

Please see the weekly update below for week ending 05-14-21.

Administration:

- The recruitment for an interim City Manager is open and accepting applications until May 17, 2021 at 5:00PM. The Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments has partnered with the City to assist with the recruitment process. The interim City Manager will be with the City for 6-12 months and assist with the nationwide recruitment of a regular status City Manager.

Finance Department:

- The US Treasury Department issued their guidance related to how the American Rescue Plan Funds can be utilized. The guidance was 151 pages with many specifics buried throughout the document. ARP funds can be specifically used to:
 - Respond to COVID-19,
 - Respond to negative economic impacts
 - Provide premium pay to eligible workers,
 - Provide for revenue loss, and
 - Investments in Infrastructure to improve access to clean drinking water, improved wastewater/stormwater systems and provide access to high-quality broadband service.

Police Department:

- Community Response Unit apprehended a person who has committed numerous crimes over several years and gotten him into the Department of Corrections where he can get the help he needs to become a better citizen. A document was put together by the Police Department that showed how the person and had many arrests over the past year. We sent the document to the district attorney and they used it to determine how to proceed with charges and sentencing. Last week this person was sentenced to 60 months in prison. Too often in our criminal justice system, people like him can get overlooked and end up with multiple arrests without any jail time. CRU and Crime Analysis keep attentive to certain people in Keizer to make sure they are not overlooked.

Public Works Department:

Parks & Facilities Division:

- Two new Eagle Scout projects have been identified and staff is coordinating with the Scouts to update the existing covered shelter at Country Glen Park and to install three new benches at Wallace House Park.
- The exercise equipment for Keizer Rapids Park and Wallace House Park will be installed next Tuesday. The volunteer managing this project is coordinating with the fall protection surface contractor to place the surfacing which will complete these projects.
- R&R Tree Service is still working on ice storm damage to trees in the parks and staff is trying to get a completion date from them.

Environmental & Technical Division:

- The recruitment for the Senior Environmental Technician and the Environmental Compliance Technician closes next Tuesday May 18th.
- A volunteer will be working with staff on education and outreach.
- Staff attended the Association of Clean Water Agencies (ACWA) Annual Stormwater Summit which was held virtually this week on Wednesday and Thursday.

Street/Stormwater Operations Division:

- Staff continues to make repairs to the stormwater system. Repairs on Dorcas Drive, Hornet Court, Rivercrest Drive and Dennis Lane will be performed over the next couple of weeks.

- The air pump on the bicycle repair station that was recently installed at Keizer Rapids Park is broken and parts have been ordered.

Water Division:

- A contractor will be painting fire hydrants starting next week in the southwestern portion of the city.
- Staff has completed flushing cul-de-sacs and will be moving on to the valve-exercising program as soon as next week.
- PGE is scheduled to begin replacing the failed power supply wire to the Wiessner Pump Station next week. This work involves boring under Salem Parkway and is expected to take a couple of weeks. The pump station is not available to run, except on the emergency backup engine until this work is complete.
- Design work for the Meadows Pump Station filter plant continues and should be completed and the project ready to bid by the end of June.

League of Oregon Cities Weekly Statewide Conference Call:

- **Governor's Office:** If Oregon reaches 70% COVID-19 vaccination rate the state will move out of the current risk based assessment system. The state is currently at 46.5% vaccinated. It is estimated we will reach 70% by the end of June. The Governor is going along with the CDC's recommendations regarding indoor and outdoor facemask requirements however it will take a couple of days for the changes to float through OHA and OSHA. The challenge will be to determine a system of verifying who is vaccinated and who is not. The challenge may be significant enough that many employers will continue to require facemasks.
- **Oregon Health Authority:** More than 2.0 million Oregonians have been vaccinated. OHA will be releasing a new COVID-19 model today that indicates a positive projection forward. This week no counties will be moving to a higher COVID-19 risk category. With respect to vaccinations, we will be moving away from large sites to smaller sites, including local health care provider offices. In addition rather than pushing out the vaccine, we will be moving to a request system. On Thursday the Pfizer vaccine became open to those 12 years and older.