

Friday July 8, 2016

It is the first Friday of the new fiscal year, which means we are now operating under the fiscal year 2016-17 budget. As you are all aware, the adopted fiscal year budget provides a framework for capital and operational expenditures in keeping with Council's goals. I am very proud of our staff who provides a very high level of service to our community and citizens, which they have come to expect. This is the busiest time of year for project work. Staff is constantly working on design, development, and contracting for project work, but warm, generally dry weather is when we do most of the actual "construction".

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Mayor's ribbon cutting for the Oak/Washington project yesterday. This project was for the most part completed earlier, but the new kiosks, the final touch, were recently installed and we wanted to celebrate a little. Thank you to the Mayor and all Council for their support for the project. While there were a few bumps in the road prior to construction, the project staff, engineers and contractors did a great job of managing the project and it has been well received by the community and especially the downtown businesses. Representatives from DRA, the community, Brown Construction, i.e. Engineering, Oregon Signworks and City staff were in attendance. The News Review was also in attendance, so I anticipate an article in the paper will be forthcoming as well.



The Highway 138 project is continuing mostly on schedule, but ODOT did recently announce that about 30 days have been added to the schedule to accommodate additional work. It still appears to be on track to be completed prior to the end of the calendar year. Our contractor, Knife River has begun work on the Spruce/Parrott project recently which should conclude about the same time as the 138 project. You might recall this project completely rebuilds the street sections and sidewalks from Oak Avenue to Mosher and realigns a portion of Parrot at Spruce to make it more user

friendly for the residential neighborhood while at the same time should encourage truck traffic to use Spruce Street. Our street resurfacing program for 2016 will also begin soon. A few of our arterial/collector streets will receive overlays while a number of residential streets will receive a slurry seal treatment. We will keep you posted on when those projects will begin.

I hope you all had a chance to read the article about Flame of Hope torch that recently passed through Roseburg. Local law enforcement officers teamed up with Special Olympics to complete their portion of the 30th annual Law Enforcement Torch Run. Roseburg Police Department officers were front and center in this activity and I want to commend them for community involvement and support for Special Olympics and the many other non-profits and service groups that they are involved in. Our community is better because of their involvement both within the organization and throughout the community.



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I'm sure you are all aware that it is Graffiti Weekend here in Central Douglas County as events are going on from Sutherlin to Canyonville. Tomorrow evening is the grand finale of the week with the cruise event in Downtown Roseburg. For many, this will be a reunion of sorts, but for some it will be their first opportunity to experience the cruise and our downtown. I hope everyone has a fun and safe weekend.



And as you know, I try to end these Friday messages on a happy note, but I cannot talk about this week without thinking about the heart wrenching and senseless tragedy that took place in Dallas. My heart goes out to the community and individuals and families of those involved, particularly from the professional law enforcement community. At this point, five law enforcement personnel from Dallas and the Dallas Transit Authority are confirmed dead. Other police personnel and citizens of that community are wounded and fighting for their lives. It is difficult to imagine what that organization and those individuals are going through, but please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



See you all Monday at the Council meeting. I will be out the balance of the week at my annual Oregon City/County Managers Association Conference for training.