

**John Day City Council  
March 12, 2019  
7:00 PM**

**Grant County Regional Airport, 72000 Airport Rd., John Day**

1. **OPEN AND NOTE ATTENDANCE**
2. **APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2019.**
3. **APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS** – At this time Mayor Lundbom will welcome the public and ask if there is anything they would like to add to tonight's agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

4. **NONE**
  - None

**ACTION ITEMS**

5. **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

Attachments:

  - Five Bold Steps Chart – June 2017
6. **RESOLUTION 19-804-05, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2019 WASTE WATER FACILITIES PLAN UPDATE**

Attachments:

  - Resolution 19-804-05
  - 2018 Waste Water Facilities Plan Update
7. **INNOVATION GATEWAY INITIAL CONCEPTS**

Attachments:

  - Innovation Gateway Presentation
8. **COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PRESENTATION**

Attachments:

  - None
9. **CONCLUDING REMARKS & AUDIENCE Q&A**

Attachments:

  - None

**OTHER BUSINESS & UPCOMING MEETINGS**

10. **OTHER BUSINESS & UPCOMING MEETINGS**
  - Prairie City Fiber Festival – July 27-28
  - Statements of Economic Interest (SEI)
  - Mar 1 – City Council Study Session – 12-2 P.M. @ Fire Hall
  - Mar 19 – One Stop, 1 P.M. in La Grande, OR
  - Mar 26 – City Council Meeting, 7 P.M. @ Fire Hall – State of the City Address

- April 9 – City Council Meeting, 7 P.M. @ Fire Hall
- April 18 – Region 12 Small Cities Meeting @ Fire Hall – John Day Hosting
- April 23 – City Council Meeting, 7 P.M. @ Fire Hall

**TO:** John Day City Council

**FROM:** Nicholas Green, City Manager

**DATE:** March 12, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item #5: Introductory Remarks  
Attachment(s)  
• Five Bold Steps Chart – June 2017

## **BACKGROUND**

In May 2017, the City announced its plans to purchase the Oregon Pine mill site with the intention of converting it to the John Day Innovation Gateway – an 80+ acre innovation center at the heart of John Day. This process has involved multiple meetings with residents and other stakeholders as part of our project advisory committee (PAC) and our technical advisory committee (TAC). During the spring of 2017, we also conducted countywide surveys to help us identify what are the community's overall priorities for the project and for the city.

Through this survey, the community identified Five Bold Steps they wanted us to take. In priority order, they are:

- 1) Build Innovation Gateway
- 2) Build a community recreation center
- 3) Create new housing opportunities
- 4) Provide high speed internet to all area residents
- 5) Conduct a marketing campaign to promote our community

Related discussion focused on: helping bring public and private sector investments together; fostering an entrepreneurial climate; increasing the focus on arts and culture in our community, and; building our internal capacity to achieve these objectives.

## **DISCUSSION**

Over the past two years, we have been actively working to secure funding and develop plans to make that vision a reality. During tonight's city council meeting, we will formally adopt the 2018 Waste Water Facilities Plan Update that will allow us to proceed with engineering for the new wastewater treatment facility.

We will also have an initial presentation from Walker Macy on the design concepts for the Innovation Gateway and the redevelopment of the Oregon Pine property. The Innovation Gateway Project is an integrated community development, transportation and design plan that will envision and support revitalization of the former Oregon Pine mill site and adjacent properties as a dynamic and thriving public space. The Gateway will be connected with public trails through restored floodplain habitat along the banks of the John Day River.

New land uses, including recreational facilities and an exciting vision for the use of reclaimed wastewater, offer significant public investments for John Day's future. These are cohesively linked within the City's Strategy for Growth to maximize innovation and efficiency in water reuse, build partnerships and spur a sustainable and resilient economy that retains and attracts a range of residents and businesses.

Major investments planned for this area include:

- 1) A new wastewater treatment facility that will reclaim 100% of treated wastewater and solids for beneficial reuse
- 2) Revitalization and restoration of one mile of riparian area along the John Day River
- 3) 1.5 miles of new local street networks to service the property
- 4) Networks of trails and sidewalks connecting the community's commercial and residential areas to its parks, streams and rivers
- 5) New commercial buildings and development including office and event space, parking areas and a new aquatics/recreation center

## **FINANCING**

The City has secured \$1.6 million in public sector investment for these projects to-date. Of this, \$869,000 was in long-term, low interest loans for the purchase of Oregon Pine and the construction of the city's first greenhouse; and \$787,500 was in grant funding for economic development and area planning, environmental remediation, construction of the initial trail system on the property and engineering for the new reclaimed water facility. Financing has been provided by six state and one federal agency:

- Oregon Business Development Department (Business Oregon)
- Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)
- Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
- Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD)
- Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD)
- U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)

The City is pursuing an additional \$11M in grants and loans for construction of the new wastewater treatment plant during 2019 and 2020 along with approximately \$6M in grants for broadband infrastructure. Additional funding will be requested as needed to complete these projects.

## **SUMMARY**

All the projects presented tonight are in response to public feedback from community surveys – residents telling us what they want for their city – and the efforts of the city council to help revitalize our community. This is a significant undertaking. It will require time, patience and strategic investment to see it through to completion, but I believe it will also lead to significant job growth and reinvestment in our economy. The redevelopment of Oregon Pine and the restoration of our riverfront will be something this generation can look back on as a significant accomplishment that will improve the quality of life of John Day residents for generations to come.

## **RULES OF ENGAGEMENT**

Tonight's presentation is not a public hearing. A public hearing will be held in June or July, following the completion of the design work. This is a public presentation of our initial concepts in order to give our residents and the community an opportunity to review the material developed by our consultants.

In order to expedite the meetings, we will reserve public comment until all three presentations have been made. At the conclusion of the meeting, we will provide up to three minutes per person for public comment. Comments not related to tonight's agenda will be deferred to a subsequent meeting. Due to time constraints, if multiple people wish to comment, priority will be given first to John Day residents.

**TO:** John Day City Council

**FROM:** Nicholas Green, City Manager

**DATE:** March 12, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item #6: Resolution 19-804-05, A Resolution Adopting the 2019 Waste Water Facilities Plan Update  
Attachment(s)

- Resolution 19-804-05
- 2018 Waste Water Facilities Plan Update

**BACKGROUND**

Resolution 19-804-05 formally adopts the 2019 update to the City’s waste water facilities plan.

**DISCUSSION**

Brett Moore and Mike Lees from Anderson Perry will be in attendance to discuss the plan revisions that have been incorporated into this update based on feedback and internal review by DEQ. They will also discuss the timeline for the project, as shown below:

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Project Milestone/Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Planning	John Day - Accept WWFP	3/12/2019
	OWRD - NLT, submit paperwork and request pre-app conference	15-Mar
	One Stop	19-Mar
	John Day - WWTF Engineering Proposals Due	22-Mar
	Award Contracts for Engineering and Environmental Assessment	26-Mar
Design	Begin WWTF Design	1-Apr
	Begin Environmental Assessment/Report	1-Apr
	OWRD - O/A, pre-app conference	1-Apr
	CWSRF - Funding application	12-Apr
	Wetland delineation fieldwork	15-Apr
	OWRD Grant submission due	26-Apr
	USDA RD	1-May
	Finalize WWTF Design	1-Aug
	Finalize EA	1-Aug
	CWSRF - Funding application	9-Aug
	CDBG - Construction funding application	30-Sep
	OWRD - Decision on award	11/1/2019
	OWRD - Grant agreement executed	1/31/2020
	Funding available	3/1/2020
Construction	Award Construction Contracts & Begin Construction	Spring 2020

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

“I move to adopt Resolution 19-804-05, A Resolution Adopting the 2019 Waste Water Facilities Plan Update.”

**TO:** John Day City Council

**FROM:** Nicholas Green, City Manager

**DATE:** March 12, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item #7: Innovation Gateway Initial Concepts  
Attachment(s)

- Innovation Gateway Presentation

## **BACKGROUND**

I will show a brief segment of a Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) presentation on riverfront restoration work conducted in Idaho. The segment will begin at minute 21:40. The full video can be viewed as this link: <https://video.idahoptv.org/video/restoring-rivers-cceype/>.

Walker Macy will then present the initial concepts for the Innovation Gateway and the redevelopment of the Oregon Pine mill site, including the proposed design for the new 7<sup>th</sup> Street Extension and restoration options for the John Day Riverfront along this property.

## **SUMMARY**

The design concepts presented tonight apply primarily to the 83-acres of public land owned by the City of John Day. Of necessity, transit networks and some design concepts will affect neighboring property owners. We believe these will be positive improvements to the surrounding neighborhoods. The community development committee of the city council has held initial neighborhood meetings with the affected property owners. These discussions as well as reviews with focus groups and our advisory committees will continue throughout the course of the project.

**TO:** John Day City Council

**FROM:** Nicholas Green, City Manager

**DATE:** March 12, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item #8: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Presentation  
Attachment(s)

- None

**BACKGROUND**

Matt Craigie from ECONorhtwest will make a presentation to the city council on the comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS) for the city. Council will then have an opportunity to discuss ECO's findings and provide guidance for the remainder of the project, which will culminate on June 11 with the Regional Economic Development Summit (REDS) in John Day.

**TO:** John Day City Council

**FROM:** Nicholas Green, City Manager

**DATE:** March 12, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item #9: Concluding Remarks & Audience Q&A  
Attachment(s)

- None

**BACKGROUND**

The city councilors and I will provide some concluding remarks on the project, after which audience members will have the opportunity to ask questions of the council or the consulting team.

**TO:** John Day City Council  
**FROM:** Nicholas Green, City Manager  
**DATE:** March 12, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item #10: Other Business and Upcoming Meetings  
Attachment(s)

- LOC Bulletins

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Statements of Economic Interest (SEI) due April 15
- Prairie City Fiber Festival, July 27-28

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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