

REVISED
LA PINE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA

Work Session

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

6:00 pm

51340 Highway 97, La Pine, Oregon 97739
South County Building Meeting Room

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Added Agenda Items
Any matters added to the Agenda at this time will be discussed during the “Other Matters” portion of this Agenda or such other time selected by the City Council.
5. ODOT Wickiup Junction Plan
- Amy Pheiffer, Project Leader
6. ODOT Facility
- Pat Creedican, Regional Maintenance Manager
7. La Pine Parks and Recreation District – Parks District Update and Proposed Park Rules
- Justin Cutler, Director
8. Other Matters
9. Public Comments
10. Adjourn

Pursuant to ORS 192.640, this notice includes a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered or discussed at the above-referenced meetings. This notice does not limit the ability of the City Council to consider or discuss additional subjects. These meetings are subject to cancellation without notice. These meetings are open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Patti Morgan at (541) 536-1432.

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Mullenex called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

City Manager Rick Allen – absent by prior arrangement

Mayor Ken Mullenex

Councilor Stu Martinez

Councilor Dan Varcoe

Councilor Adele McAfee

Councilor Don Greiner

Admin Ass't Patricia Morgan

Quorum Established

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Doug Ward led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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None.

5. ODOT Wickiup Junction Plan

- Amy Pfeiffer, Project Leader

Ms. Pfeiffer stated that the project was started in 2005 and the purpose was to improve the safety at the B&S railroad crossing at Highway 97 and Wickiup Junction. She said several committee sessions with the public were held. Ms. Pfeiffer said they also had steering team meetings with the City of La Pine, Deschutes County, ODOT and the Bureau of Land Management. She said there were also interagency meetings like with the Forest Service and other interested parties. Ms. Pfeiffer said the plan is also on their website. She said they developed fifteen alternatives in all. Ms. Pfeiffer said safety was a major issue. She said all alternatives to move the railroad were unsuccessful. Ms. Pfeiffer showed the map of the plan that ODOT had found acceptable and discussed the various facets of how the traffic would move through the proposed plan. In the plan it will no longer be

possible to make a left hand turn from Burgess Road onto Highway 97. (Instead the driver will need to travel south to reach a bypass going north).

Ms. Pfeiffer stated that as of to date there is no construction funding. She said the design foot print will be completed by the end of the year. Ms. Pfeiffer said then, after the first of the year, ODOT will have a steering committee to research funding and they will also need a volunteer from the City of La Pine to serve on the steering committee. She said that the current project, when completed, will be shovel ready. Ms. Pfeiffer confirmed that this was the only grade level railroad crossing in the State on a major highway.

Karen Ward, area resident, asked about what effect the construction would have on the Wickiup gas station and store. Mayor Mulenex stated that people who are coming north, now they can see the business and make a decision to make the turn before the railroad tracks but after construction the people going north will not take the turnoff to the business unless they know about it. One suggestion was to have signing to assist with notifying the driver about a business coming up. There was also a discussion on people using Huntington Road to State Recreation Road if they are going to Bend and avoid using the new construction route when wanting to travel north on Highway 97. Karen Ward stated that she, and she thinks others, will avoid the new construction route when wanting to travel north on Highway 97 from Burgess Road.

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6. ODOT Facility
- Pat Creedican, Regional Maintenance Manager

Mr. Creedican stated that the ODOT facility is not in a good spot anymore in downtown La Pine. He said if they had the financial resources they could, for example, move it to the Industrial Park in La Pine. Mr. Creedican said if a developer offered to purchase the property, for example, then there would be monies to make the move to another location. He also discussed the trading of land with BLM (Bureau of Land Management). Mr. Creedican stated that getting the land is the key and it may take a number of years to happen. He said they would not want to be further than one or two miles from Highway 97.

7. La Pine Parks and Recreation District – Parks District Update and Proposed Park Rules
- Justin Cutler, Director

Mr. Cutler, Director of the Parks and Recreation District, brought copies of the Park rules to distribute. He said in 2009 the Park District was formed by the voters. Mr. Cutler said they have enhanced marketing with brochures and advertising in the Newberry Eagle. He said there has been an increase in activity participation in programs. Mr. Cutler stated they have a community youth program that serves the youth in the District. He said they established the Park and Recreation Foundation which has been successful in raising over \$50,000 for the La Pine Events Center. Mr. Cutler stated that the Finley Butte Park has had several improvements made to it both for usage and beautification. He said they also developed the first pre-school park from donations by the Rotary Club of Sunriver. Mr. Cutler stated that the Finley Butte Park building has hosted some big events for the region. He said the District has plans to improve the bathrooms and kitchen in that facility. Mr. Cutler stated that the groups that did have their meetings at the Park brought in a lot of money to the community via motel rooms and restaurants. He said, regarding the Rosland Park, that they had secured \$142,000 from a grant for parks from the State. Mr. Cutler said that there was an additional

\$90,000 in matching funds from the community. He said that they are building a 30' by 60' picnic shelter at Rosland and they plan to start construction in early spring and have it ready by September. Mr. Cutler said a new pit toilet was also put in at the park. He said that they are doing several improvements to the La Pine Events Center both internally and also with landscaping. Some of the improvements were heating, a glass roll up door, insulation, bathroom and kitchen improvements. Mr. Cutler showed some photos of the progress that had been done on the La Pine Events Center to date. He said they will continue to refine their policies and procedures. Mr. Cutler said that they will also be coordinating more activities with the Senior Center. He said since 2009 the Parks and Rec District has received \$729,000 in grants and donations. Mr. Cutler stated that they worked with the Ford Foundation for improvements to the park next to the La Pine library. In response to a question from Mayor Mulenex, he said that the swing sets are set as low as regulations allow. He said they could pile some more chips under the swing set to lower the level.

In response to a question from a member of the Public. Mr. Cutler said the reason they are only watering the one field is because the irrigation on the other two fields was not adequate. He said they have not had the resources to remedy that problem right now but hopefully by the spring of 2012 they will be able to irrigate the other fields. Mr. Cutler said about 175 children participate in Little League. He said they have been struggling to get volunteers to help with recruiting coaches, etc., and the Park & Rec District has also been trying to encourage them.

Mr. Cutler stated he met with the Chamber Board to go over the Park rules. He said on November 23rd there will be an Open House with a discussion on the new rules. Mr. Cutler said he would also like to talk with the Board of Frontier Days. He said there will be a Public Hearing on December 14th regarding the new rules. Mr. Cutler said on February 10, 2012 the new rules would go into effect. He said some of the things that the new rules address are alcohol and animal control. Mr. Cutler also said there will now be open and close hours in the new rules. He said this would allow the Deschutes County Sheriff to enforce the hours. Mr. Cutler stated that the rules were modeled after several Park District's throughout the State. Mayor Mulenex stated that alcohol was allowed at Rosland Park. However, he said people drinking and playing adult softball were not allowed to have alcohol. Mr. Cutler stated that to have alcohol at an event they must receive an alcohol permit. He said they would not be issuing an OLCC (Oregon Liquor Control Commission) permit. Mayor Mulenex stated that he would have liked an attorney to have looked over the rules before they were presented. Councilor Martinez stated he thought the rules were very good. Councilor McAfee stated that what she was objecting to was no reference to OLCC. (People would not be informed when they obtained their alcohol permit from the Park District that they also needed a permit from OLCC).

Mr. Cutler stated that they will post the rules at the various parks and it will reference the State laws as well as the District's law. Councilor Greiner said he thought it was an excellent document to start out with. Councilor Varcoe stated that he would like to see glass containers be allowed for various events, such as dinners, etc. Mayor Mulenex stated that there should be some type of an appeal process such as to the Park District's Board.

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8. Other Matters

None.

9. Public Comments

Kitty Shields, former Mayor of La Pine, asked is it now standard procedure to have more toilets for women than men. Mr. Cutler stated that the family restroom can be used by either men or women. Doug Ward, Planning Commissioner, stated that the Planning Commission is recommending two excellent candidates to the City Council. Ms. Morgan, Administrative Assistant, stated that a presentation was scheduled for the November 9, 2011 City Council meeting.

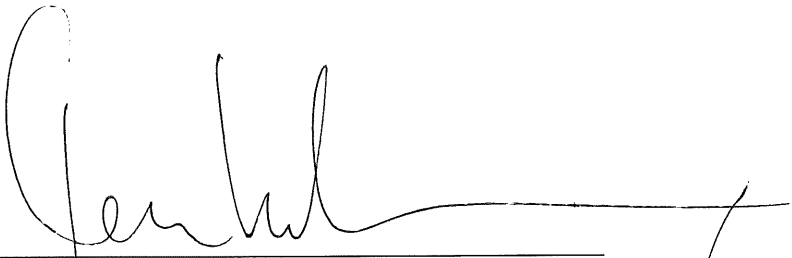
10. Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilor Varcoe and seconded by Councilor McAfee to adjourn the meeting.

<i>Vote as follows:</i>	<i>AYE</i>	<i>NAY</i>
<i>Councilor Dan Varcoe</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Councilor Don Greiner</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Councilor Stu Martinez</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Councilor Adele McAfee</i>	<i>x</i>	

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Mullenex adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.



Mayor Ken Mullenex

Attest:



Rick Allen, City Manager/City Recorder