

## City Manager's Update — January 7, 2021

Prepared for Mayor and Councilors. Please contact Steve Powers, City Manager, for additional information.

### *Clean-ups*

City staff and contractors will be cleaning up Wallace Marine Park on January 15 and Cascades Gateway Park on January 29, with six hours at each park or until the trucks are full. The clean-ups are part of the City's attention to the sheltering in the parks.

We have confirmed this week that the Oregon Department of Transportation will begin trash pick-up every other week at the state's Market Street and I-5 property. City staff are arranging coordination between ODOT and volunteers to help and support the clean-up. Staff are working with local garbage haulers, counties and other partners about what it would take to address the garbage services needed for our unsheltered residents throughout the region, looking for a system that is workable and efficient for all.

Staff are reviewing budgets in Facilities, Parks Operations, Street Maintenance, Stormwater Maintenance, and Stormwater Quality for enough clean-up funding and to identify where additional funding is needed. City staff are responding to the need for cleaning at the City's parkades. Additional funds will likely be needed as the current level of cleaning will expend budgeted funds by March, and there is a need to increase the cleaning as the current level of service isn't adequate in several locations.

COVID has underscored the need for shelter for residents and clean-up.

### *COVID*

The City has received the Moderna COVID vaccine from Marion County Health. We received enough doses to vaccinate all personnel in Fire, Police, and WVCC (911). The vaccinations started with Fire this week, with Police and WVCC following closely behind.

The City will be assisting Salem Health's plans for a drive-up vaccine location.

There are 1,851 water/wastewater accounts eligible for shutoff for nonpayment. As of December 28, the current delinquency is \$566,000. Notices have gone out to utility account holders, including information on available financial assistance. No shutoffs, yet.

### *Council Follow-up*

Staff is making progress on the violations of SRC 86.030, Unlawful Public Tree Removal. Outstanding violations have either been resolved or are in the process toward resolution.

## ***Fires***

Staff are monitoring runoff from the Santiam Canyon wildfires and adjusting the water intake at Geren island as necessary to protect the City's drinking water.

## ***Projects***

I have approved the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) proposal for the aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) improvements project. The City's Construction Manager/General Contractor is Slayden Constructors, Inc. This project includes upgrades to the City's ASR facility at and under Woodmansee Park. The aquifer storage is a supplementary water supply source for the City. The project includes a new water treatment facility, new water pipeline connections to existing ASR wells in the park, access road improvements, and construction of a new 24-inch waterline along Sunnyside Road SE between Woodmansee Park and Boone Road SE. Slayden is contractually committed to completing the improvements by Fall 2021. The project cost is over \$8 million. The GMP was set after review by the City's consulting engineers, who determined Slayden's estimate is a fair representation of the value of this project.

Thanks for reading,  
Steve