEPHENS STREET PROGRESSION STUDY

Traffic progression along Stephens Street between Garden Valley Boulevard and Washington Avenue is being evaluated by traffic engineers. The study includes the intersection of Winchester Avenue and Stephens Street.

EDENBOWER AND STEWART PARKWAY INTERSECTION, TRAFFIC EVALUATION

Alternatives to improve the traffic flow at the intersection of Edenbower and Stewart Parkway are being studied.

STEWART PARKWAY, GARDEN VALLEY TO HARVARD AVENUE, TRAFFIC STUDY AND STORM DRAINAGE EVALUATION

The capacity of Stewart Parkway between Garden Valley Boulevard and Harvard Avenue is being considered, including the intersection of Stewart Parkway and Garden Valley, intersection of Valley View and Stewart Parkway, the "S" curves, the access to Stewart Park, and the bridge across the South Umpqua River. An important aspect of the study is to evaluate options for improving storm drainage where Newton Creek passes under Stewart Parkway, as flood waters some times cover Stewart Parkway in this vicinity.

HARVARD AVENUE BRIDGE AND EXTENSION TO GARDEN VALLEY BLVD.

Cost estimates and right-of-way acquisition needs are being evaluated for extending Harvard Avenue, across the South Umpqua River and connecting with Garden Valley Boulevard.

VALLEY VIEW AND STEWART PARKWAY INTERSECTION, TRAFFIC EVALUATION

Alternatives to improve traffic safety at this intersection and encourage traffic to use other routes are being studied.

DEER CREEK BRIDGE, RIFLE RANGE TO DOUGLAS AVE.

Alternatives for constructing a bridge across Deer Creek to extend Rifle Range Road to Douglas Avenue will be considered.

Peg Channels Coming to Roseburg

Last year, the Roseburg City Council adopted a goal to "Pursue grants and volunteer assistance to support televising meetings on public access television." In pursuit of that goal, City Manager Eric Swanson and consultant Pete Belcastro, of Rogue Valley Community Television/Southern Oregon University, have spent the last couple of months meeting with representatives from various public and private agencies to explore potential partnerships in bringing PEG television to Roseburg. These agencies include Douglas County, Umpqua Community College, Roseburg Public Schools, the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians, the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce, Mercy Medical Center, Douglas Education Service District, Charter Communications and a number of individual volunteers.

Per federal law, Charter Communications is required to set aside channel space to carry PEG Channels which focus on local non-commercial programming. PEG denotes "Public" access available for use by the general public; "Education" for use by educational institutions for educational programming; and "Governmental" access for programming for local government, primarily to televise public meetings.

While channel space must be set aside by the cable operator, it is up to the franchise authority (City) to negotiate the inclusion of the channels into the franchise. This provision is included in our current franchise agreement.

Significant factors, which are not included in the agreement, are the provision of facilities and equipment for use with the channel. Staff and consultant are currently investigating that aspect.

Within the next few weeks, Pete Belcastro will provide the City Council with a two-pronged report which will:

- Determine and describe the layout, including equipment location, equipment to be used and a control room/head end area for the City of Roseburg Council Chambers to create a remote camera set-up for live broadcasts. The research and report will also address other potential locations:
- Create a plan for the City to use as a guide in the development of its PEG Channels within the community. The plan will include: identifying potential partners – government, private and public, potential funding sources; describing public access policies, cable operator relations and issues, operations and management; along with a proposed timeline of activities with the goal of establishing the PEG Channels created unique for the Roseburg area within the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

It is our hope that the PEG Channels will serve as a comprehensive and convenient way for residents to receive information about issues, services and events within our community.

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Voting Precincts	Voting Precincts	Voting Precincts	Voting Precincts
38, 39, 40	36, 37	44, 45, 46, 47	41, 42, 43

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following are the Ordinances and Resolutions passed by the Roseburg City Council during the final six months of calendar year 2005.

"ORDINANCE": A written directive or act of a governing body. Ordinances have the full effect of law within the local government's boundaries, provided that they do not conflict with a state statute or constitutional provision. An ordinance has two readings at Council prior to being voted on by the Council. An ordinance becomes effective 30 days after the second reading, unless an emergency is declared which enables the Ordinance to become effective immediately.

Ordinance No. 3205: "An Ordinance Declaring the Annexation of 0.90+ Acres of Land Known as the Tatone Property; Withdrawing Property From Douglas County Fire District 2; and a Quasi-Judicial Amendment to the Roseburg Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Maps for Land Located Along Edenbower Boulevard; and Directing the Filing of a Transcript With the Secretary of State," adopted July 11, 2005.

Ordinance No. 3206: "An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Pine Street in the City of Roseburg and Declaring an Emergency," adopted July 11, 2005.

Ordinance No. 3207: "An Ordinance Declaring the Annexation of 26.27 Acres of Land Known as the Warewood 5th Addition (Atkinson) Property; Located North and East of Kline Street, Withdrawing Property From Douglas County Fire District 2, Amending the Roseburg Zoning Map; and Directing the Filing of a Transcript With the Secretary of State," adopted July 25, 2005.

Ordinance No. 3208: "An Ordinance Approving a Quasi-Judicial Amendment to the Roseburg Comprehensive Plan Map and Concurrent Zoning Change for Property Known as the Hawks Property Located on Parrott Street at the Southwest Corner of Oak Avenue and Parrott Street," adopted July 25, 2005.

Ordinance No. 3209: "An Ordinance Declaring the Annexation of 7.6 Acres of Land Known as the Loosley Property; Located West of Lookingglass Road and South of Goedeck Road, Withdrawing Property From Douglas County Fire District 2, Amending the Roseburg Zoning Map; and Directing the Filing of a Transcript With the Secretary of State and Declaring an Emergency," adopted July 25, 2005.

Ordinance No. 3210: "An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 2.03 of the Roseburg Municipal Code (Ethics Complaint Process for Public Officials)," adopted September 12, 2005.

Ordinance No. 3211: "An Ordinance Levying an Assessment for the Garden Valley/Troost Signal and Sidewalk Local Improvement District Project," adopted October 24, 2005.

Ordinance No. 3212: "An Ordinance Amending Subsection 2.32.020(A) of the Roseburg Municipal Code (Commission Organization)," adopted October 24, 2005.

Ordinance No. 3212: "An Ordinance Adding Chapter 2.27, Entitled 'Visitors and Convention Commission' to the Roseburg Municipal Code," adopted November 2005.

Ordinance No. 3214: "An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Sunset Lane in the City of Roseburg," adopted December 12, 2005.

Ordinance No. 3216: "An Ordinance Approving the Second Amendment to the City of Roseburg Urban Renewal Plan and Directing That Notice of Approval be Published," adopted December 12, 2005.

Ordinance No. 3217: "An Ordinance Approving a Quasi-Judicial Amendment to the Roseburg Comprehensive Plan Map and Concurrent Zoning Change for Property Known as the Roentgen Property Located at the Intersection of W Keady Court and W Harvard Avenue, Commonly Known as 1802 W Harvard Avenue," adopted December 12, 2005.

"RESOLUTION": An order of a governing body; requires less legal formality than an Ordinance. Statutes or City Charter specify which actions must be by Ordinance and which may be by Resolution. For cities, revenue-raising measures such as taxes, special assessments and service charges are always imposed by Ordinance; fee amendments, however, are made by Resolution. Prior to adoption, a Resolution only needs to be read before the City Council once (by title only, if no member of the Council objects).

Resolution No. 2005-15: "A Resolution Protecting the Private Property Rights of City of Roseburg Residents," adopted July 11, 2005.

Resolution No. 2005-16: "A Resolution of the City of Roseburg, Oregon, Authorizing Its Limited Tax Pension Bond, Series 2005," adopted July 11, 2005.

Resolution No. 2005-17: "A Resolution Authorizing a Loan From the Water Service Fund to the Airport Fund," adopted July 25, 2005.

Resolution No. 2005-18: "A Resolution Accepting the Grant Offer of the State of Oregon Through the Oregon Department of Aviation in The Maximum Amount of \$20,000 to be Used Under the Financial Aid to Municipalities Agreement #FAM-6-0017 in the Development of the Roseburg Regional Airport," adopted August 22, 2005.

Resolution No. 2005-19: "A Resolution Adopting the 2006 City of Roseburg Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Goal," adopted September 26, 2005.

Resolution No. 2005-20: "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 92-13 Regarding Storm Drainage Fees," adopted September 26, 2005.

Resolution No. 2005-21: "A Resolution Changing the Boundary of the Roberts Creek Enterprise Zone," adopted November 14, 2005.

Resolution No. 2005-22: "A Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 2002-16 and Amending the Policy For Long-Term Leasing of Corporate Hangar Spaces at the Roseburg Regional Airport," adopted November 14, 2005.

Resolution No. 2005-23: "A Resolution Regarding Membership in the City County Insurance Services Trust," adopted November 28, 2005.

Resolution No. 2005-24: "A Resolution Supporting Relocation of the Central Oregon Railroad Pacific Switchyard and Utilization of Oregon-Connect Grant Program," adopted December 12, 2005.

Resolution No. 2005-25: "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 92-13 Regarding Non-Carrier Telecommunication Providers Fee," adopted December 12, 2005.

Resolution No. 2005-26: "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 91-18 Regarding Water Service Rates," adopted December 12, 2005.

Complete copies of, or more information regarding City Ordinances and Resolutions may be obtained through the City Recorder's Office on the third floor of City Hall, 900 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg; by calling 541/672-7701, or requested via e-mail sent to scox@ci.roseburg.or.us

CALENDAR OF CITY MEETINGS

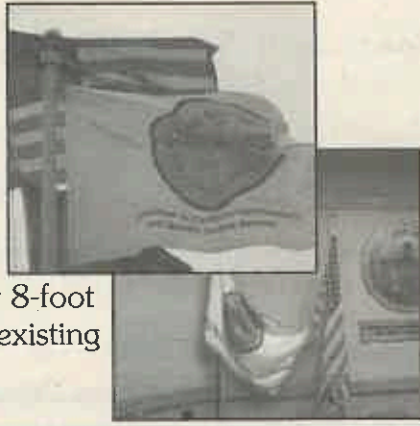
City Commissions conduct regular public meetings according to the following schedule:

Airport Commission	4th Tuesday	noon	Conference Room	Parks & Recreation	1st Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Conference Room
City Council	2nd & 4th Monday	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers	Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Monday	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Economic Development	2nd Tuesday	noon	Conference Room	Public Works Commission	2nd Thursday	noon	Conference Room
Golf Course Commission	4th Thursday	noon	Conference Room	Utility Commission	2nd Thursday	3:30 p.m.	Conference Room
Historic Resources Review	1st & 3rd Thursday	noon	Conference Room	Visitors & Convention	3rd Tuesday	4:00 p.m.	Conference Room

Depending upon the number of issues needing attention by the Commissions, special meetings may be scheduled or regular meetings may be cancelled. Upon final preparation, summaries of meeting agendas are forwarded to the News-Review for inclusion in the public meeting calendar. Agendas are available at City Hall and on the City of Roseburg website at www.cityofroseburg.com. Prior to attending a meeting, you may wish to call City Hall to ensure the meeting is going to be held.

NEW FLAGS FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS

New flags have been installed inside and outside the council chambers. The flags display the City seal and the City mission statement "Committed to Continuous Improvement and Quality Customer Service". Inside the chambers a 3-foot by 5-foot white tasseled flag is located next to the other flags displayed. Outside the chambers, a larger 5-foot by 8-foot outdoor version is visible along with the existing flags, adjacent to Douglas Avenue.



NEIGHBORHOOD WALK

In November 2005, the City began a program visiting the various neighborhoods in Roseburg to get input from residents about city services. Nine two-person teams, composed of elected officials and/or staff representing each city department, will visit a particular neighborhood every other month. Each team attempts to survey three neighborhood residents. The neighborhood to be surveyed changes every other month to give variety and perspectives from different citywide locations. The teams conduct brief face-to-face surveys with residents about city services. The interviews provide an opportunity for the neighborhood residents to comment on subjects important to them. These surveys provide valuable input and a chance to address those issues of concern from the general public.

CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular City Council meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers at 900 SE Douglas Avenue. Agendas for upcoming Council meetings are available on our website and in the City Recorder's Office the Friday prior to the meeting. Current agendas are also available at the meeting. In rare instances, the Council may deal with agenda items out of order.

Citizens attending Council meetings may speak on any item on the agenda, unless the item is the subject of an executive session or a public hearing where comments have been taken and the hearing has closed. Citizens may speak when recognized by the chair and will be required to give their name and address for the official record. A minimum of 12 copies should be provided if you are submitting handouts to Council.

Time is set aside for **Audience Participation** toward the beginning of each meeting. At this time, anyone wishing to address the City Council concerning items of interest not included on the agenda may do so. The person addressing the Council shall, when recognized, give his/her name and address for the record. All remarks shall be directed to the whole City Council. The Council reserves the right to delay any action, if required, until such time when they are fully informed on the matter.

Audiotapes are taken for all public meetings and written minutes, not *verbatim transcripts*, are available on our website.

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