

Memorandum

Date: May 1, 2015

To: Members, West Linn City Council

From: Chris Jordan, City Manager *CJ*

Subject: Miscellaneous Items

Fountain Across from City Hall

Community Development Director Chris Kerr has been informed by the owners of the shopping center by City Hall that they do not plan to continue to operate and maintain the fountain. Apparently, the cost of maintenance, and the concern about liability should someone be injured when playing in it or near it, have led to this decision.

We have reviewed the land use application for this project, and the fountain, although the subject of much discussion, was not included as a condition for approval of the permit. Also, because the City has no enforcement authority to require the continued maintenance and operation of the fountain, the fountain/plaza is becoming an eyesore.

We believe we have two options in dealing with this: 1) attempt to work with the property owner to ensure that the design that replaces the fountain enhances the area; or 2) the City offer to take over the maintenance and operation of the fountain, redesign it and turn it into a splash pad similar to those we have in some of our parks. We estimate the cost of option 2 to be approximately \$75,000-100,000. (Please note that this would require the permission/approval of the property owner.)

Please let me know if you have any thoughts on this.

Property Task Force

During the April 6 work session, the Council discussed its goal regarding a review of city-owned properties. The outcome was that members of the Council would forward to me the names of possible members of a task force to review these properties. To date, I have not received any input from the Council. Please forward any thoughts you have on this matter to me so we can initiate this project.

Council Schedule

The Schedule for the City Council for May is:

May 4, 5:15 -- City Council Executive Session at City Hall

May 4, 6:00 -- Citizens Budget Committee Meeting at City Hall

May 6, 6:00 -- Citizens Budget Committee at the Library

May 11, 6:00 -- City Council pre-meeting work session in the Bamboo Room at the Library

May 11, 6:30 -- City Council Meeting at the Library

May 18, 6:00 -- City Council Work Session at the Police Station (note that there is an Audit Committee meeting at 5:00 at the Police Station)