

FRIDAY MEMO

June 24, 2005

1. Earlier this morning House and Senate conferees arrived at a compromise number of \$286.5 billion with regard to surface transportation reauthorization. You will recall that this is the bill that includes the Lake Road authorization of \$5 million. (Initially, the Senate version was at \$295 billion; the House version was funded at \$283.9 billion; the Administration amount was \$284 billion. This news on a compromise number is early enough that I do not know whether or not the Administration has joined in.) However, there are a number of issues that were not resolved that many believe will doom this compromise. Most important to the City's project is an earlier Senate insistence that it have a say on 50% of the earmarked projects. Lake Road is one such project. One way to look at this is that the Senate is asking for authorization to submit its own list for half of the amount (approximately \$11 billion in House earmarks) proposed by the House. Apparently, past practice has been for the Senate to choose 20% of the earmarked projects. It is apparently doubtful that a resolution of this—or many of the other divisive issues—was included in the compromise announced this morning. Two members of the Oregon Congressional delegation believe that there are enough such issues that they are pessimistic that the compromise will hold. It would be a good idea for each member of Council to send an e-mail to both Senator Smith's and Senator Wyden's office expressing support for the inclusion of Lake Road in any final bill. If you wish to get something done immediately, you can access their web page, where you will find an e-mail form. Another option is to send an e-mail directly to the relevant staff member. I will have to search for those addresses, and I will e-mail them to you later this weekend.
2. The following has gone out to staff re the Governor's visit: The Mayor and Council wish to extend their sincere appreciation to all the City employees who took part in putting together the Milwaukie Riverfront Park event on Wednesday. Public Works Operations, Police, Fleet and Facilities, and Community Services – all of these departments pitched in to make it a memorable day. Special thanks goes to Grady Wheeler for pulling all the diverse pieces together and making sure the word got out to the public. Council was delighted with the number of people who showed up, and we're sure Governor Kulongoski will remember swinging the gilded sledgehammer and operating the equipment for some time. It was an event that many of us have been looking forward to for years -- thanks!
3. I believe that the Library's MIX program will survive for another year. Earlier this week—and after many calls to other cities—we were able to put together a sufficient number of contributions from individual cities and the County to keep it alive for another year. Work will begin on seeking a

permanent solution. The MIX program is the three-county intergovernmental agreement that allows library users from any one county to access materials from the other two.

4. Recently you received an e-mail communication re the work of the Annexation Study Group that suggested that the city managers of three or four cities were still working toward an annexation agreement. At the time the e-mail was issued, that was correct information. However, there has been no agreement reached. We proposed future growth boundaries for the cities that were parties to the original Three Cities Agreement, but one city wished instead to designate the area as a "future study area" in which each city would notify the others of any move to annex. I will be bringing this concept to you at your July 18, 2005 work session. I don't see any further work for the managers unless this concept meets with the approval of the three city councils.
5. With construction getting ready to start on the North Main Village project, new parking limits will be made at the downtown Safeway site and the city parking lot on Main Street between Harrison and Jackson Streets. Spaces will be dedicated for library use and some 8-hour spaces will be converted to 2-hour use to ensure adequate short-term parking. Staff is also in the process of talking to downtown businesses to evaluate the need for other parking changes in the downtown. This work will be ongoing over the next few weeks, with a report to Council in August.
6. Associate Planner Keith Jones has announced that he will be leaving to work for a local consulting firm. Keith has been a great asset to the department and has worked on a number of development projects for the City.
7. The Planning Commission's decision on the North Clackamas ball fields project is scheduled for July 12, 2005. The meeting will be 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
8. As of June 6, Grady Wheeler's job responsibilities have been modified to allow him to spend more time doing outreach on public projects in which the City is involved. Staff, community members and Council are encouraged to work with Grady on any outreach or public information related project they might have. Grady will be coordinating with the Planning, Engineering and Facilities Departments on, among other things, the McLoughlin, North Main and Riverfront Projects. Grady will continue to produce the Pilot and staff the Public Access Board.
9. At their June 14th meeting, a majority of the Riverfront Board recommended that staff bring to council a proposal for a public input process to be conducted this summer, the focus of which would be a

concept plan for Milwaukie Riverfront Park. The Riverfront Board has chosen two plans to be included in this public review. Staff will bring the proposed public input process to the July 19 Council work session. The proposed kickoff date for this project would be July 23rd at the Riverfest.

10. The North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District will be re-roofing the Milwaukie Center building during August and September 2005. The roof is over 25 years old, and the District budgeted funds to make the repair during the next fiscal year.
11. The City's chances of gaining approval for passage of a photo radar bill appear to be dimming. The last action was to send the bill (SB 153) to the House State and Federal Affairs Committee. This Committee "has been the holding committee for those bills that are either dead or will be revived for the end game." Rumor has it that Speaker Minnis does not want any cities added to the list of those already authorized to use photo radar. I will have a letter for the Mayor's signature next week that will once again endorse the City's desire and ability to join that list.
12. Our contractor will start the demo of Vic's tomorrow (Saturday) 7:00 am. They have permission from ODOT to do a lane closure so they can take the front of the building down.
13. Once again, the low bid for the McLoughlin Project came in at the engineer's estimate plus 9%. You will recall that we budgeted (and received a supplemental appropriation from State OTIA funds) to cover the engineer's estimate plus 10%, so we are within budget. The decision will become final once the low bidder is qualified. The schedule of events is now as follows:

June 23: Bid open- apparent low bidder named- West Tech Construction or Portland.

June 30-July 5: Notice of intent to award published, assuming bid evaluation is acceptable; OTC then awards contract.

July 6- August 15: Contracting, insurance and bonding. City of Milwaukie required to deposit 10% of construction bid, or \$239,596 PIROR to NTP.

August 16: Notice to Proceed issued

August 17 or so: Start of Construction.



City and Public Interest Meetings The Week of June 27th – July 3rd

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
<u>Monday 27th</u>	Library Board	6:30 p.m.	Ledding Library	Cynthia Sturgis 503-786-7584
<u>Tuesday 28th</u>	Planning Commission Regular Session	6:30 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers	John Gessner 503-786-7652
<u>Sunday 3rd</u>	Farmers Market	9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Downtown Milwaukie	Grady Wheeler 503-786-7503



City and Public Interest Meetings The Week of July 4TH – 10th

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
<u>Monday 4th</u>	ALL CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY			
<u>Tuesday 5TH</u>	City Council Work Session	5:30 p.m.	City Hall Conference Room	Pat DuVal 503-786-7502
	City Council Regular Session	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers	Pat DuVal 503-786-7502
<u>Thursday 7TH</u>	Lewelling NDA	7:00 p.m.	Lewelling Elementary	Jeff Klein 503-653-8639
<u>Saturday 9th</u>	City Council Coffee Hour	8:00 a.m.	PSB – Community Meeting Room	Pat DuVal 503-786-7502
<u>Sunday 10th</u>	Farmers Market	9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Downtown Milwaukie	Grady Wheeler 503-786-7503

Kroll Building (Vic's Tavern) and Milwaukie Antique Mall Demolition Project:

The City received three demolition bids for this project. The low bidder is Dennis Snyder Contractors in the amount of \$29,723.50. The contractor has started working on the project and as of this date is about 25% complete. The contractor estimates that he will have the project completed by July 10th.

North Main Streetscape Improvement Project Phase I/21st Avenue:

The city received four bids for this project. The low bidder is Moore Underground Inc. with a bid of \$130,962.50 . The contractor will start work July 1st and expects to complete the project in six weeks.

McLoughlin Blvd./Kellogg Creek to Scott Street Project:

The City received three bids for this boulevard project. The low bidder is West Tech Construction Inc. with a bid of \$2,359,626.20. This bid is 9.31 % higher than the engineer's estimate but is within ODOT'S award range. Construction should begin within four to six weeks.

New JCB Operations Building:

The public works operations building at JCB is substantially complete and staff will begin moving in on June 27th. The old office trailer is scheduled to be moved off the property July 1st.