

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee proposes the following for election by the Springfield City Club to serve for the year beginning July 1, 2017:

Position	Name	
President	Joseph Leahy	Current President Elect
President Elect	Merlyn Hough	Current Director
Past President	Elizabeth (Terry) Beyer	Current President
Secretary	Dan Egan	Current Secretary
Director	Bob Fondren	
Director	Kirsten Denmark	
Director	Anette Spickard	
Director		

In addition, the following individuals continue to serve terms that will expire on June 30, 2018:

Position	Name
Treasurer	Steve Moe
Director	Len Goodwin
Director	Carolyn Miller

Nominations from the floor may be made at the meeting of June 1, 2017. Ballots will be emailed to members in good standing on June 8, 2017 and will be due on or before June 30, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Beyer, Chair
Joe Leahy
Dan Egan

MEETING CALENDAR

JUNE 1 - WINE IN LANE COUNTY

Robin Pfeiffer and his wife, Danuta, have a small 1400 case a year winery on property eight miles west of Junction City. Robin's family has lived on the land that is now a vineyard and winery since 1946. He taught in Eugene 4J schools for 28 years before leaving to pursue his second love, viticulture and wine making. And, for whatever it's worth, Pfeiffer Pinot Noir has been served at a White House dinner.

JUNE 15 – SPRINGFIELD POLICE CHIEF

Rick Lewis has been appointed Springfield (Continued on page 2)

PUBLIC CALENDAR

All items are tentative and subject to change

Springfield City Council

June 5

Work Session 5:30 p.m.

Affordable Housing
Police Levy Renewal
Museum Discussion

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

PH Sanipac Franchise
PH Annexations
PH Goshen Fire District withdrawal
Metro Plan Amendment
SDC Waiver

June 12

Work Session 5:30 p.m.

CDBG One year Action Plan
Mater Pole Attachment agreement
ADA Transition Plan

June 19

Executive Session 5:30 p.m.

Work Session 6:15 p.m.
In House City Attorney

Regular Session

Home Consortium Resolution
PH: Supplemental budget, FY 18 Budget

Adoption

PH Annexation

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MEETINGS

MAY 18 – PERS: THE INTRACTABLE ISSUE

The budgetary impact of the Public Employees Retirement System on local governments has been a troubling issue for several years. On May 18 John Brown, the chair of the PERS Board of Directors, Gino Grimaldi, the Springfield City Manager, and Brett Yancey, the Chief Financial Officer of Springfield School District 19, reviewed the challenges and responded to thought about potential solutions.

Mr. Brown said the present dilemma, which drives substantially increasing contributions to fund the system, results of several problematic decisions made well over a decade ago, when assumptions about investment earnings fixed into Tier One and, later, Tier Two terms. It is the benefits available to members of these two tiers that pose the challenge. Mr. Brown reported that all employees covered by PERS hired since August 29, 2003, are members of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan (OPSRP) which is fully funded on a current basis. Over half of active covered employees are now in OPSRP. Of the 168,177 active state, local and school district employees (as of December 31, 2015) 30 thousand are Tier I and 40 thousand are Tier II.

Both jurisdictions described the magnitude of the financial challenge of meeting PERS contribution requirements. Mr. Yancey said this year's contribution rate is 24 percent, and that will grow to 28 percent next year. PERS contributions presently make up about 11 percent of total operating expenses for the district. The district did bond a portion of its unfunded liability =in 2005, when it sold \$8.5 million in debt,

In comparison, Mr. Grimaldi said that PERS contributions currently represent 14 percent of operation costs – this year the increase is \$1.3 million.

Although all panelists agreed that the State's revenue system is broken, they did not recommend revenue increases for the purpose of reducing or eliminating the unfunded liability. The only real solution, R. Yancey and Mr. Grimaldi argued, is to increase the level of employee payment into the system. Many jurisdictions now pay the employees contribution of 6%. That is a holdover from action many years ago when jurisdictions, unable to fund wage increase, agreed to pickup the employee contribution, an action that had

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Swanson/Willamalane Path Easement

June 26

Work Session 5:30 p.m.
Springfield Look Plan

Lane County Commissioners

June 1 9:00 a.m.

Performance Auditor Interviews

June 6 9:00 a.m.

June 13 9:00 a.m.

June 20 9:00 a.m.

June 27 9:00 a.m.

Lane Transit District

June 21 5:30 p.m.

Willamalane Park and Recreation District

June 14 6:30 p.m.

School District 19

June 8 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

June 11 6:00 p.m. Budget committee meeting

June 18 6:00 p.m. Budget Committee meeting

Springfield Utility Board

June 14 6:00 p.m.

Police Chief. Rick has served in the Springfield Department since 1982. He graduated from Sherwood High School and attended both Lane Community College and George Fox College, receiving an associate's degree in Criminal Justice and a bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2008.

He started as a reserve police officer before gaining full time employment in 1983. During his career Lewis worked in patrol, detectives, narcotics, SWAT and various other assignments. He was promoted to sergeant in 1999 and to captain in 2000. Lewis has been the AIC Chief of Police since July of 2016.

less adverse budget impact than an equivalent wage increase. They both agreed that is a difficult challenge because of the nature of public sector collective bargaining laws. Since the pickup of contributions is a mandatory subject of collective bargaining, it can be achieved only with agreement of labor.

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