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Mt. Angel City Budget Outlook

The FY 15-16 Proposed Mt. Angel City Budget is available for public review and is currently being reviewed by the City Budget Committee. City Manager Eileen Stein presented a proposed budget to the City Budget Committee on April 23rd and discussed her assessment of the city's financial outlook. She noted:

"the City of Mt. Angel fared quite well through the recession. But at every turn there is a program, facility or service that needs additional investment if the city is to realize a higher standard of living for future generations of Mt. Angel families. The city is fortunate to have strong reserves and no debt, but the city is not on a fiscally sustainable path, especially with respect to the General Fund."

The City Council recognizes this trend and has made it a high priority to "assess future staffing needs to promote community livability (walkability, beautiful parks, library, and police protection) and evaluate new General Fund revenue sources to achieve this." Over the coming weeks and months, the City Council will be working on. The next meeting of the City Budget Committee is May 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room and is open to the public.

City Goals for FY 15-16

1. Assess future staffing needs to promote community livability (walkability, beautiful parks, library, and police protection) and evaluate new General Fund revenue sources to achieve this.
2. Create a citizen's task force to analyze costs and revenue sources for maintaining city, and possibly county infrastructure inside city limits.
3. Update the Mt. Angel Development Code.
4. Re-explore creating an urban renewal district for the downtown area.
5. Initiate planning and community outreach for a new City Hall.

SDC Update

The City Council is in the process of updating the City's system development charges (SDCs) fee schedule. SDC's are charged to new development to pay for infrastructure (water, sewer, drainage, street and park) that serve new development. They are a way of keeping the cost of new development from being born by ratepayers. The new SDC schedule proposes increasing the cost from \$5,294 for a single family home to \$11,450. While this appears to be a large increase, the City's SDC's were first imposed in 1998 and have not been renewed since then. By comparison, other cities charge SDC's for single family homes ranging from between \$12,000 and \$20,000. For more information, contact Eileen Stein at City Hall.

Utility Rate Task Force Forming

Speaking of infrastructure....and goal setting...the City Council also authorized the creation of a task force to analyze costs and revenue sources for maintaining the city's utilities (water, sewer, streets, and drainage) to also examine the long term fiscal sustainability of these utility systems. The Council would also like this task force to consider utilities on county roads such as Academy Road and Marquam Street, and to consider the transfer of these facilities to city control. This would streamline the development process when these streets are involved, it would also require the city to take on the full maintenance responsibility for these systems. Those interested in participating on this task force, contact Justin Hogue at City Hall.

City Utility Maps Available On-Line

Last month we discussed changes being made to the City's development review process. One improvement involves putting city infrastructure maps on the city website. Kudos to Westech Engineering and Assistant to the City Manager, Justin Hogue, for making this happen! This will help development applicants help themselves to be better prepared when they come to City Hall with their development proposals. They will be able to do their own research and answer their own questions and/or produce their own information for submittal. This will save everyone time and cost. For more information, contact Justin Hogue at City Hall.

Sidewalk Maintenance Questions

Under the Mt. Angel Municipal Code it is the responsibility of the owner or occupant of land adjoining a street to maintain, repair, and remove obstructions from the adjacent sidewalk. Because the property owner is responsible for maintaining the sidewalk, they are also liable to any person injured as a result of neglecting to keep the sidewalk in good condition (Mt. Angel Municipal Code Section 93.087).

The City offers a Sidewalk Repair Partnership Program to assist property owners in maintaining their sidewalks. In order to qualify the sidewalk must be in need of repair or reconstruction due to its condition or because it does not comply with current sidewalk standards. To be accepted into the program, the property owner must be able to provide 50% of the cost of the repair or reconstruction. For more information, contact Justin Hogue at City Hall.

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Lego Club is on Summer Vacation!

Mount Angel Public Library's popular Lego Club will be taking a summer vacation hiatus from May- August 2015 to make way for our fantastic SUMMER READING CLUB which starts in June!

Lego Club will be back, better than ever, in the fall! More details and dates to follow! Remember to like us on Facebook for all the latest details on programs, materials and events at your library!

City Facade Improvement Program a Great Success!

We are in the process of wrapping up our 2014 downtown facade improvement program and made a fabulous impact on Charles Street in the downtown area. Take a look at these before and after shots!



Important Dates:

- Budget Committee Meeting** - Monday, May 11th, 2015 at 7pm in the Library Community Room
- Municipal Court** - Wednesday, May 13th, 2015 at 6pm in the Library Community Room
- Memorial Day** - Monday, May 25th, 2015 CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED
- City Council Meeting** - Tuesday, June 1st, 2015 at 7pm in the Library Community Room