

Memorandum

Date: August 17, 2012

To: John Kovash, Mayor
Members, West Linn City Council

From: Chris Jordan, City Manager *ccj*

Subject: Council Schedule and Miscellaneous Items

Council Schedule

The Council is scheduled to hold a Special Meeting at 5:30 on Monday, August 20. The meeting will include an executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(h), pending litigation or litigation likely to be filed. The Council may also hold a brief public meeting to vote on the matter discussed in executive session. The agenda is attached.

The Council's next meeting is scheduled for September 10. The agenda for that evening will include the final order for the Bland Pump Station; the PGE Franchise Agreement; the Emergency Operations Plan, and Robinwood Trail easement. On September 17 the Council is scheduled to hold a work session with the Utility Advisory Board.

Economic Development

Earlier this year, the City Council heard from Sean Robbins, the CEO of Greater Portland, Inc. Attached to this memorandum is a memo from Economic Development Director Chris Kerr discussing the possibility of joining GPI as a member of the Small City Consortium. The Council may wish to discuss this at your September 17 work session.

Attachment



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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, August 20, 2012

5:30 p.m. – Executive Session – Rosemont Room
PerORS 192.660(2)(h) Pending Litigation or Litigation Likely to Be Filed
Immediately Following – Meeting – Council Chambers

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1. Executive Session
 2. Return to Open Meeting (As Needed)
 3. Adjourn

Meeting Notes:

The Council Chambers is equipped with an induction loop and a limited number of neck loops for the hearing impaired. Please let the City know if you require any special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call City Hall 48 hours prior to the meeting date, 503-657-0331.

Memorandum

Date: August 9, 2012

To: Chris Jordan, City Manager

From: Chris Kerr, Economic Development Director

Subject: Small City Consortium membership in Greater Portland Inc.

Sean Robbins, CEO of Greater Portland Inc (“GPI”) spoke to the Council at their May 14, 2012 worksession about GPI’s mission, broader regional economic development issues, and the assistance that GPI provides to local governments. The City of West Linn is not currently a member of GPI, but I believe joining as part of their “Small City Consortium” (entry-level) would be highly beneficial to the City’s Economic Development efforts. The annual investor fee is \$3,500.00.

Other members of GPI’s Small City Consortium include:

- Oregon City
- City of Canby
- City of Sherwood
- City of Wilsonville
- City of Lake Oswego
- City of Tualatin
- City of Tigard
- City of Fairview
- City of Happy Valley
- City of Forest Grove
- City of Newberg

The Small City Consortium is represented by one seat on GPI’s Board of Directors; currently Sherwood Mayor Keith Mayes represents the Consortium in that role.

“Regional collaboration” is one of the stated strategic goals of the City’s Economic Development Plan because it ensures that the City’s actions are in alignment with regional programs and opportunities that can assist our community. Building relationships with regional partners allows us to share resources such as education, market assessments and analysis, GIS and real estate data, funding opportunities, outreach programs, and networking opportunities.

GPI is the most prominent organization representing the business community in the region and is the most active one in terms of expanding and retaining businesses regionally. GPI is a public/private partnership funded through investments and includes the region's private sector industry leaders, elected officials and economic development groups. As outlined by Mr. Robbins, its stated purpose is to, *"represent and further the economic future of the entire region. It works with state and local economic development partners to coordinate regional economic development strategies, promote the region's assets, and provide coordinated business retention, expansion, and targeted recruitment programs to stimulate capital investment and job creation in the region"*.

I expect the City to receive tangible returns from our involvement with GPI. They can be a valuable resource for the City, our businesses and property owners. I recommend making this investment in GPI and becoming a member of their Small City Consortium.