

Friday July 31, 2015

Good Friday afternoon everyone! Hopefully we are through the worst of the heat wave, but it appears to be sticking around through early next week. I hope you can all find a relaxing spot to avoid the heat and enjoy your weekend. Thank you all for your attendance and participation at Monday's Council meeting. I know that some of the issues on the agenda were a little contentious but your thoughtful consideration with each of the issues was very important. Based on the outcomes of the discussion, staff is preparing an ordinance for your review at the next meeting and a discussion will be scheduled for the tabled item. I would like to remind you all that I will be on vacation from August 7th through August 17th and will not be in attendance at your next meeting. Sheila will be in charge while I am away and any questions you may have regarding agenda and administrative issues should be directed to her during my absence.

If you have been driving around town at all in the last week you can see our infrastructure dollars being invested in a number of different locations. The multi-use path in Charles Gardiner Park is ready for paving next week. Knife River will be completing that project in early August. Knife River is also the contractor on the Stephens Street grind/overlay project. They are busy removing and replacing ADA ramps along the east side of Stephens between Stewart Parkway and Newton Creek. Once the ramps are replaced, they will grind off approximately 2 inches of the existing asphalt and overlay that section of the roadway. This project is funded through our Urban Renewal Agency and the City's Transportation Fund. We plan to do similar projects on stretches of Stewart Parkway and Garden Valley prior to the expiration of the current Urban Renewal Plan Area.



The Oak/Washington project is now in full swing. The primary contractor, Brown Construction from Eugene, is removing and replacing ADA ramps, driveway cuts and broken sidewalks on Oak Street for the next couple of weeks. Underground utility work is being completed by a local sub-contractor, Cradar Enterprises, at the intersections of

Oak and Washington on Main and Jackson Streets. At the same time, underground boring is being done to install conduit for new street lights on Main Street and other areas within the project boundary. Sims Electric, another local contractor is the sub for the street lighting and electrical work.



This week's League of Oregon Cities bulletin includes a Q & A on some of the marijuana issues Council is considering. You can find it at the following link:

<http://www.oregoncities.org/Portals/17/A-Z/A%20to%20Z%20Documents/2015MarijuanaLegislationFAQs.pdf>

This information is also in your weekly LOC bulletin. I know we will continue to receive information relating to this topic and we will forward information as it becomes available.

Have a great weekend everyone. Stay cool and enjoy.