

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: February 23, 2024

### **Ad-Hoc Street Improvement and Funding Committee Town Hall Meeting**

Thursday evening the Ad-Hoc Street Improvement and Funding Committee held a town hall meeting at the Cottage Grove Armory. There were approximately 100 individuals in attendance. Chair Amber Bahler and the Public Works & Development Director presented the state of City streets, current street funds and expenses, and potential funding sources that could increase revenue to improve the streets. Several people gave public testimony asking questions and sharing their thoughts. Many of the attendees provided written comments. The committee will meet to discuss the comments from the 7 outreach meeting and town hall forum. The committee will work to formalize a recommendation and present it to the City Council in the near future.

### **Representative Hoyle Disaster Response Roundtable**

On Tuesday City Manager Sauerwein and Public Works & Development Director Stewart attended the Disaster Response Roundtable held by Congresswoman Hoyle. In attendance were Congresswoman Hoyle, Lane County Commissioners, Chair Trieger and East Lane Commission Buch, staff for Senator Wyden and Merkley, Mayors & Staff from Eugene, Springfield, staff from Cottage Grove, Creswell, and staff from all the power providers in Lane County. Each attendee provided the impacts from the ice storm to each of the jurisdictions. The total damage from the storm is in excess of \$50 million. Most if not all attending believe this event is the worst winter natural disaster in the last 50 years to impact their jurisdiction. Congresswoman Hoyle was very appreciative of all the information and support and will use it to encourage Congress to support a Federal Emergency Declaration and Funding to offset some if not all the costs incurred by the government agencies during this event. If Congress acts it may be late spring or early summer before reimbursement for expenses will be allocated.

### **South Lane Parks & Recreation Survey**

Attached is the information for the survey that the Real World group is working on. Click on this link to access the survey: [https://oregon.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8bJw1VzgN9Hxx8q](https://oregon.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8bJw1VzgN9Hxx8q) Your thoughts about parks and recreation are very valuable. Please take the time to complete the survey. The survey will be open until the end of the month.

### **Films at the Library**

At 1 PM on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, the classic film *West Side Story* will be shown in the Shepherd Room at the Cottage Grove Community Center (700 E. Gibbs Ave.). Admission is free and so is the popcorn!

At 5 PM on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, the film *An Oregon Story: Saving our Beaches, Farmland, and More* will be shown in the Shepherd Room. This feature-length documentary, executive

produced by Jim Gilbert, highlights Oregon's innovative land-use planning program that has been a model for the nation. Through a compelling blend of archival footage and interviews, the film honors both the visionaries who established these vital policies and the dedicated individuals who have defended them over the past 50 years.

**Quote of the Week:**

*“The changes in the season should remind us that we too can transition and grow.”*

*~ Anonymous*