

### Be Informed – Be engaged

We all know that our democracy depends upon an informed citizenry. We all get our information in a variety of ways. The City Club of Springfield is one very effective way, not only to get information, but to get a better understanding of public policy and proposed public policy. It also provides an opportunity to influence public policy. The City Club provides a forum for participants not only to hear information, but to interact with policy makers, ask questions and engage. Participants also provide input to policy makers and in so doing influence elected officials and staff regarding public policy.

The City Club recently held a program regarding the proposed fuel tax in Springfield. Programs featuring Congressman Peter DeFazio and candidates for Springfield City Council are also in the works for the future.

The City Club of Springfield is a bit less formal and more casual than some. It is a great place to meet other people who care about the community and the issues of importance to the community. It is also a great place to meet elected officials and policy makers.

If you are an active member of City Club, please take the opportunity to invite a friend to join you at the next meeting. If you haven't attended recently please come back. We would love to see you!

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*Mike Eyster,  
Past President*

### MEETING CALENDAR

October 6 – Rep. Peter DeFazio

Representative DeFazio will review his current activities as ranking member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

October 20 – Springfield Council Ward 4 Candidates

Sheri Moore and Sean Dunn are running in the only contested Council race. They have been asked to come and address the following three questions:

1. What is your overall vision of the future and growth of Springfield, and what are you doing to accomplish it?
2. Where do you see the differences in your approach to city government and Springfield's future, and the approach of your opponent?
3. What are your views on homelessness in Springfield, and what should we be doing to address it?

### PUBLIC CALENDAR

**All items are tentative and subject to change**

#### ***Springfield City Council***

- October 3 Work Session 6:00 p.m.
  - Downtown Parking Update
- Regular Session 7:00 p.m.
  - Public Hearing Virginia-Daisy Bikeway Design
  - Development Code Text Amendment-Verizon
- October 10 Work Session 5:30 p.m.
  - Affordable Housing Strategy
- October 17 Work Session 6:00 p.m.
  - Development Advisory Committee Report
  - Regular Session
    - Public hearing Supp. Budget 1
    - Public hearing Development Code

#### Amendments

- October 24 Work session 5:30 p.m.
  - Budget Discussion

October 31 No Meeting

#### ***Lane County Commissioners***

October 4 – No meeting

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## CITY CLUB MEETINGS

October 12 – 9:00 a.m. Public Hearing –Hazeldell Quarry  
October 18 – 9:00 a.m.  
October 25 – No Meeting

### **Lane Transit District**

October 10 – 5:30 p.m. Special Meeting/Work Session  
October 19 – 5:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

### **Willamalane Park and Recreation District**

October 12 – 6:30 p.m.

### **School District 19**

October 10 – 7:00 p.m.

### **Main-McVay Study September 1**

Emma Newman, Transportation Planner for the City of Springfield, and Sasha Luftig, project manager for the Lane transit District, briefed City club members on the current state of the main-McVay Transportation Study on September 1. Both emphasized that the study is ongoing, and that no decisions have yet been made. They indicated that while input from LTD would be important, decisions about any improvements or changes in the corridor

would ultimately be the responsibility of the Springfield City Council.

To date 5 signalized intersection improvements have been made between 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Bob Straub Parkway. In addition, the speed limit has been reduced to 35 miles per hour, at the insistence of the City, despite a negative reaction from the Oregon Department of Transportation, which controls the street because it is a state Highway. These improvements all come from a 2011 study.

Long-term transportation plans for the corridor have been the subject of intense public outreach. According to Ms. Newman and Ms. Luftig over 500 telephone contacts have been made with business operators and property owners along the corridor, and city and LTD staff have met personally with over 100 interested parties. The various long-term alternatives have now been whittled down to two, they reported. The remaining alternatives include “enhanced corridor” service and curbside EmX service. The third remaining alternative, median EmX service was excluded from further discussion on May 26.

The Enhanced corridor service was described as a service which would use existing bus vehicles with traditional stops, but reduced headways and other improvements.

EmX service would reduce headways to 10 minutes, and would place stops at 1/3 mile distances, as opposed to the current ¼ mile spacing.

### **Springfield Fuel Tax Increase – September 15**

The Springfield City Council has referred to the voters a \$0.03 per gallon increase in the local fuel tax, which is now \$0.03. The proposal will be voted on at the November 8 election. On September 16 Anette Spickard, Development and Public Works Director for the City, provided information about the proposal and Sean Dunn, a member of the Political Action committee supporting the proposal, spoke to City Club members. The Program Committee reached out to numerous sources seeking someone to speak in opposition to the proposal, but no one accepted the invitation.

According to Ms. Spickard, the increase would raise about \$1.1 million annually. The Council has committed to spending two-thirds of that amount (the equivalent of \$0.02 per gallon) on a series of overlays on arterial and collector streets. Ms. Spickard said the current backlog of repair is about \$30 million in total, and provided members with a list of streets to be worked on over the next five years using that money. She said that the sum would not be enough to eliminate the backlog in that time, but that it would prevent the backlog from growing.

The other one-third of the revenue (the equivalent of \$0.01 per gallon), would be devoted to a program of crack and slurry sealing on local residential streets. Sealing involves the application of a liquid asphalt product to smoothen the surface and to reduce the chance of water infiltrating below the street surface and causing serious damage. Mr. Dunn said that the Council had committed not to use the funds to increase staff, and that the projects would provide additional private sector jobs. He noted that the proposal obliges the City to report annually on the progress it has made toward dealing with the streets on the project list, and that provisions of the Oregon Constitution prevent the City from using the money for anything but work in the right of way.

Following the presentation, a straw poll of those attending indicated unanimous support for the proposal.

Springfield City Club  
Board of Directors Meeting August 4, 2016

**Board Members Present:** Terry Beyer, Steve Moe, Len Goodwin, Merlyn Hough, Chris Kline, Joe Leahy, Carolyn Miller, John Tamulonis and Jeff Thompson

**Board Members Absent:** Dan Egan and Mike Eyster

**Others Present:** Roger Wood and Roy Steffen

1. 11:41 Meeting called to order by Terry Beyer.
2. Motion to approve and seconded to accept the minutes from July 5, 2016, all approved.
3. Board Reports
  - d. Financial: John Tamulonis reported we are slowly eating into reserves due to more expenses than income. We are currently in a positive position.
  - b. Membership: Chris Kline reported we have 33 paid individual memberships and 4 paid business memberships. Chris feels that business memberships would be a good opportunity to expand and increase attendance. Chris reported that he had no real proposal but please look over last years recruitment lists and we can assign people to contact. Also look through the Chamber membership and pick out likely candidates for membership. Jeff Thompson said he could send out an invitation to Chamber members in their Thursday weekly newsletter. Joe Leahy asked if we offer stipends to our speakers. Merlyn responded no, but the Eugene City Club offers a year membership to their speakers. Joe Leahy, if we put together a great schedule at the end of the year can they join then? Chris Kline, yes we can recruit visitors and give the remainder of the year free with a 2017 membership purchase. Joe Leahy proposed sending a letter to delinquent members and setting up a meeting to go over membership lists and decide what the letter should say and that he would participate in the meeting.
  - c. Programs: Merlyn Hough reported the Congressman DeFazio is tentative for October 6<sup>th</sup>. Dan Egan was approached by the League of Women Voters to partner in a possible Governors Debate. Merlyn reported we are holding October dates for elections/ballot measures. Emily from NEDCO is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> but can be bumped for the Council race between Sheri and Sean. Maybe we should we schedule the Springfield gas tax for Sept 15? Joe Leahy wondered if we are not interested in hearing from the council candidates. Someone responded that we have heard from them before. There was no clarity on the council race. Mary Spilde is scheduled for the third Thursday in November. There was agreement that program information should go out early and should be up on the website as soon as possible. We should be using more social media, getting a lot more play with twitter and possibly live tweeting.
  - d. Website: Len Goodwin reported the online payment hasn't smoothed out and hasn't been effective at predicting attendance and is costing money. Is it time to drop the online payment option?
5. Other Business:
  - f. City Club Business Cards will be available for the next meeting.
  - g. Meeting Logistics: Should we move our meetings to a different location? This topic was of interest to Dan Egan and since he wasn't at the meeting the board decided to punt to Dan to do some research and bring the information back to a future board meeting
  - h. Statewide City Club Meeting: On July 26<sup>th</sup> Len Goodwin attended a statewide meeting of all Oregon City Clubs. It appears our meal price is the lowest of all city clubs. Some clubs use sponsorships, but all the clubs are struggling to stay alive and getting people motivated. Monthly meetings are common statewide. The group is proposing that all city clubs offer reciprocal benefits. Len reports the group may start meeting quarterly.
  - i. Discussion occurred regarding the need to replace Len Goodwin and Michael Eyster as signees on the checking account at Banner Bank. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was moved to:
    10. Delete Len Goodwin and Michael Eyster from the account.
    11. Add Joseph Leahy and Terry Beyer as signees to the account.
    12. Continue John Tamulonis and Denise Molder as signees on the account.The motion passed unanimously.
  - m. The Board entertained a motion and second to donate one Springfield City Club Membership to the Springfield Chamber of Commerce Tailgate Auction. All approved.
  - n. Steve Moe shared an invitation from the Eugene City Club to invite our club members to attend a joint meeting on the Glenwood Refinement Plan, September 9<sup>th</sup> at noon. The City of Springfield is participating in the program. Steve Moe has suggested that we send out notice of the meeting to our members.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:35 pm.

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