MEMO

To: **Mayor and Members of Council**
From: **Vincent Martorello, City Manager**
CC: **City Council File**
Re: **Week of May 10, 2026 - Update**
Date: **May 15, 2026**

Here is a summary of my activities for the week of May 10, 2026.

- Attended our Farm to Table Event on Saturday, May 9.
- City Council meeting - May 11.
- Due to the strong interest generated by the Farm to Table event and the increased awareness of our local farmers, a group of community members has decided to move forward with developing a nonprofit to support the Creswell Farmers Market. We met with their representative this week. While they do not plan to launch their market until spring 2027, we agreed that the city will host a series of Farm to Table events over the summer to maintain community excitement and continue promoting the Creswell Farmers Market. We will continue to work with potential vendors, the farmers' market representatives, to plan and launch the farm to table series. This event was a wonderful example of the city and community coming together to work toward a common goal for the betterment of Creswell.
- I attended the Parks and Trees Advisory Board meeting on May 12. The board primarily discussed a debrief of the Arbor Day celebration. We also reviewed the recent presence of the Emerald Ash Borer in Oregon. I shared my experience managing this pest during my time working in the Midwest. The most effective approach is mechanical control, including pruning affected areas, cleaning up tree litter, and the timely removal of infested trees. Preventative chemical treatments are not recommended. Most of our ash trees are located on the outskirts of the city. Although there is an option to inject insecticide into trees, this method typically only delays infestation for a few years and is costly. If or when the Emerald Ash Borer reaches Creswell, we will plan to manage it using mechanical means.
- I met with the Public Works Director to discuss planned improvements to Robinett-Hughes Park. The first priority is installing a sidewalk that connects the parking lot to the restroom. This led to further discussion about the area between the splash pad and the playground, specifically the need for the entire section to be concrete. I have developed an improvement plan for the park (attached to this email), which is currently under review. Once the review is complete, we will determine whether the additional concrete work can be included in the budget.
- I received the resignation of our Planning Manager, who has accepted a new position with DLCD as a Housing Planner—an excellent opportunity for him. His last day with the city will be May 29. We began the recruitment process today, with applications open through May 29. Our goal is to have the position filled by the first or second week of July.

Anticipated Work – Week of May 17, 2026:

- May 19 - Meet with R3 to get an update on their housing study
- May 20 - Public Safety Committee meeting
- May 21 – Planning Commission meeting

Upcoming Work:

- May 26 – Council work session. The only thing on the work session is the urban growth boundary expansion discussion.
- May 27 – Kiwanis awards presentation. I will be handing out scholarship awards to Creswell high school students.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

With Gratitude,
Vincent