

Friday April 17, 2015

Good Friday afternoon everyone! It's a beautiful day today and it looks like the weather will hold through the weekend. Maybe this will be our first sunburn weekend out in the yard. We would all like to congratulate Beverly Brandt on her appointment to City Council representing Ward II. As you all heard during her interview, Bev brings a wealth of knowledge with her from experience as a non-profit board member and over 30 years as a college administrator. I was particularly interested to hear about her commitment to the community and her passion for economic development. Her emphasis is right in line with Council's goals and we are all looking forward to working with her. Welcome Bev!

Thank you all for your attendance at Monday evening's meeting. I know it was a very long meeting as our standards go, but the public hearing process seemed to work, even if it was a little time consuming. We will be bringing you back amended findings of fact to adopt in the near future and will await a decision by the applicant if they will pursue an appeal to LUBA or accept the decision of Council.

And speaking of planning, phase 2 of the LUDO project will soon come to the City Council. These changes are more substantive than what you saw for Phase 1 last year, which was mostly a reformatting, but they will not require a notice to every property owner in the city like Phase 3 will. The Planning Commission is scheduled to hold a work session to review the Phase 2 changes at their May 4th meeting. They will hold a public hearing on June 1st and hope to have a recommendation for City Council at your June 22nd meeting for final adoption. The Land Use and Development Ordinance is the guiding policy document for land use planning in the City and is reflective of the standards and processes that individuals and developers must follow to develop here. Almost two years of preparation have gone into the second and third phases of this process. I would like to thank Brian Davis, his CDD staff and the Planning Commission for their diligent work on this essential piece of policy legislation.

Public Works is out to bid on a number of projects right now. I mentioned before that we had proposals out for water line Cathodic protection and the Washington/Oak downtown project. We are also out to bid on a bike path reconstruction project that will run from about the Golf Course pro shop to the Park Maintenance shop. This is a grant funded project with a local match. You will see a budget resolution in a few weeks that will include this project as we hope to complete or substantially complete the project during this fiscal year. The RFQ for professional engineering services for Spruce/Parrott Street improvements is also back out on the street. As you may recall, this engineering services contract is right around the \$100,000 threshold so we need to utilize the appropriate process to select the engineering firm.

Today we will be submitting three applications for the “All Roads Transportation Safety” (ARTS) program. This FHWA program is administered by ODOT with the goal of reducing fatal and injury accidents on state and local roads. Projects include signal upgrades on Stewart Parkway, additional pedestrian crossing on NE Stephens and pedestrian signal improvements on Harvard from Stewart Park Drive to Stewart parkway (countdown ped heads). The program is 92.22% funded by FHWA, with a 7.78% match requirement.

We think Project Leadership should be finishing the landscaping at Fir Grove West (Guardians) parking lot in the next few weeks, prior to their class graduation on May 18th. We are planning for the Umpqua River Run half marathon, 5K and 10K which is scheduled for August 15th this year. As always, we are looking for volunteers. Contact Barbara Taylor if interested in helping out. In addition our K-9 Unleashed event scheduled for April 25th will now be held at 4:00 p.m. due to a conflict with make-up games for Roseburg High School. It was originally scheduled for earlier in the day, but hopefully some of the baseball fans will stick around and watch the K-9 program which will include the Sherriff’s office and Roseburg Police Department.



Staff from all of our development departments had a “pre-application” meeting with representatives from the project at the former hospital site on Harvard and included representatives from ODOT and RUSA. I understand things went very well and all parties have a good idea what needs to be done to take the next steps. The developers are excited to see the transition of this property and we look forward to working with them on the project.

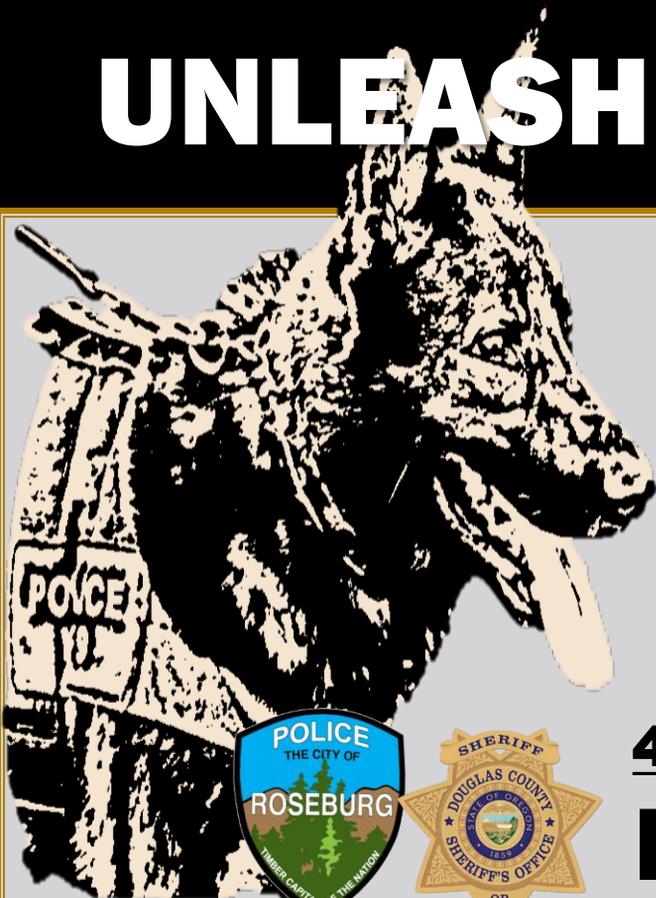
And just a reminder that next Monday at 4:30 p.m. Ron Harker will provide a budget 101 and new member orientation for the Budget Committee which includes City Council. You are all invited and I hope that those of you who have not been through a local government budget process will be able to attend. We look forward to seeing those of you who plan to attend.

Have a great Friday afternoon and weekend everyone!

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POLICE K9s UNLEASHED



**SATURDAY
APRIL 25, 2015**

Legion Field

(across from Stewart Park)
2050 Stewart Park Drive

4:00 PM (NEW Start Time)

FREE ADMISSION



★ K9 DEMO LIKE NO OTHER ★ MEET K9 TEAMS ★
★ SHIRTS FOR SALE ★ PROGRAM INFORMATION ★
★ RAIN OR SHINE ★

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