



Memorandum

Date: November 29, 2018

To: West Linn City Council, City Staff and Readers

From: Eileen Stein, City Manager

Subject: City Manager's Weekly Report – November 29, 2018

Schedule Items

- Reminder that the Community Tree Lighting Ceremony is tonight at 6 p.m.
- The 12/3/18 work session is scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m.

Information Items

- West Linn Population Estimate. Last week we received the Certified and Estimated Population figures from Portland State University's Population Research Center. The Certified Population figure as of July 1, 2017 was 25,695. **The Estimated Population figure for July 1, 2018 is 25,830.**
- Equipment Theft. Over the Thanksgiving weekend, we experienced a theft from the Parks Department tool cage. Stolen were four chainsaws, one power driven pole pruner and one orchard ladder. This loss will cost us upwards of \$3,000 to replace all that was stolen. We have filed a report with the Police Department on the theft. Early in the GO Bond process, we raised the issue of the eventual need to replace and relocate the Public Works Operations Yard someday. Incidents like this remind us that this facility, now being completely surrounded by residential development, really needs to be relocated to a location with better security and buffering.
- I-205/Abernethy Bridge Funding Legislation. We are working to ensure that funding for the I-205/Abernethy Bridge widening and seismic resilience project is provided by the Oregon Legislature during the 2019 session. At our request legislative counsel has drafted a bill that provides \$350 million in lottery bonds for the project (this amount can be changed as needed and as feasible), and also requires ODOT to consult with West Linn and other adjacent local governments in the design and execution of the project. Doug Riggs, our contract lobbyist, is leading the effort at C-4 and other venues to garner support from Clackamas County, cities, and the broader region on this bill.
- Blue Heron Pond. This week WES Director Greg Geist informed me the County has received an unsolicited offer from a development group to purchase the pond. Nothing has been done to date with the offer. We will keep the Council posted as we hear more about this and how it would factor into our overall waterfront planning efforts.

That's it for this week.

Eileen