

Memorandum

Date: May 15, 2015

To: Members, West Linn City Council

From: Chris Jordan, City Manager 

Subject: May 18 Council Meeting/Work Session

The Council is scheduled to meet at 6:00 at the West Linn Police Station on May 18 for a Special Meeting and a Work Session. (Note: there is a meeting of the Audit Committee at 5:00.) Agenda Items are:

Special Meeting:

Stafford Designation Statement: This item was on the Council's agenda for May 11, but was postponed for further review. The attached version includes the proposed edit to remove the word "North" in the first sentence. The Council is encouraged to vote on this matter during the Special Meeting.

Work Session:

Transportation System Plan Update: This is the second in a series of brief updates to the Council on the development of the City's new Transportation System Plan. Susanne Wright from Kittleson and Associates will provide the update.

Sustainability Advisory Board Update: Members of the SAB will provide the Council with a summary of the updated draft Sustainable West Linn Strategic Plan. The draft Plan was provided to the Council and placed on the City's website earlier this week.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Attachment

Stafford: A Joint Statement

Lake Oswego, Tualatin & West Linn

The cities of Lake Oswego, Tualatin and West Linn have long held that the Stafford Area is not appropriate for urban levels of development and does not meet the factors for designation as urban reserves. The adopted comprehensive plans of the respective cities and Metro's Regional Transportation Plan bear this out. The cities also hold that the present rural character of Stafford is important to the area residents, including current residents of the unincorporated Stafford area. This rural character offsets the effects of urban sprawl and maintains a sense of separate communities between Lake Oswego, West Linn, Tualatin, and Wilsonville. If, in the event, new information is brought to light which supports an urban reserve designation for Stafford, the cities of Lake Oswego, Tualatin and West Linn agree that:

1. One, or more, of the three cities should be the governing jurisdiction of any future urbanization of the Stafford area. The three cities will participate with Clackamas County and Metro in any discussions regarding reserve designation, future land use, transportation and infrastructure needs and solutions.
2. Prior to any reserve designation, an infrastructure assessment (which includes transportation, sewer, water and storm water) must evaluate the feasibility of urban development in the Stafford area. The assessment must identify regional and local impacts that will result from urban development; and propose improvements needed to mitigate impacts to bring each respective cities' infrastructure systems to adopted urban standards, while protecting the quality of life for existing residents in each city. A capital cost/revenue analysis and operating cost/revenue analysis is needed to give the cities a tool to evaluate options. Funding sources must be identified that will be needed to fill any infrastructure development cost gaps without burdening existing city residents. This should include approximate but reasonable timelines for implementation and phasing.
3. Residential and employment densities under any future urban growth / land use scenario must be compatible with surrounding cities' comprehensive plans, including existing land use designations and development regulations, and all transportation and utility master plans.