

Friday January 22, 2016

Good Friday afternoon everyone! The winter weather appears to be staying with us, with maybe a short break from the rain coming up in the next few days. Along with the heavy rains, we have experienced a few storm drainage system failures around town. A couple of weeks ago, a storm pipe in the parking lot near the social security office failed and caused a sink hole. This particular line is one of our public lines, so staff and a local contractor secured the area and fixed the problem in pretty short order. This week we experienced another partial pipe failure near the west end of Harvard Avenue by Redeemers on the south side of Harvard. Again, staff responded quickly to the problem and we will be working with local contractors to determine how quickly we can replace the section of pipe and at what cost. This particular failure will cost much more to fix, and we will provide you with an update at your Monday meeting.

Tuesday morning, in a driving rain storm, Harvard West developers held a ground breaking ceremony at the site of the former Douglas Community Hospital. Despite the rain there was a great turnout from the community and the media. A number of representatives from Investors IX, LLC, the developer, their prime contractor, LCG Pence, and architects were present as well as City staff. The developers had very kind words relating to their development experience in Roseburg and they are looking forward to completing this project during late 2016 so that the service providers from the State can occupy the new space.



On Wednesday, Sheila, Nikki and I met with representatives from Pacific Power to begin conversations about the renewal of the Pacific Power franchise agreement. We have a long standing working relationship with our regional power provider and their representatives. We are looking forward to working with them over the next couple months in an effort to bring an updated agreement to you in April.

The HRRC met on Wednesday as well. They considered a request to move or demolish a building adjacent to the Kolhagen Apartments at the south end of Jackson Street. The purpose for the removal or demolition would be to allow the prospective purchaser of the property to redevelop the property into a joint commercial/residential facility that will meet demands for both retail and housing in the downtown core area.

Thursday the Airport Commission met to discuss the upcoming five-year CIP for submittal to the Federal Aviation Administration. The CIP provides a framework for staff to work with to stage funding and construction timelines for the projects that are eligible

for FAA funding. We will also have a couple of smaller projects that are important to the airport operations, but will not be FAA eligible. Councilor McDonald chaired his first Airport Commission meeting and was welcomed to the commission. Over the next few months the Commission will be discussing revenue enhancement options based on Council's request last year to address some resource concerns.

This week, all City employees participated in training regarding workplace violence and active shooter situations. Training was presented based on the *Run, Hide, Fight* model and included an informative and impactful video produced by the City of Houston, Texas. In short, in an active shooter situation, employees are expected to 1) evacuate the area as quickly and safely as possible, and assist others in exiting the area; 2) If escape is not possible find a defensible space to hide; and 3) if no other options are available, fight the attacker with any means possible. The sessions included some interesting discussion, and all were encouraged to evaluate their work areas for the most effective safe exit routes in case of an emergency. We hope that the events of October 1 are not repeated in our community, but if similar events do occur we want our people to be as prepared as possible. Follow the link below if you're interested in viewing the 6-minute video.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VcSwejU2D0>

Finance Director Ron Harker recently prepared and submitted a summary financial report to GFOA for review. The Popular Annual Financial Report, or PAFR, was designed to provide summary and narrative information for selected important components from our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report in a more transparent and readable format. And, it's less than 20 pages long, instead of the over 120 pages in the CAFR. There will be a copy of the PAFR at your place Monday evening and Ron may say a couple words about it at the end of the meeting.



Have a great weekend everyone!