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CITY MANAGER'S CORNER



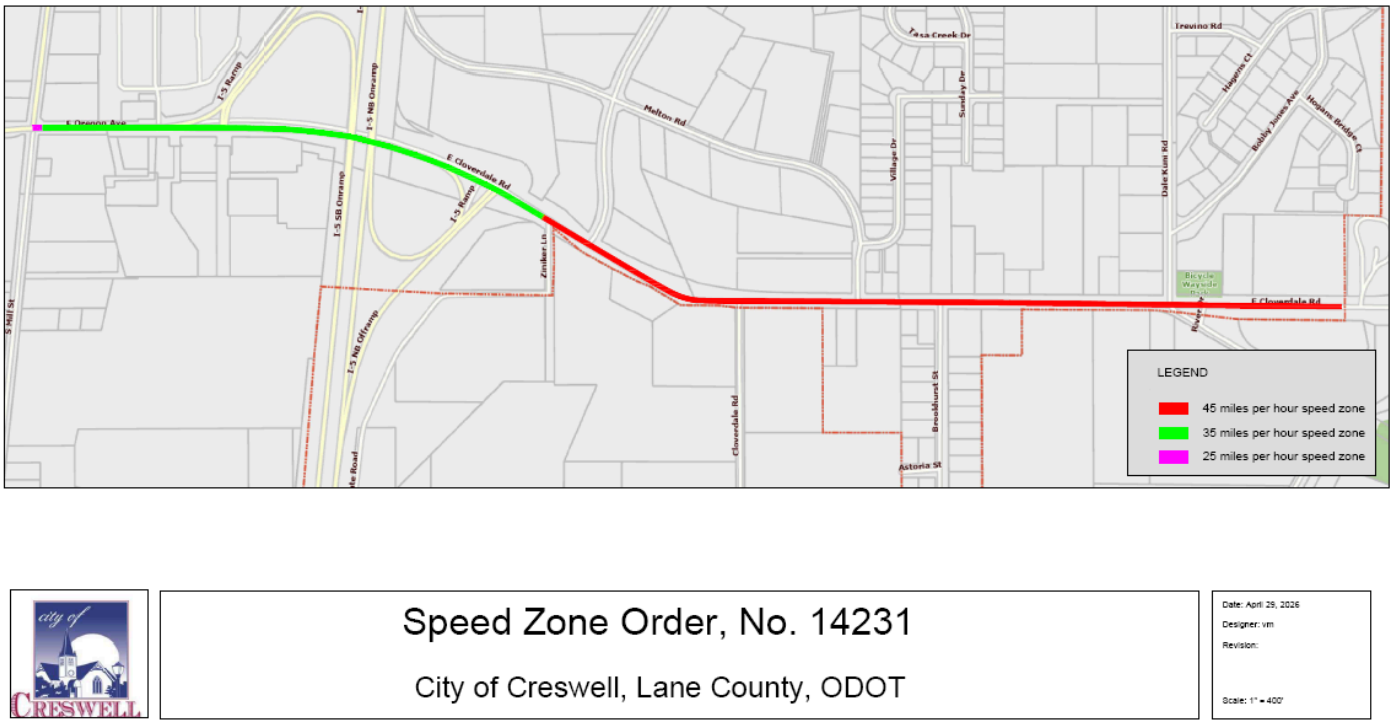
Welcome to the City Manager Corner, where I provide you with information about the city, our capital projects, and our initiatives.

As City Manager, I am the administrative head of the city government. My primary role is to provide the proper administration of all city business. One of the cornerstones of our business is transparency. It is my intent to have this page provide additional information to the community.

Administrative Initiatives

1. **Facade Improvement Program.** The city planning staff has launched a façade improvement program supported by a $30,000 grant to enhance building exteriors within the downtown area. This initiative supports the City's Downtown Plan, which identifies investment and beautification as key objectives. The grant application period closed on May 15, 2026, and we have received two applications to date. We continue to encourage downtown property owners to participate in the program and contribute to ongoing beautification efforts.

2. **Speed Zone Review.** The City of Creswell's Public Works Director, in coordination with Lane County and the Oregon Department of Transportation, completed a review of the speed zones from South Mill Street eastward to the city limit. As a result of this review, the speed zones have been adjusted. Please refer to the attached map for details.



3. **Farm to Table Event.** The City's Farm to Table Event will take place on May 9, 2026, during the Community-Wide Yard Sale. The event is designed to highlight locally grown organic food resources, offer education on food preparation, and celebrate our local farmers and the Creswell Farmers Market.

4. **Oregon Avenue "Jog" Project.** Planning staff has submitted two Creswell transportation projects to the Lane Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) Capital Improvement Plan, making them eligible for future state funding consideration. The first project is the Oregon Avenue "Jog" and Signalization Project. This project would reconfigure Oregon Avenue between Mill Street and Front Street—the section known locally as the "jog." It also includes installing a traffic signal at the Oregon Avenue and Front Street intersection. (A separate funding source has already been identified for improvements at the Oregon Avenue and Mill Street intersection.) The second project is the Highway 99 Urban Standards Upgrade. This project would upgrade Highway 99 from Oregon Avenue to the southern Urban Growth Boundary by adding sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and related urban-standard features.

Both projects will be evaluated by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) review committee. The assessment will be based on statewide transportation goals, including safety, stewardship, mobility, accessibility, sustainability and climate considerations, and equity.

Capital Projects

1. Trees have been planted at the South 1st Street and Oregon Avenue intersection. Perennials are expected to be added to the tree wells in mid-May to early June. and on the NE and SE corners of the intersection Trident Maples were planted.



Royal Star Magnolia

Mature height: 15–20 feet

Mature width/spread: 10–15 feet

Form: Dense, oval to rounded canopy

Flowers: Fragrant white, star-shaped blooms in early spring (often before leaf-out)

Growth habit: Deciduous, slow to moderate growth rate

Notes: A popular ornamental for small urban planting sites due to its modest size and striking spring display.





Trident Maple

Mature height: 30–40 feet

Mature width/spread: 20–30 feet

Form: Typically rounded to oval canopy

Foliage: Three-lobed leaves that turn a brilliant red (sometimes orange-red) in fall

Growth habit: Deciduous, moderate growth rate

Notes: Excellent street or yard tree; tolerant of urban conditions and pruning.



2. The 2nd Street Improvement Project is scheduled to resume in early May.

3. A new basketball court will be installed at the Cobalt Activity Center in May – June.

4. Council approved a contract with Wind Rose Excavation for construction of Creswell Butte Water Transmission Main. This work includes Approximately 5000 ft. of 12-inch waterline, 17 reconnections

to existing waterlines, 70 water services, and 6 fire hydrants.

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Additional Information

City Council Agendas & Minutes

Boards & Commissions

Utilities

Strategic Plan

Creswell Municipal Code

Facilities Rental

Meetings and Events

5/5

Budget Committee Meeting #1
6:00pm in the Creswell City Hall Council Chambers

5/9

Creswell Farm to Table Event
11:00am - 2:00pm by Creswell City Hall

5/11

City Council Meeting
6:00pm in the Creswell City Hall Council Chambers

5/12

Park & Tree Advisory Board Meeting

9:30am in the Creswell City Hall Conference Room

5/19

Budget Committee Meeting #2/Urban Renewal Agency Budget Meeting

6:00pm in the Creswell City Hall Council Chambers

5/21

Planning Commission Meeting

5:00pm in the Creswell City Hall Council Chambers

5/25

Memorial Day

Creswell City Hall will be closed for Memorial Day.

5/26

City Council Work Session

6:00pm in the Creswell City Hall Council Chambers

5/30

Coffee With a Cop

10:00am at Blue Valley Bistro (116 Melton Road)