



Memorandum

Date: May 18, 2017

To: West Linn City Council, Staff and Readers

From: Eileen Stein, City Manager

Subject: City Manager's Weekly Report for May 18, 2017

Schedule

- The date for the 2nd Quarter Town Hall is June 27th. A possible topic for this event is the 2018-2019 Biennial Budget.
- Summer Recess? Some city councils take the month of August off. In the past, West Linn has reduced their meetings to two meetings a month during the summer. Let me know what the Council's preference for this summer is so we can schedule items accordingly.

Information Items

Potential New Fiber Internet. We are engaged in very preliminary discussions with a possible new fiber internet provider coming to West Linn. The provider plans to target business customers to support new 5G cellular wireless standards. The provider is a well-established company, but until discussions are further along, we're withholding the name. This provider is working with the City of Portland and several cities in the metro area to request agreements to install fiber optic cable in the right away along certain arterial pathways through the city. Shane will work with Megan in developing the franchise agreements and this will be forthcoming to you when they are ready.

Tree Fall Investigation. CIS has started an investigation into the tree fall incident. The City was served with a tort claim notice. During the time of the investigation, Ron Jones is the primary arborist handling tree removal permits and questions. At CIS' direction, we are conducting a survey to determine whether the tree was in open space or private property. Meanwhile, we have received a tree removal permit for five Doug Firs in the Willamette neighborhood. The reasoning is that the trees were observed swaying in high winds. Staff denied the request and it has been appealed to the City Manager, per Code.

2018-2019 Biennial Budget Approved. The Citizen's Budget Committee completed its work last night and has approved a budget for presentation to the City Council. The City Council will conduct a public hearing and is scheduled to adopt the budget on June 19th. The budget must be adopted by June 30th and will go into effect on July 1st. During deliberations the Budget Committee recommended the City Council consider a new public safety fee for implementation sometime in FY 2017-18. This is consistent with the City Council's 2017 goals to achieve fiscal sustainability, including evaluating new revenue sources for the General Fund.

I-205 Widening Design Process. Staff learned from ODOT this week that they will soon begin work on design and engineering for the I-205 widening from Stafford Road through the Abernethy Bridge, in anticipation of potential approval of a state transportation package. ODOT anticipates doing initial planning, design and public outreach work over the next 14 months or so, and will be starting with designs initially drafted in a 2003 study. Their timeline works well with West Linn's Waterfront Plan, allowing our community outreach to inform ODOT's design and project delivery. The I-205 widening will certainly have significant impacts on West Linn residents and, if you are interested, we can see when it would work for ODOT to discuss the project at an upcoming work session.