

City snapshot – housing needs on agenda

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• On Thursday, July 18, there will be a joint workshop at City Hall at 4 p.m. of the Housing Policy Advisory Board and the Planning Commission to review the draft of the recently completed Housing Needs Assessment, Housing Strategies Report, and the Buildable Lands Inventory. They will particularly be focusing on the Housing Strategies Report and the possible housing efficiency measures to be undertaken within the Urban Growth Boundary, such as legislative actions and a whole host of text amendments, which would allow for construction of more residential units within the UGB.

• Following the joint HPAB/PC meeting on July 18, at 5:30 the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding a major variance review requested by Kevin Spencer on behalf of Empire Construction and Development, LLC. Spencer is requesting a Type III review to allow for four (4) attached single-family dwellings (townhomes) in a Residential (R) District at 643 S. Wrangler Court in Sisters in the Woodland Park subdivision. The public is invited to testify on this matter.

• City Recorder Kerry Prosser has been selected as a member of the 2019-20 Northwest Women's Leadership Academy that will kick off in September and run through April. The professional development includes learning/networking opportunities on: leadership development; governing board relationships; land use in Oregon; HR/labor relations 101; employee engagement; process improvement; budget/finance; interviewing and negotiation, etc. Kerry has received one of only five scholarship awards toward the tuition for the program.

• Sisters will be hosting an EDCO (Economic Development for Central Oregon) PubTalk on Thursday, July 25, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Three Creeks Brewing production facility off Camp Polk Road on Barclay Drive. With an expected attendance of 100-150 people and two companies making their pitch for investors, a company update, and a keynote speaker, reservations are necessary. Contact Caprielle Lewis, Kerry Prosser, or Cory Misley at City Hall 541-549-6022 if interested in attending.

• The City has received an application for a Site Plan (SP19-04) for property currently owned by Three Winds Partners, LLC (Helmut Junge). The property is located at 915 West McKinney Butte Road, which is the empty lot north of Bi-Mart and behind Dairy Queen. The applicant is requesting Site Plan approval for a 9,100 square foot retail sales establishment and associated site improvements including parking. The application is currently under review by the City.

• The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24, with a workshop at 5:30 p.m. and the Council meeting at 6:30 p.m., in City Hall chambers.

Start your engines!



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Sisters Park & Recreation District's Glory Daze Car Show is set for Saturday, July 20, on Main Avenue. The event is dedicated to Mick Hunter, with Mick's Ride as the main trophy. At 1 p.m., every car will, "Start Their Engines" in recognition of Mick.

Senate leaders sending \$3,500 invoices

SALEM (AP) — Senate leaders say they are preparing to invoice 11 Republican senators for fines associated with a June walkout, after determining a plan to dock their pay wasn't legal.

The invoices would total \$3,500 for each senator. The total includes \$500 per day for seven of the days Republicans refused to show up for a floor session, Oregon Public Media reported.

Carol McAlice Currie, a spokeswoman for

Democratic Senate President Peter Courtney, said this week bills will be sent to each senator who missed work.

"If they refuse to pay, they will be sent through the regular debt-collection process," she said.

Dallas Republican Sen. Brian Boquist, who believes the fines are illegal, already sent a check to Courtney for \$3,500 along with a letter indicating he was paying to allow him to "seek remedy in

state and federal court."

The walkout was a way to halt a vote on climate legislation. The measure aimed to dramatically reduce greenhouse gases by 2050 by capping carbon emissions and requiring businesses to buy or trade for an ever-windling pool of pollution "allowances." California has a similar program.

Republicans called it a job-killer and wanted it sent

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