

City seeks public input on North Regional Park improvements

Cottage Grove recently began the process of slowly, safely opening back up its parks. While none of the city parks' shared-use facilities are open yet, the green spaces are. Among the new

openings is North Regional Park, including the Disc Golf Course.

The city, asking what residents feel would make North Regional Park better, recently began a project

to answer that question. The park will undergo the same type of update process which resulted in the improvement of Row River Park (formerly East Regional Park).

The first stage of the project involves a community survey designed by community members to provide input, regardless of whether they have been to North Regional Park or

not. Additionally, there will be a chance to win a \$50 gift card to Bi-Mart for those who complete the survey. Participants in the sur-

vey need to make sure they enter their email address at the end of the survey.

To take the survey, visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NRP_Survey.

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employees.

In Tocco's case, the limited seating at Buster's would not make up for the cost of bringing staff back.

"It would be just ten seats and then I'd have to hire someone to come in and the money would just be a wash," he said.

Tocco detailed his thin margins by recalling the roughly \$58,000 he made in sales last year in May. So far this month, Buster's is on track to make about \$14,000 and Tocco said even the layoffs of seven employees have not come close to offsetting the losses.

When asked if the current climate was cause for existential concern, Tocco didn't hesitate to answer.

"Oh, for sure," he said. "Every day is the question: 'Are we going to open today or not?' Because we don't have a clue."

On the other end of downtown Main Street, Stacy's Covered Bridge

Restaurant laid off about 12 workers during the lockdown and still runs the operation with just three people.

"I think we lost about 70 percent of our business during that period of time," said Solomon, who worries that the cancellation of Bohemia Mining Days festival this year will further impact those losses.

Still, Solomon feels his business has achieved some stability, in large part due to community turnout.

"Cottage Grove, for us, really stepped up," he said. "I thought I was just going to shut down and ride it out until it all blew over, but after the first two days, it surprisingly went well considering we weren't really known as a to-go restaurant."

As business owners adapt their reopening strategies, they are relying not just on community member turnout, but on the resurgence of tourist traffic as well – the latter of which may not come.

Owners like Tocco are

concerned that if the customer slump continues through the summer, the loss of the biggest revenue-generating season of the year will put businesses in a tight spot come winter.

Already, the Memorial Day weekend, which Tocco said normally generates around \$11,000 for Buster's, had a notable drop in sales as the café came up just shy of \$2,500.

"So, every event that gets canceled like that, it's like getting sicker," he said. "And then you can't get out of it. There's no increase."

Tocco has plans to adapt, however.

Though conversations about a "new normal" tend to lack definition amid a period of uncertainty, Tocco has considered making online ordering and take-out a permanent part of his service model.

"My plan is to change and develop a model that is for the new world," he said. "I'm going to do whatever I can to work on the take-out and then

when we can have full dine-in again, then I'll work on both."

For his part, Solomon is looking forward to rehiring staff and beginning catering services again at his restaurant, but for now is looking to continue working with

the tools he's been afforded through the end of the summer.

"It's just nice to be open and see people again," he said. "That's the best part of it."

In the meantime, Neigh is hopeful the community will remain

understanding about the restrictions businesses have instituted.

"When consumers are out there and they are asked to meet certain requirements in order to patronize a business, I ask that people just be patient," she said.

FORM LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING			
A public meeting of the City Council will be held virtually with limited space in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 400 E. Main Street, Cottage Grove, Oregon, on June 22, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 as approved by the City of Cottage Grove Budget Committee.			
Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the City Council. Governor Brown's Executive Order No. 20-16 directs local government bodies to hold public meetings and hearings by telephone or electronic means whenever possible. The order waives in-person requirements for public testimony if testimony can be provided by telephone or electronic means. To meet the requirements of the Executive Order, please join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone at https://www.govmeet.com/#!/councilmeeting/budget/hearing or by regular phone at 1-877-668-4106. Access Code 937-465-637. For additional information on how to connect to the meeting visit the agenda on www.cottagegrove.org available on June 17, 2020. Limited space for no more than 10 people will be available in the City Council Chambers to meet social distancing requirements if you are unable to attend by electronic means. Written testimony can also be submitted by 3:00 p.m. to the City Recorder on the date of the hearing. To email written testimony send to cityrecorder@cottagegrove.org , with "2021 Budget" in the subject line. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at City Hall, 400 E. Main Street, between			
Contact: Richard Meyers, Budget Officer		Telephone: 541-942-5501	Email: citymanager@cottagegrove.org

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2018-19	Adopted Budget This Year 2019-20	Approved Budget Next Year 2020-21
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	11,594,751	11,313,890	15,394,245
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	9,822,332	9,622,420	10,290,500
Federal, State and All Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	2,094,004	3,206,981	2,588,565
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	725,000	9,079,600	1,190,000
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	3,426,940	4,047,395	3,847,280
All Other Resources Except Property Taxes	1,562,881	2,536,290	2,172,995
Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	4,629,704	4,663,850	4,787,990
Total Resources	33,848,612	44,470,426	40,265,965

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	7,651,457	9,149,245	9,410,920
Materials and Services	5,005,400	8,432,681	7,392,285
Capital Outlay	3,426,984	17,146,242	14,684,765
Debt Service	2,322,150	2,836,030	2,702,705
Interfund Transfers	3,407,642	4,047,395	3,847,280
Contingencies	0	2,226,175	1,626,785
Special Payments	0	43,908	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	12,034,979	588,750	601,225
Total Requirements	33,848,612	44,470,426	40,265,965

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for that unit or program		
General Fund:			
City Council	40.556	46,750	52,350
FTE	0	0	0
City Manager	395.765	539,555	520,270
FTE	2.00	3.00	2.50
Finance	359.075	423,230	452,725
FTE	3.31	3.55	3.81
Police Operations	2,529,638	2,915,760	3,051,955
FTE	21.18	21.45	21.50
Municipal Court	85.319	92,620	93,520
FTE	0.74	0.74	0.74
Municipal Court Support Services	64.643	78,700	78,450
FTE	0	0	0
Youth Peer Court	21.812	30,415	32,415
FTE	0.58	0.58	0.58
Maintenance	379.517	503,305.00	488,865
FTE	4.04	3.83	3.40
Engineering	310.413	378,540	384,045
FTE	2.90	2.90	2.90
Broadband Services	302.912	357,440	347,810
FTE	0.12	0.18	0.00
Development	639.098	1,392,981	1,200,860
FTE	3.14	3.14	3.14
Library	478.571	538,185	478,485
FTE	5.00	5.24	3.680
Community Services	128.612	201,865	206,300
FTE	1.00	3.130	2.000
Community Promotions	117.368	239,400	168,500
FTE	0	0	0
General Fund Non-Departmental/Non Program	4,285.584	2,416,405	2,418,935
FTE	0	0	0
Street Fund:			
Street Maintenance	504,026	637,610	565,580
FTE	3.33	4.10	3.57
Street Sweeping	77,884	101,265	76,570
FTE	0.60	0.60	0.65
Capital Improvements/Purchases	1,099,670	2,795,735	1,795,775
FTE	0	0	0
Non-Departmental/Non Program - Street Fund	332,904	376,260	296,300
FTE	0	0	0
Assessment Fund:			
FTE	161.363	1,323,140	1,354,685
FTE	0	0	0
Police Communications Fund:			
Support Services	397,546	459,110	492,265
FTE	4.06	4.06	4.45
911 Services	246,877	279,225	307,650
FTE	2.01	2.01	2.18
Non-Departmental/Non Program - Police Communications Fund	110,036	13,680	14,220
FTE	0	0	0
Narcotics Forfeiture Fund:			
FTE	222.523	182,480	101,430
FTE	0	0	0
Bicycle Footpath Fund:			
FTE	85.861	105,010	50,070
FTE	0	0	0
Building Inspection Program Fund:			
FTE	649,696	735,500	856,700
FTE	3.55	3.55	3.78
Housing Rehabilitation Fund:			
FTE	9,699	9,700	9,895
FTE	0	0	0
Water Fund:			
Water Distribution	865,995	1,061,940	1,168,470
FTE	7.12	8.02	8.42
Water Production	625,048	739,920	749,965
FTE	4.39	4.39	4.44
Non-Departmental/Non Program - Water Fund	1,082,901	711,840	680,965
FTE	0	0	0
Wastewater Fund:			
Wastewater Collection	377,550	450,600	482,115
FTE	3.08	3.50	3.60
Wastewater Treatment Plant	740,097	824,580	809,825
FTE	4.30	4.31	4.36
Middlefield Golf Course	481,206	530,930	553,225
FTE	6.86	7.09	6.70
Non-Departmental/Non Program - Wastewater Fund	897,918	581,590	612,430
FTE	0	0	0
Storm Drain Utility Fund:			
FTE	491,119	520,800	545,700
FTE	1.96	2.31	2.22
Industrial Park Operations Fund			
FTE	1,041,956	417,000	318,590
FTE	0	0	0
Water SDC Fund:			
FTE	1,181,880	1,191,500	1,578,000
FTE	0	0	0
Street SDC Fund:			
FTE	1,236,110	1,163,000	1,122,800
FTE	0	0	0
Wastewater SDC Fund:			
FTE	206,092	233,000	312,500
FTE	0	0	0
Storm Drain SDC Fund:			
FTE	447,880	466,800	555,500
FTE	0	0	0
Parks SDC Fund:			
FTE	314,946	324,500	387,500
FTE	0	0	0
General Reserve Fund:			
FTE	411,086	192,600	305,575
FTE	0	0	0
Water Reserve Fund:			
FTE	2,701,021	4,755,140	3,405,000
FTE	0	0	0
Wastewater Reserve Fund:			
FTE	1,704,095	6,026,500	4,324,100
FTE	0	0	0
Storm Drain Reserve Fund:			
FTE	2,293,993	2,600,100	3,010,830
FTE	0	0	0
Building Inspection Reserve Fund:			
FTE	20,105	41,200	78,250
FTE	0	0	0
Debt Service Fund			
FTE	2,322,150	2,836,030	2,702,705
FTE	0	0	0
Housing Development Cost Assistance Trust Fund			
FTE	0	115,000	100,000
FTE	0	0	0
Special Trusts Fund:			
FTE	48,440	78,320	31,395
FTE	0	0	0
Armory Trust Fund:			
FTE	320,056	1,433,670	533,900
FTE	0	0	0
Total Requirements	33,848,612	44,470,426	40,265,965
Total FTE	85.27	91.68	88.62

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES AND SOURCES OF FINANCING			
There are major changes in estimated revenues contained in the General Fund due to the unknown impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Property taxes were estimated using a 2% value increase. This is a very conservative approach and it is anticipated the City will likely see the full 3% assessed value increase because the assessed value is only 56% of the total Real Market Value. It is anticipated that delinquent property tax collections will decrease about 45% and room tax revenues to decrease about 30%. Changes include the temporary reduction in Library staffing, with anticipation of a partial reopening as soon as August 2020, dependent upon budget and COVID-19 conditions. A number of other vacant positions, summer interns and temporary worker positions in Public Works and Development, and the Assistant to the City Manager position, were not budgeted, or budgeted with a possible fill date mid-way through the budget year. The Safe Routes to Schools project will be continued in the 2020-21 Budget and includes some significant water and wastewater work as well as a major storm water work. Additionally, the upgrade project at the Water Treatment Plant, development of the Wastewater Effluent Retention Pond project, continued work at the Armory, various building maintenance projects, manhole lining work and other projects are budgeted to invest \$5 million into the community. The General Fund is transferring \$1,183,005 to other funds. The budget does not include an increase in the rates for the Water, Wastewater and Storm systems, nor any increase in revenues from any other fees.			

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Approved
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit 7.2087 per \$1,000)	7.2087	7.2087	7.2087
Local Option Levy	0.00	0.00	0.00
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	0.00	0.00	0.00

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1,	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$26,339,998	\$0
Other Bonds	\$0	\$0
Other Borrowings	\$2,075,056	\$0
Total	\$28,415,054	\$0



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6th & Gibbs Church of Christ
195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822
10:00am
Christian Education: Pre-K through 5th
Tim Baker, Senior Minister
www.6thandgibbs.com

First Presbyterian Church
3rd and Adams St
541-942-4479
Rev.: Karen Hill
Worship: 10:00am
Sunday School: 10:00am
fpcgrove.com

For weekday and Holy Day of Obligation schedule see website OLPHCG.net
Confession: 4 PM to 5 PM
Saturdays or by appointment
St. Philip Benizi, Creswell
552 Holbrook Lane
Sunday 8:30 AM

Calvary Baptist Church
77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290
Pastor: Riley Hendricks
Sunday School: 9:45am
Worship: 11:00am
The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm
Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm

Hope Fellowship
United Pentecostal Church
100 S. Gateway Blvd.
541-942-2061
Pastor: Dave Bragg
Worship: Sunday 9:30am
Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday
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Rev. Lawrence Crumb
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Worship: Sunday 10:30am
All Welcome

Church of Christ
420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565
Sunday Service: 10:30am

Hope In The Grove Baptist Church
77820 Mosby Creek Rd
Pastor: Wayne Husk
Worship: Sunday 9:30am
Sunday School: 11 am
Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30pm
541.649.1043

Seventh-day Adventist Church
820 South 10th Street
541-942-5213
Pastor: Kevin Miller
Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am
Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40
Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 1:00

Cottage Grove Bible Church
1200 East Quincy Avenue
541-942-4771
Pastor: Bob Singer
Worship 11am
Sunday School: 9:45am
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm
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6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373
Pastor: James L. Markus
Sunday School & Adult Education
9:15am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Comm.