

Coffee with the Mayor Recap

Date: March 17, 2016

Policy Issues	
Topic	Resolution/Action/Notes
Stormwater & other plans. The city is spending a lot of money on these plans.	This is the first stormwater plan for the city so costs are higher than just doing an update. A grant from Dept of Ecology covered 75% of costs including outreach, monitoring, planning, etc. the cost to the city is \$83,000 over 2.5 years.
Fence ordinance. Who does this affect?	The proposed ordinance affects fences that define playfields, ball diamonds, sport courts and similar play and athletic facilities that are in the Public Facility zone.
An attendee claimed that a signal at the Washington Street offramp was #1 on the TBD project list. Perhaps a stop sign could be used as another alternative.	A stop sign was evaluated for this location. It was determined that a stop sign posed a danger at the intersection due to a perception that traffic coming off the highway was expected to stop and may not due to the rate of speed among other safety issues. It was also determined that the area did not warrant a traffic light. Signing has been installed that warns all other traffic that ramp traffic does not stop.

Operational Issues	
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Neighborhood watch signs can be purchased from sheriff's office	Public Works can assist with installation, call 683-4908.
Totem pole in Civic Center plaza does not have a camera on it	There is a camera on the building that has a view of the totem pole.
What is the status with the community signage kiosks	These kiosks have been completed. Applications have been received. Public Works will review the applications on 3/18/16 to determine placement.

Issues with alley between 5 th & 7 th /Spruce & Fir	Public Works will continue to patch and fill potholes for these alleys. Budget constraints limit paving to collector streets and local roads only at this time.
Rodents at New Meadows Loop	Rodents are attracted to compost piles, bird feeders, debris/garbage. Reduce the availability of those items of attraction. Rat traps or exterminators may also be used.
County or Other Issues	
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Tax rates and assessments; property owners are having to pay for everything; many empty schools in Port Angeles. Sequim could bus students there instead of building new schools. She has come to City Council and they don't seem to care about the tax rates.	Another attendee at the coffee indicated that the school levy was actually passed by a majority of the Sequim population. The minority is now dictating what should be done. It is because of the supermajority requirement that the bond failed. The bond would have actually lowered the property tax amount.
Simdars interchange needs to be completed. Issues with emergency services.	WSDOT is aware of the city's interest in completing the interchange. We are also talking with our state and federal representatives to obtain funding.
Neighborhood Revitalization	Habitat for Humanity has partnered with the City of Sequim to determine needs. Habitat needs homeowners to apply to them for assistance with repairs/maintenance.
McCleary decision. How will it be funded; perhaps use sales tax	The state legislators are still working on this issue.
Michael Smith from the Shipley Center provide misc information	Open house on May 10 and August will be their rummage sale