

Coffee with the Mayor Recap

Date: 6/16/16

Attendees: 9

Staff: Chris Hugo, DCD

Policy Issues	
Topic	Resolution/Action/Notes
Fireworks	A question about lack of Council discussion about increased danger during drought. Dennis noted that Fire Marshall Hall can ban fireworks in response to severe danger of fire. Dennis also explained the delay between Council action and time revisions take effect.
Emergency Preparedness	Several expressed mild concern over the amount of resources committed to Cascadia Rising considering the variables including likelihood of the disaster.
Water Rates	A question about the “high cost” of domestic water. Dennis and Chris explained the “pay as we grow” policy; the role of GFCs and rates tied to infrastructure investment and maintenance costs. One citizen noted that the bulk of the monthly bill was for sewer – the water portion wasn’t unreasonable. Another citizen commented on her much higher cost living outside the service area and having to drill a 500’+ well, maintain / replace costly pumps, and pay electrical. The application of a basic service charge to temporarily unoccupied homes was also explained.
Road intersections with 101 at east end.	Concerns about the dangerous intersections at 101 with Happy Valley and Palo Alto. The City’s shared concerns were expressed and ongoing City efforts noted to move this up in State DOT priority.

Operational Issues	
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100 Block W. Spruce Street	Questions were raised about the status of 161 and 169 W. Spruce. Dennis explained City’s unsuccessful attempts to purchase at market value. Chris explained Code Compliance and Police actions over the years, the legal limits on City interventions, and ongoing monitoring / actions by Lisa.
Weeds – Miller Rd.; 31 Jara Way	A resident of the Craftsman Court development noted the high weeds covering the vacant property to the west (also noting that the weed machine was doing really well at cutting back blackberries). Also, weeds at 31 Jara Way. Chris committed to refer both to Lisa for action and noted that she had just addressed a similar weed problem on W. 200 block of Spruce.

Totem Pole security camera	A resident questioned if the Civic Center totem pole now had a security camera. Dennis responded that coverage was now operational. (Note: installation of an additional camera (already purchased) to broaden the range of coverage is scheduled.)
Centennial Tiles	Question about what happened to the tiles? Dennis and Chris explained about the need to install inside, the search to secure an installer, the designated location in the CC lobby, and the expected project completion this summer.
Legacy Ridge subdivision	Several residents who live immediately north of the pending project raised substantial concerns about storm and ground water impacts from the proposed development. Also, questions about extension of 7 th Ave. and who is paying for service extensions to site (the applicant), all of which Chris answered. These properties suffer from prior site planning not done properly to mitigate stormwater impacts. Chris assured residents that the City staff review and application of current standards will minimize additional impact.
County Issues	
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<p>Help to needy One citizen inquired as to how they can contribute to the Police Dept program to issue gift cards to needy people on the street.</p>	<p>Any citizen can donate cash/checks to the effort through the mail or in person at the Civic Center. Donors do need to specify which fund they are donating to since there are a few different programs such as the K9 program, the Chaplaincy program, Project Lifesaver, and the Human Services Emergency Fund. If a citizen wished to donate some kind of card, they should contact the PD to determine which types of cards will be accepted. Just regular gift cards that can be used to purchase anything other than essentials such as food, gas, etc. may present a problem and may be more difficult to document for tax purposes. Donations to the various funds are generally tax deductible.</p>
<p>Sewer Issue—Craftsman Court. Hoa must pay to keep up a pumping station to pump their waste up to Emerald Highlands (they say 625 feet). The pumps are old and not made any more and when they go out (there are two and have both gone out at the same time) they must find someone to fix them.</p>	<p>This issue has come up at a prior Coffee with the Mayor. Residents are encouraged to contact Utilities Manager Pete Tjemsland to discuss what it would take for them to connect to the city system.</p>