

CITY OF SUTHERLIN
Council Workshop Meeting
Sutherlin Civic Auditorium
Monday, February 9, 2015 – 8:01pm

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MAYOR: Tom Boggs, Frank Egbert, Wayne Luzier, Karen Meier, Forest Stone, Wes Anderson
Todd McKnight

CITY STAFF: City Manager, Jerry Gillham
City Recorder/HR Manager, Debbie Hamilton
Deputy City Recorder, Diane Harris
Finance Supervisor, Dan Wilson
Community Development Director, Vicki Luther
Chief of Police, Kirk Sanfilippo
Interim Fire Chief, Rich LaBelle
Public Works Utilities Supervisor, Brian Elliott
Public Works Operations Supervisor, Aaron Swan

Audience: Joe Groussman, Denny & Pam Cameron, Bertha Egbert, J.A. Johnson, Jim Houseman,
Sam & Gladys Robinson

Meeting called to order by Mayor McKnight, at 8:01pm.

WORKSHOP

• **Council Budget Goals**

Staff Report – City Manager, Jerry Gillham, stated intent tonight is for Council to come to a consensus on items they wish to move forward as budget goals. Staff will provide a comprehensive overview on those items.

UGB Land Swap: Gillham explained ideas regarding possible land swap which will involve annexation. Have discussed land swap possibilities with Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) and Division of State Lands (DSL). The process is complicated in some areas, and simple in other.

Mixed Use Zoning: Consider area of property bordered by Sixth Avenue/Oak Street/Central Avenue and railroad tracks as mixed use zone. Requires more of a process, two quasi-judicial hearings and willing property owner.

N. Comstock project: Project is estimated at \$1.9 million, City will be required to cover the grant match. ODOT has approximately \$1.2 million and Douglas County \$500,000. City will need to provide an estimated \$200,000. In order to move forward with the project a decision to delay the Valentine Avenue project until next fiscal year, would need to be made. Monies intended for Valentine would be used as the grant match for N. Comstock.

Central Avenue Transfer project: Project would extend from Visitor Center to Bi-Mart. This would be a co-sponsored ODOT/City of Sutherlin project using Transportation Enhancement Grant money.

Council discussed concepts/ideas presented and whether or not they would like Staff to bring back details for consideration.

Additional concerns/ideas:

- Need additional enhancements for area between freeway and downtown, encouraging travelers to downtown area
- Would like to see money put into the maintenance reserves next fiscal year

- Pavement thickness to withstand bus travel on N. Comstock
- Still on ODOT's federal funding list to add more lanes on west side of freeway extending to Comstock Street.
- Traffic lights needed east and west of freeway
- Federal Grant money not being used and available for projects
- Support projects that develop the city
- City did not have input or control on S. Comstock project, but did for Comstock/Spur Rd. *Comstock/Spur Rd. was a City project therefore had authority and control; S. Comstock was County's project.*
- Would like to see playground equipment for toddlers
- Would like realistic dollar figures regarding Central Avenue transfer
- Concerned with City hiring out of town firms rather than local such as City Attorney and Planner. Feel City could save money regarding travel time, put that money towards projects.

Council budget goals:

1. Urban Growth Boundary land swap
2. Mixed Use Zoning – property location: 6th/Oak/Central/RR tracks
3. N. Comstock project
4. Central Avenue Transformation project
5. Valentine St. project
6. Maintenance reserve – City facilities
7. Toddler play area

Gillham reminded Council next meeting will be held February 23rd; Executive Session will begin at 6:30pm in City Hall Conference Room. Workshop will follow the regular meeting on Fire Services.

ADJOURNMENT –

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Approved: *Jerry Gillham*
Jerry Gillham, City Manager

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Harris
Diane Harris, Deputy City Recorder

Todd McKnight
Todd McKnight, Mayor

APPROVED BY COUNCIL FEBRUARY 23, 2015