

To: City Council
From City Manager, Nathan Cherpeski
Subject: Friday Update
Date: March 25, 2016



Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
March 28, 2016	7:00 P.M.	Planning Commission- CDO review	Jeff Ball Room @ Police Department
March 28, 2016	6:00 P.M.	JLUS Meeting	City Hall Annex - Council Chambers
April 4, 2016	6:00 P.M.	Work Session - Urban Renewal Feasibility Study	City Hall Annex - Conference Room
April 4, 2016	7:00 P.M.	City Council	City Hall Annex - Council Chambers
April 7, 2016	5:30 P.M.	Parks Board	City Hall Annex - Conference Room

City Manager

I have been privileged to participate this past week in the Air Education Training Command Commander's Civic Leaders Group in San Antonio. It was a whirlwind learning about the function of AETC and seeing several of the programs in action. It was extremely informative. We had lunch with recent graduates of basic military training. They were part way through a final step called Airman's week. I was lucky enough to share a lunch table with two young men. I was very impressed with both of those young men and the caliber of recruits they turn out.

Kingsley Field is one of the Air Guard bases included as part of this command. There were representatives from many AETC communities. It is a group made up of civic leaders from each of the AETC installation communities. I will participate in several in person meetings and virtual meetings as part of this appointment.

Having to travel over the pass in a snow storm the night before the flight, and getting home at 1:00 A.M. does highlight the need for airtservice here.

Airport

You are invited to a public meeting regarding the release of the Public Draft Kingsley Field Joint Land Use Study

The City of Klamath Falls, in cooperation with Klamath County, Kingsley Field, and other agencies and organizations in the region, has prepared a Public Draft Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) to address compatibility planning around Kingsley Field. The goal of the JLUS is to reduce current and potential conflicts between Kingsley Field and surrounding areas while accommodating new growth and economic development, protecting public health and safety, and sustaining the operational missions of Kingsley Field.

The Public Draft Kingsley Field JLUS will be released on **March 11, 2016** for a 30-day public review and comment period, which will end on **April 10, 2016**. The Public Draft JLUS and Background Report will be available for download at www.kingsleyjlus.com.

In order to develop a plan that is responsive to local needs, input from the public is essential. At this workshop, attendees will be provided an overview of the JLUS process and the key findings and recommendations contained in the Public Draft JLUS documents. Public comments on these draft documents will be accepted at the meeting, as well as up until the end of the comment period on April 10, 2016. Written comments can be provided on the project website; by emailing comments to the JLUS Project Manager, Joseph Wall at JWall@klamathfalls.city; or by sending via mail to Kingsley Field JLUS Comments, c/o Joseph Wall, 500 Klamath Avenue, Klamath Falls, OR 97601.

The public is encouraged to join us at this final workshop. Please come and learn more about the JLUS process and provide input on the Public Draft JLUS documents.

Date: **March 28, 2016**

Time: **6:00-8:00 PM**

Location: **Klamath Falls City Hall**

City Council Chambers

500 Klamath Avenue

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For more information, please visit www.kingsleyjlus.com or contact:

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The Treating Small Airports with Fairness Act seems to be progressing through the Congress. It was voted out of the house committee this week. Congress is in a two week break but will take it up again on their return.

Public Works

Development Services

On March 21st, City Council authorized the Public Works Department to proceed with the transformation of a vacant City owned lot at the corner of Main Street and 6th Street into a downtown community park known as Sugarman's Corner. The Public Works Department will utilize the experience of our own Divisions to construct the bulk of the park, while hiring local contractors to perform the specialty trades of concrete and electrical aspects of the project. Work began this week in anticipation of completing the project by mid-summer.

Development Services recently received bids for three upcoming projects; Balsiger Building Demolition, Johnson & Crescent Sewer Rehabilitation, and the Main Street Underpass Handrail Project. These three projects are all scheduled for Council consideration on April 4th.

After experiencing delays due to additional DEQ soil sampling requirements, ODOT indicates the Lake Ewauna Trail project is back on track and expected to be let for bid this Spring with a bid closing date tentatively set for June 23rd. The project is anticipated for completion in 2016.

Support Services

- Finance once again was awarded the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. We are very proud of our Finance Staff for maintaining their high standards during a year of transition. This is the twenty-fourth year the City has achieved this prestigious award.
- Budget preparation is in high gear, managers are diligently working on submissions to Finance which are due by April 4th.
- The SAIF Loss Control Approach training was completed this past week. Managers and Supervisors went through a six module course on how to enhance our Safety Culture and work towards the goal of zero accidents. It was considered very valuable training by those participating. Attendees requested we repeat the training for a select group of employees including the Central Safety Committee.
- Recruitment for the Police Sergeant opening was completed. Corporal Greg Wheat will be moving into the role of Sergeant completing the reorganization of the Police Department.
- Candidates for the position of Airport Operations Manager will be interviewing with Staff on April 5th. We have two finalist coming for this round of interviews. We have received eighteen applicants and are pleased with the quality of the finalists.
- The City is consolidating our Deferred Compensation offerings with ICMA. In the past, we had complicated the administrative and legal work without much benefit to employees. ICMA currently has the majority of our employee accounts in both a 401(k) and a 457 Plan. By moving the three other plans into this one option participants will be able to enjoy a wide variety of investment choices at lower fees. The City will be able to simplify our backend processes and compliance.



Save the Date!

You Are Invited to Attend the Third Public Workshop

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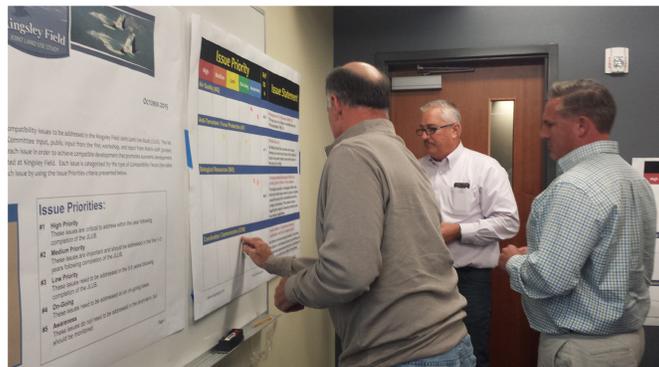
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Participants prioritize issues at the second public workshop, held October 5, 2015

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