

Coffee with the Mayor Recap

Date: November 17, 2016

Policy Issues	
Topic	Resolution/Action/Notes
Economic Development	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large piece of property for commercial or mixed-use was recently auctioned. Do we know who the new owner is? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants perceived there was so much excitement from the City staff about the prospects for the property that we would surely know who the new owner was. At this point, staff is unaware if the auction resulted in new ownership.
Finance and Budget	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon review of the recent newsletter, why is Administrative Services (Finance and IT) such a large percentage of the City's budget? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon review of the newsletter chart, I explained the Administrative Services (including non-departmental) is approximately 21% of the general fund budget and only 6% of the entire \$30ml budget.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why has my water bill increased over 25% over the last few years? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion revolved around rate structural changes to promote conservation as a possibility. Sue reviewed this customer's history and did in fact determine that his bill increased by <i>over 25%</i> largely due to an increase in consumption. This increase in consumption not only increased the water portion of his bill, but changed the sewer rate from the lower tier to the higher tier, accounting for the significant increase. Sue confirmed with the customer that his son's (4 person) family had moved into the house with him over that time period. Sue called the customer and explained the increase.
Water and Sewer	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the City put any thought into the availability of water in the event that all the vacant properties around town are developed? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explained that the City produces a Water Master Plan that looks out many years into the future, making assumptions about growth and the facilities that will be needed to serve that growth (available on-line)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Arizona, developers are required to prove there is enough water • The City should purchase a large number of tank-less water heaters and sell them at cost to owners to reduce the number of wasted gallons used when waiting for water to heat up. 	<p>There was really no response to this</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the City have capacity to service the Carlsborg area? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City has capacity to service the Carlsborg area and has required that the County pay the City for utilizing both current and future facility needs. They also pay their fair share of operational costs. • PW also mentioned that we want to be a regional provider because of our world class WWTP. As such, we are also interested in partnering with the Jamestown Tribe and Blyn area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Water Pressure is low in 3 subdivisions at the South End of 7th Street – Cherry Blossom, Aspen Creek and Home Estates. It has gotten worse over the last 2 years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance / Utility Billing will generate work orders for Public Works to complete an initial check of the 3 properties reported. If needed, Public Works will take additional steps to test and check out pressure to the area.

Operational Issues	
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<p>N Rhodefer Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why has the City stopped maintaining this road. (e.g., Blackberries growing into the street.) • At Bell Creek there is a spot where runoff from snow and heavy rains overflows from the culverts onto the road – sometimes 6-8 inches. 	<p>PW to follow up with owner</p>
<p>Scotch Broom: The City should provide a means of disposing this invasive plant.</p>	
County Issues	
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What happens to the water supply of the Dungeness River when a significant earthquake breaks the sewer lines running under the bridge?	PW explained reservoirs exist up-stream from bridge.
Are there shut-off valves on the sewer pipe running under the Dungeness River bridge?	PW to contact the county