

City Manager's Weekly Report

Date: February 7, 2020

To: Mayor Axelrod and City Council, City staff, and West Linn community

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Calendar notes

- We received limited dates from the facilitator for the teambuilding retreat. Please take a moment to respond to the Doodle Poll with your availability. We are hoping to get an approximately 4 hour window of time.
- February 10th Council Executive Session starts at 4:00pm, Pre-Meeting Worksession at 5:00pm and Regular meeting at 6:30pm.
- The Clackamas County Business Alliance is holding a forum on public transit on February 12, a current Council area of interest. Please remember to purchase tickets at the CCBA member rate if you are interested in participating.
- State of the City February 25th. The Mayor and staff are busy planning and preparing for the Mayor's State of the City Address at the Library beginning at 5:30pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this special event. RSVPs are appreciated through the City website.

Informational updates

- **Council 2020 Goal Update.** We are working to create a Goal document that reflects the updates and discussion that Council had on February 3, and will make a draft available to Council ASAP. Work on several items emphasized at the meeting has already begun; special thanks to Lance Calvert and the Public Works Department for their quick work on the Salamo/Day Road landscaping, which I believe has helped already. More discussion of traffic safety projects and many other items to come!
- **School Board Meeting Planning.** I met this week with Superintendent Kathy Ludwig to begin to plan an agenda for the upcoming February 24th joint meeting with Council and the West Linn-Wilsonville School Board. This meeting will be held at the School District Administration Building at 22210 SW Stafford Rd. The draft agenda focuses on reports from the School Board on their upcoming Capital Bond Projects and reports from the City on transportation and traffic issues/projects, including Willamette Falls Drive and Intra-City transit interest. We'll also be discussing joint Library projects and Equity Initiatives.
- **Tree City USA.** We are excited to announce that West Linn has achieved Tree City USA recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation for the 27nd year! We are also one of just 13 cities in Oregon to attain a Tree City USA Growth Award in 2019. This is West Linn's first year in attaining a Growth Award, which recognizes cities for accomplishing innovative urban forestry projects above and beyond the Tree City USA standards. Our Parks and Recreation Department's robust combination of events, communication, education, and reforestation of urban environments led to this significant set of acknowledgements!



- **Parker Crest Neighborhood Association.** A postcard inviting participation in the February 20th Parker Crest Neighborhood Association meeting has been sent out to addresses within the Parker Crest Neighborhood. The meeting agenda has also been posted online on the Meetings page and City calendar. A mediator from Clackamas County Dispute Resolution Services is being scheduled to help facilitate the meeting.
- **Second Quarter Financial Report.** The [Second Quarter Financial Report](#) has been posted online. Property tax revenues arrived this quarter, but Library District Levy revenues do not arrive until next quarter. Water, the city-portion of sewer, and surface water rates increased in January in accordance with the Council-approved Master Fee Schedule.
- **2020 Oregon Legislative Session Underway.** Our lobbyist Doug Riggs is doing a great job staying on top of West Linn's priority issues as this short session gets started. Highlights this week include testimony on HB 4103, allowing local governments to have more control over speed limits on local roads, and of course HB 4150, legislation to create a Willamette Falls Locks Authority. Please contact Doug or me if you have any questions about anything happening in Salem.