

Memorandum

Date: October 27, 2016

To: West Linn City Council, Staff and Readers

From: Eileen Stein, City Manager

Subject: City Manager's Weekly Report for October 27, 2016

Schedule

- The holiday greeting will be recorded prior to the November 14 pre-meeting. The greeting is shown before the council meetings during the holiday season. Holiday or winter attire is encouraged.

Information Items

- October 17th Wind/Rain Storm Claims. To update from last week, it turns out some of the claims being processed are being rejected by our insurance carrier, and in some cases, the homeowner's insurance carrier also. We will be taking a closer look at these claims to see whether there is a way to provide some relief. We have a modest self-insurance fund, but the total amount of potential claims will far outweigh the amount of the fund.
- Willamette General Store. This week staff met with legal counsel to brainstorm a path forward for a new brewery and cidery operation at this location. The solution involves an amendment to a definition in the Community Development Code (CDC). This amendment will be added to the other CDC changes proposed by the Committee for Citizen Involvement. The Planning Commission will consider these changes on November 16th and they will be presented to the City Council on December 12th.
- Campaign Signs Complaints and Locations. There has been a lot of activity this week (and last) on the placement of campaign lawn signs and a sweep last week intended to make sure that the City's policy was comprehensively enforced. In summary the policy is:
 - 1) Lawn signs placed in obvious locations in the public right of way or public spaces would be removed.
 - 2) Signs that are placed behind sidewalks or along road sides where someone would physically have to measure the placement of the sign relative to the right of way line, these signs would be left in place, giving the benefit of the doubt to the candidate. Signs placed in planter strips between the street and sidewalk have also been left in place on the basis that these are areas the city relies upon the homeowner for maintenance.
- Hwy 43 Update. The Hwy 43 project received favorable support at the Clackamas Cities Coordinating Council Technical Advisory Committee meeting this week. The Metro Council took public testimony on projects being considered for RFFA funding today which was frustrating to have received last minute notice of this. Mayor Axelrod, Councilor Martin and several citizens attended the hearing to testify in support of the project.