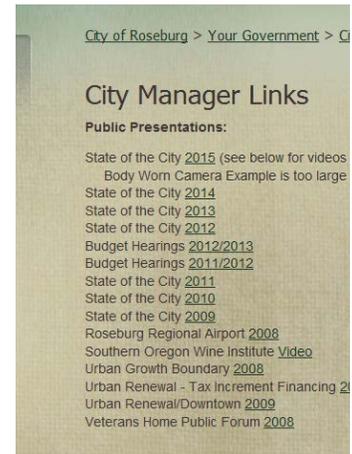


Friday February 13, 2015

Good Friday afternoon everyone. I hope you all had a great week. It hardly seems possible that our State of the City presentation and City Council meeting were only five days ago. I would once again like to thank Mayor Rich and Council President Ryan for working on the presentation to the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce. If you would like to view the power point presentation in a pdf format you can go to our City website at <http://www.cityofroseburg.org/your-government/city-manager/city-manager-links/>. This annual opportunity to chat with the business community about where we have been and where we are going is a great forum for communicating our issues and also to get questions and feedback from a large group. I have received a lot of positive feedback since the meeting and I thought the majority of attendees were both interested and engaged in the presentation.



As you are all aware, the Oregon State Legislature is in full swing and we are tracking a number of pieces of legislation that could impact our operations. Bills ranging from PERS benefit changes to transportation packages to public employee collective bargaining are all on our radar. John VanWinkle and I attended the first legislative conference call held by the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday morning. Senator Kruse, Senator Prozanski, Representative Heard and Representative Hayden were all available via conference from Salem. There were also a few local business representatives here at the Chamber to ask questions and hear status reports from our delegation. We will meet every other Wednesday throughout the session to stay up to date on the happenings from the Capitol.

Also on the legislative front, Councilor Steve Kaser has signed up for the City Day at the Capitol activity sponsored by the League of Oregon Cities on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Steve will join a group of other City Councilors from around the State at a presentation hosted by LOC staff and lobbyists and then move on to the Capitol for brief meetings with Senator Kruse and Representative Heard. The Capitol is certainly an interesting place during the session. On our phone conversation Wednesday, Senator Kruse outlined his "committee schedule" which on some days runs from 8:00 in the morning until around 6:00 at night. They then have workgroup meetings and subcommittee meetings outside those hours, so we greatly appreciate his and their willingness to set aside an hour every other week to chat about local issues with us.

On Thursday night about 20 employees and family members got together for bowling and dinner sponsored by the City's Wellness Committee. It's always great to be able to provide employees with opportunities to interact in a more casual non-work environment. We had some very talented (and not



so talented) bowlers, and all seemed to have a lot of fun and not get too competitive. Special thanks to Val Ligon for taking the time to organize and run the event.

Project work is beginning to ramp up. We signed contract documents this week to get Cradar Enterprises going on the water line work that will precede the Highway 138 corridor project work. We are also working through the process to select engineering consultants for the Spruce/Parrot Street project and the completion of the Stewart Parkway - Harvey to Valley View project. A lot of interim work has been done on the Stewart Parkway project and we need to complete alignment work and design on this project so we can make some final decisions.

City offices are closed Monday in observance of President's Day. Have a great weekend everyone!