

Council told population projections needed for UGB not ready

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the centerpiece of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The program's primary objective is to develop viable urban communities. The City of Banks and other local governments have demonstrated their ability to administer and customize the CDBG program to identify and help with local needs.

Councilor Brian Biehl, who has been involved with the program, noted that Banks used CDBG funds for the library.

Council adopted Resolution 2009-04 soliciting congressional delegation support for reinstating funding for the Community Development Grant Program.

February was unusually busy for police services, according to Deputy Tran, who also found that Washington County, in general, had been busy with criminal activity last month. Tran made 16 traffic stops and issued five citations. Because of the limited number of violations, Banks Municipal Court will begin in April instead of March. There were 39 calls for service during February, and three arrests were made.

City Manager Jim Hough presented council with information on several topics. He told council that the city received an appeal from Cameron Crop regarding a "loss-of-water" charge on his water bill. The appeal will be considered during the April council meeting. Additional information from Hough included the following:

- Among the agencies involved, a "comedy of errors" has resulted in a delay in determining the city's projected population. Because that projection is needed for an expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), previously scheduled March 31 council, planning commission and community meetings will be rescheduled.

The meetings may need to be consolidated in order to meet the targeted June 30 completion date;

- Preliminary information has been received on the Hillsboro Sub-Regional Economic Opportunities Analysis (EOA) and is being incorporated into the process for the UGB expansion and designation of Urban Reserves;

- PGE has provided a revised Statement of Streetlight

Installation Responsibilities, which is being reviewed to ensure that it incorporates the subdivision. Additionally, the city is working with PGE to draft a lighting ordinance that incorporates the Dark Skies concept, and PGE reminded the city that adjacent homeowners are responsible for trimming trees in the public right of way, especially those near power lines and streetlights;

- April 1 is "City Hall Day" at the Capitol;

- Signage is being installed for the Vineyard and Valley Scenic Tour Route recently designated by the Oregon Transportation Commission

and the Oregon Tourism Commission.

James Selfiason spoke to council regarding the authorization of a no parking zone adjacent to the mid-block crosswalk at 42012 NW Oak Way, and the city Tree Board's recommendation to remove a tree in the parking strip. Selfiason commented that cars drive about 35 mph and that nobody stops for the cross walk. "Smaller kids around kindergarten age cannot be seen," Selfiason said. "I don't want to lose that parking spot but I am worried about safety." Council unanimously approved a motion to authorize the no parking zone and re-

move the designated tree.

Janet Town was appointed to the Banks Planning Commission and Jim Branstitre was appointed to the Banks Budget committee.

Council tabled the adoption of an amendment to the city's ordinance regarding dangerous dogs while waiting for policy information from Washington County Dog Control. The amendment will be on the April agenda.

Council accepted the draft Water Management & Conservation Plan, which will go to the Oregon Department of Health for review.

The next city council meeting will be April 14 at 7:30 p.m.

School Board hears about lunch program changes

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of all 44 U.S. Presidents. Wow!

Following the exodus of parents and students, Lance Heggin, Sodexo Food Services manager, told the board about changes in the lunch program. Because of legislative changes in rules controlling food service in schools, especially in federal school lunch programs, schools must now meet nutrition standards that reduce the amount of fat. Heggin told the board that they now serve food with 30 percent, or less, fat per serving, which eliminated some popular items, particularly from the à la carte menu.

Heggin told the board about the data from the Center for Disease Control's massive Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). Beginning in 1984, BRFSS is "the world's largest, on-going telephone health survey system, tracking health conditions and risk behaviors in the United States." They continue to collect data monthly from every state. Obesity, defined as over 10 percent of ideal weight, has been tracked since 1985, when only a few states showed this level. By 1995 all states were reporting and many showed obesity rates of up to 14 percent. By 2005 all states showed obesity rates of greater than, or equal to, 15 percent of adult population. Oregon and Washington are in the 25 - 29 percent obesity rate.

[For further information:

www.cdc.gov/brfss Use the alphabetic index to go to obesity, find Trends for an animated map of survey results.]

Two alternatives for next year's school calendar were presented for discussion. Because Labor Day is September 7, retaining the traditional start of school to the following day pushes the last day well into the middle of June, even without any modification that may be needed next year. The administrative team is recommending that the first day for students be August 31. This calendar makes June 8 the last day of school, giving time for any needed adjustments at the end of the year. No decision was made at this meeting.

Policies approved by the board include changes in graduation requirements. A minimum of 24 credits will be required for graduation including: three in mathematics, four in English, three in science, three in either arts or a second language, and six in electives. Beginning in 2014, students must receive math credit in Algebra I or higher to graduate. Other policies address related issues, including alternative education and modified diploma, service learning, and assessment.

Prior to the business meeting, the board met with Jeanne Magmer and Marsha Latter to discuss what actions should be taken to increase public support for a bond measure. Magmer suggested looking at vot-

ing results through a lens of focus groups of 12-15 people each. Magmer and her partner would hold "controlled conversations" with the groups to identify public perception of the district in regard to current and future facilities. This approach is intended to provide the board with information from voters to help in deciding how and when to propose a bond measure for new buildings. Magmer will submit a proposal to the board for a focus group study.

In other business, the board:

- Named Pauly, Rogers and Co. to perform the 2008-09 audit;

- Appointed both applicants to a single opening of the budget committee, subject to review by legal counsel;

- Were informed by high school principal Jim Foster that the board-approved trip to Italy over spring break is on schedule this year and that next year they will be seeking approval for a trip to Costa Rica;

- Were introduced to new elementary teacher Rachael Kelly;

- Approved teacher and administrative contracts for next year, including the reduction of one elementary teacher;

- Declined interest in purchasing property across Trellis Way from BES;

- Heard that three school board positions will be up for election in May.



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