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WEST LINN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

October 4, 2013
8:00 AM
Bolton Room, City Hall

Summary Notes

Attendees:

Chris Kerr, Renee Muzzi, Linda Neace, Levi, Gail Holmes, Jesse Knight, Ryerson, Richard Seals

Meeting Time:

8:02 am to 9:11 am

Discussion:

- Discussion with Richard Seals, Finance Director, about the potential increase of commercial street maintenance fees. Talked about how the cap for businesses only increases by 3% a year while other tiers and fees increase by 5%, this is causing medium sized businesses to pay close to the level that very large businesses, like Safeway or Wal-Mart, pay. Richard and Chris explained why the residential fees were increased and how an increase in commercial fees would impact the total money pool. Richard also explained how 80% of businesses pay close to what the residences are paying, and with the increase in residential fees more of those businesses will be paying less than residences. Discussion about adding a tier for that middle group (i.e. Round Table) so they would not pay near the cap. Interest in comparing the tax burden in West Linn to other cities in the area, if we increase everything by 75% like the residential fee that may cause uproar with businesses who have stores in other cities with different fee levels. Chris Kerr summarized main points to address as the closing gap between the largest businesses and the next tier, that small businesses pay close to or even less than residences, and to make the cap increase by 5% like the rest of the fees.

- Chris Kerr gave an update on the Tourism Grant. Applications are due by October 11th, the Cut the Red Tape project, and the Arch Bridge/Bolton Area planning project.