

Friday May 8, 2015

Good Friday afternoon everyone. It looks like we missed the rain this week and it's going to be warm weekend. Thank you all for attending Tuesday evening's Budget Committee meeting. This is an important part of the process in allocating our resources to meet the needs of the community and to carry out Council and departmental goals. We appreciate the questions we received from Committee members as it provides us with an opportunity to clarify some of the complexities of local government budgeting, as well as the impacts of decisions made by others like the recent Supreme Court decision on PERS. We will continue to monitor our resources and expenditures to ensure that we comply with our Ending Fund Balance policy as we update our six year forecast. The one change that will be reflected in the Approved Budget from the one I proposed is the reduction of \$10,000 in the City Manager section of the budget to reflect that we did not receive funding requests that totaled the amount allocated for potential distribution.

On Monday this week Brian Davis and I met with representatives from CCD Business Development Corporation (CCD), Douglas County, City of Winston and the Partnership for Economic Development to discuss our joint application for the extension of the Roberts Creek Enterprise zone. There are apparently five applications for zones and only four available slots this time around, so it is actually going to be a more competitive process than just the regular application. Much of the competitive aspect includes our local workforce development programs and educational opportunities for workers in trade sector fields like welding, other manufacturing and technology. Umpqua Training & Employment was at the meeting to talk about their training opportunities and a number of UCC program opportunities that will be included in the application. Tracy Loomis from CCD is completing the application with help from all those who participated in the meeting. We are looking forward to putting in a very competitive application, but nothing is guaranteed at this point.

Wednesday morning the Parks Commission met in what may be a record short meeting for them. The only item on the agenda was a recommendation to award the bid for the multi-modal trail project from about the Golf Course Pro shop to just past the train near the Park Maintenance Shop. We received three bids with Knife River Materials being the low bidder. The Commission unanimously recommended Council to award the project to the low bidder. This will be a very nice improvement as this section of the trail is one the most used in our entire system. Eighty percent of the cost of the project will be paid for from an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Recreational Trails grant. Park staff continues to be successful in competing for these trail grants that also paid for the majority of the multi-modal path from Templin Beach to Micelli Park. Subject to Council approval, the project should be completed in June.

As part of our contract with Park Smart, their employees provide for parking enforcement and the adjudication of parking violations and citations run through our Municipal Court. If individuals continue to receive citations and ignore the parking fines, small amounts are turned over to collection. If multiple citations are issued, our Municipal Code in RMC 8.08.020 (B) & (C) states the "City is authorized to "Boot" vehicles that have 5 or more parking violations for which outstanding bail, fines, or both, total \$250.00 or more". At this time there are a few individuals who have ignored the provisions of the Municipal Code and continue to not pay fines and bail that now qualify to have their vehicle disabled through "booting" which will then require payment of outstanding costs and fines

before the boot will be removed. The Finance Department will send out letters to those individuals asking for payment in advance of further enforcement action. We hope folks will pay their fines and fees through the Municipal Court process and avoid enforcement.

Next week ODOT is hosting an open house at the Holiday Inn Express. The following announcement is shared throughout the community and all of you are invited to attend to see the final product that has been developed. As stated, if you are interested in viewing the information it is available online as well.

Open house looks at ODOT's downtown Roseburg project

ROSEBURG – ODOT will host an open house for the Roseburg community on Tuesday, May 12, to share information about the upcoming *OR138E Corridor Solutions* project.

The drop-in open house is scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express at 375 W. Harvard Ave.

The open house will feature several displays and ODOT staff will be available to discuss project features, staging plans and traffic impacts. The same information is currently available online at www.roseburg138.com.



The project will improve safety and the flow of traffic in Roseburg between Interstate 5 and Diamond Lake Boulevard by realigning two streets, adding several turn lanes, reconfiguring the travel lanes, replacing traffic signals, adding bicycle and pedestrian features, and making several other downtown transportation improvements.

Based on the current staging plan, construction on the 15-month project is expected to begin at the east end of the project area, near Deer Creek, and gradually move west along Stephens, Washington, Oak and Harvard toward I-5.

During construction, motorists should expect lane closures, congestion and delays at peak travel times. All roads will be at least partly open to traffic during daylight hours. Only a few nighttime detours will be necessary, and the public will be notified well in advance.

Most construction will be scheduled for daylight hours, though some night work will be necessary.

Contractors and potential bidders are requested to submit all questions in writing to the ODOT Project Manager's Office. Call 541-957-3601 for more information.

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Have a great Friday afternoon and weekend. We will see you all Monday evening!