



THE WEEKEND UPDATE

City Manager Adam Brown | March 22, 2019

Sister City Visit

The Mayor, staff, and councilor Braeden greeted the Osaka Sayama students on Wednesday. We had a great visit!

Splash Pad

A lot more concrete went down for the splash pad. I picked up a few smaller donations this week. We'll keep taking them as long as we can so we can hopefully return some money back to the general fund or utility funds.



Aaron and Laura LeBoutillier from the Garden Answer got back to us about their help with the splash pad. They have a sponsor who will be donating 10- 31" self-watering Urban Vase planters for the splash park valued at \$399 each!

Treasure Valley Connector Trail

The college approved a resolution of support for the treasure valley connector trail following my presentation to them on Tuesday. I'll be working with them over the next 4 months on the right of way needs.

Strategic Goals for this Year

Our staff worked on the Council's strategic goals for this year. We hope to finish up a draft plan this Tuesday. A lot of the proposals we are putting together for the budget committee come from the priorities we heard from the Council.

Recreation

Girls' softball registration is open now until April 10. League games will start in mid-May. Adult coed volleyball began this week. We have 5 teams this season who play games on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the OMS Tiger Gym.

We are busy getting team sponsors and coaches for youth soccer this week. We still need both. If you know anyone wanting to help with either sponsoring or coaching, please call Debbie at (541) 881-3260. Sponsorship cost is \$160. We held our coaches and officials meeting this week in preparation for an April 6 starting date. We are working today on starting field prep. Things are taking shape for a good season – hopefully we have good weather for the next 8 weeks!

Airport

Our visitors from Osaka Sayama were treated to airplane rides on Tuesday. Local Japanese cuisine with chopsticks was served for lunch for all at the airport that day.

The grass runway has been fine graded, shot with a laser level and is now ready for irrigation and grass. The irrigation ditch that runs through the airport is being put back in place now that the fence construction has been completed.

Fire & Rescue

The staff responded to a few false alarms and some illegal burns this week. Burning season is in full force so make sure to get your burn permits. They also responded to a car fire.

Public Works

Street sweeping continues through the community. The tree project on East Idaho continues; crews worked on removing existing ground cover. You can see their work along Idaho Avenue. The alley behind Romio's was paved. This alley had a new water and sewer line installed earlier this year.

The second concrete pour at the splash pad was completed on Thursday with an additional pour to be completed next week pending weather.

The new baffle wall design is working well as we fine-tune operations between the two new wall systems.

Crews worked on removing the existing effluent flow meter and installation of a new meter. This work requires a confined space entry and is complicated due to the age and tight quarters to the meter.

Legislation

This session is such a whirlwind of things impacting us locally. The League of Oregon Cities asked for some feedback on these lodging taxes or as we refer to them, TOT. We will be discussing these at the next work session.

Bill #	Bill Summary
HB 2166	LODGING TAXES- codifies <u>subpoena power</u> of local governments to enforce lodging taxes
HB 3134	LODGING TAXES- expands <u>definition of tourism promotion</u> to allow more flexibility in how lodging tax revenues are used—specifically allows expenditures for tourist events and sporting event costs (like state provision)
HB 3135	LODGING TAXES- provides <u>appropriation for the purchase of scraping software</u> to improve state collection of short-term rentals that can be accessed by local governments as well to improve enforcement
HB 3136	LODGING TAXES- provides <u>appropriation for implementing program for state to collect local tax</u> for local governments who choose; \$900K loan to pay for start-up costs of program; paid for by 5% intermediary reimbursement that is foregone until loan is paid
HB 3137	LODGING TAXES- clarifies due date of taxes: would provide that <u>tax is due after stay</u> and not when stay is booked; this is the accrual accounting method that is the norm
HB 3138	LODGING TAXES- revises <u>30-day exception</u> : provides that exception doesn't apply when intermediary is used

Events to Mark on Your Calendar

Thursday, April 4 at Noon
City Council Work Session
City Hall- Council Chambers

Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting
City Hall- Council Chambers

Tuesday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m.
Diversity Advisory Committee
City Hall- Council Chambers