

Friday June 10, 2016

Good Friday afternoon everyone! It appears we have a bit of a weather reprieve so I hope you can all enjoy the great outdoors this weekend. If you are having trouble finding something to do, please check out our local Visit Roseburg website to remind you what you may be missing! The site can be found at <http://www.visitroseburg.com/> . I think we sometimes take for granted what great options and opportunities we have in and around Roseburg and Central Douglas County.

Councilor Marks and I attended a Partnership leadership committee meeting on Med Ed early this week. The purpose of the meeting was to receive an update on the progress made to date on the project and to determine if we had achieved sufficient progress to warrant continuing to move the project forward. In recent weeks representatives from the Partnership and the Veterans Administration made presentations to House and Senate committees at the State Legislature and representatives from DCIPA made presentations to federal legislative groups. There is support to hold a "field" meeting in Roseburg this summer with members of the White House staff and legislative staff to discuss rural healthcare needs and opportunities. It was the consensus of the Leadership group to continue working on the project. Partnership Director Wayne Patterson will continue to work with Pac West to negotiate a continuing scope of work that would move the project through the 2017 legislative session (twelve months) and work with all of our partners to identify funding options.

Nikki Messenger and I attended the super ACT meeting which was a combined meeting of ODOT's Southwest and Rogue Valley Area Commissions on Transportation. The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the eight projects that were submitted through our regional processes for the 2019-21 STIP enhance funding and forward recommendations to the Oregon Transportation Committee. Unfortunately, our Douglas Avenue transportation/bikeway/sidewalk project just missed the funding cutoff. All of the projects selected for funding were projects that were directly on the ODOT highway system, and while folks ranked our project very high, the selection criteria was weighted heavily towards system improvements. The projects that were selected were all very good projects, but we were still disappointed. We are continuing to work with our regional ODOT partners to leverage local and regional funding whenever possible.

The Public Works Commission met yesterday to consider a couple recommendations to City Council for your meeting on Monday. The Commission recommended the award of this year's overlay project to Knife River and the Overlay Construction Management contract task order to Murry Smith and Associates. You will see both of those items on your Council agenda as well as your Urban Renewal Agenda. They also recommended

entering into a contract for engineering services with i.e. Engineering for design services related to adding a second left turn lane from East bound Stewart Parkway onto North bound Edenbower. All of these projects are contained in our five-year CIP and budgeted in our 2016-17 budgets.

The Umpqua Community College commencement activities will take place later today. Governor Kate Brown is one of the speakers and will be bringing her vision of optimism and hope for UCC students and faculty as well as our entire community. Governor Brown and some of her staff will be holding a small gathering of first responders at the PSC this afternoon to thank and honor those who were involved in the immediate aftermath of the October 1<sup>st</sup> incident. We continue to work with representatives from UCC to move the community forward in the recovery process directly through some of our work, and indirectly through our work with CHART and the TLC appointed by the Governor. I have tremendous respect for the work that the college has accomplished in the last eight or nine months and we look forward to continuing our work together in the community. Local business person and school board member Steve Patterson told our CHART group yesterday that at the RHS graduation ceremony they asked students to stand if they were considering attending UCC next year, and he indicated well over 100 students stood up to a great ovation. So, congratulations to the graduating seniors throughout Douglas County and to those walking at commencement this evening at UCC.



Have great weekend everyone. We will see you all on Monday and look forward to adopting our 2016-17 budgets for the City and our Urban Renewal District!