



City Manager's Report

Date: October 26, 2020

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

From: Jerry Gabrielatos, City Manager [JG](#)

Calendar notes

- **November 2, 2020:** Council Work Session beginning at 6:00 p.m., preceded by at 5:00 p.m. Executive session (pending Council approval). Unfinished items from the October 19 meeting have been added to this agenda, including Council Goals update, Council Tracking Log, and Tentative Agenda review.
- **November 9, 2020:** Council Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. with a 5:00 p.m. Pre-meeting.
- **November 11, 2020:** City offices are closed in observance of Veteran's Day.

Informational updates

- **NOBLE.** The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Professionals (NOBLE) has been working together with the WLPD on initiatives to support and train our Police Department. NOBLE recommended Dr. Bryant Marks, who provided the WLPD with a highly interactive Implicit Bias Training class on October 20 that was well received by attendees including me. We arranged for Lake Oswego PD to cover our calls for the three hours of class so the entire West Linn PD (sworn and non-sworn) could attend.

NOBLE has started monthly meetings for officers of color in the Portland Metro area that some of our staff participate in. NOBLE provides dinner and has been facilitating discussion on changes they would like to see to the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) on how to change training curricula for police and corrections to be more inclusive and raise awareness for people of color.

- **Property Tax Statements.** Statements were mailed on October 22 and 23. Real market value in Clackamas County grew 5% this year continuing a growth trend that started in 2013, the growth rate for 2020 was at a slightly lower rate than in the past few years. Read the full press release from Clackamas County [here](#).
- **Parks and Recreation Events.** Recreation Staff held a very popular "Boo Drive Through" event on October 17 with well over 1,100 participants. Many thanks to the Police Department for helping with the traffic control during the busy event. Adult Community Center Staff held the first successful "Paint & Sip" class under OHA guidelines, with another planned for October 23.



- **Parks and Recreation Projects.** The Hammerle Park retaining wall and drainage project around the tennis courts was completed this week! Parks Maintenance Staff continue to work on installation of elements of Sahallie Ilahee Nature Play Area (photo) and the Robinwood Park basketball court drainage project starts at the end of this week. We also finalized the details of a financial partnership with the Hidden Springs Neighborhood Association for amenities at a couple of the parks in that area.



- **Voter Protection Hotline.** The Attorney General opened a Voter Protection Hotline at Oregon DOJ at 971-673-4111 (dial 711 for Oregon Relay). Voters with non-emergency questions or concerns can call the Voter Protection Hotline and/or find more information including a one-page flyer online at www.doj.state.or.us/vote. The hotline and flyer is accessible in multiple languages.

The Hate Crimes and Bias Incidents Response Hotline remains available at 1-844-924-BIAS (2427) for people targeted with bias due to their perceived race, color, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, and/or religion in any setting, including voting.

- **Marylhurst College Rezoning.** Changes are being considered at the former Marylhurst University campus area near Mary's Woods in Lake Oswego, adjacent to West Linn's northern edge. The Society of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary submitted an [application](#) to amend LO's code and comp plan to allow affordable multi-family housing on this property. The Lake Oswego Planning Commission held an initial hearing on October 12 and has continued the hearing until October 26. Actual development proposals would come later, with more land use hearings, if the plan changes are approved.
- **Green Future Impact Solar Facility.** The City of West Linn is a proud partner in PGE's Green Future Impact Program, linking our energy use directly to a long term, low cost source of local renewable energy. The City of West Linn is helping to bring Oregon's largest 162-megawatt (480,000 solar panel) solar facility online in Gilliam County. As participants in the Project, West Linn was allotted a vote in naming the new solar facility. We put out a survey to the community and were pleased to present PGE on Thursday with West Linn's vote: "Pacwaywit Fields." PGE worked on this name with the Umatilla Tribe, Pacwaywit is the Native word for "Sun." PGE is expected to announce the final name this week.
- **Willamette Main St. Construction.** Major paving operations continue this week after technical and mechanical issues delayed progress the week of October 12th. Paving on the travel lanes began on Friday, October 23rd starting at 3:00am and Willamette Falls Drive from 10th to 16th will be closed to traffic at 5:00am. Expect significant delays in the area. A detour and road closure map can be found [here](#).
- **ODOT Tolling Projects.** ODOT is continuing its outreach efforts during planning for the I-205 and I-5 Toll projects. We are currently encouraging the community to take ODOT's [evaluation survey](#) by Monday, November 2 to help shape the best ways that ODOT can provide information to the public.

I'm continuing to get to know West Linn through socially distance coffees and attending Neighborhood Association meetings. The conversations have been fun and helpful.

Jerry