MEMO

To: **Mayor and Members of Council**
From: **Vincent Martorello, City Manager**
CC: **City Council File**
Re: **Week of May 24, 2026 - Update**
Date: **May 29, 2026**

Here is a summary of my activities for the week of May 24, 2026.

- I reviewed the draft versions of both the regional wastewater MOU and the IGA for the regional wastewater project manager. During the discussion, Lane County committed to making their financial contribution to the regional system before construction begins. This reduces the additional amount needed from approximately 12 million dollars to about seven million. These figures are still estimates; final costs will be determined once engineering work is complete. Regardless, this is very positive news for us. As a reminder, the County's portion of the project cost—originally expected to be covered by us—was never included in our projected wastewater rates. We were clear with Lane County from the outset that we would not pass these costs on to our ratepayers. Because of that, the reduction from 12 million to seven million does not affect or lower our future wastewater rates. The proposed breakout of the financial contributions to the regional wastewater project manager is $50,000 for Creswell, $50,000 for Junction City and $100,000 for Lane County. As I noted in our last meeting, the city's contrition would end when our portion is completed. I noted this because Junction City is probably 18 months to two years behind our current progress. Once the draft is finalized, I will bring it to a work session for discussion.
- I completed an analysis of the existing concentration of convenience stores and gas-station convenience stores within and adjacent to the Downtown Commercial District. This work was done to support the City Council's review and discussion of the issue and to help determine how best to address concerns regarding the current concentration of these uses at the July 27 work session. I will send you the information in advance of the work session for your review.
- I conducted an initial review of the Planning Director applications. We have several good candidates, and I would like to see if we can generate a little more interest, so I extended the recruitment period to June 5.
- On Wednesday night, I represented the Coast Fork Kiwanis Club and presented three scholarships to high school students at Creswell High School Student Scholarship Awards Ceremony.
- I worked throughout the week with the Public Works Director on making fields adjustments to the design for Robinett – Hughes Park. The excavation and preparation of the interior concrete walks and plaza are being completed.
- The public works director and I have also addressed a reoccurring issue of the gate

between New Hope Church and the park being left open and the vandalism occurring when the gate is locked. Per the agreement between the church and the city, the management of the access is under the purview of the city and the gate was not meant to be left open. This has been an issue for some time and given the current improvements to the park, we believed it was an appropriate time to address it.

Anticipated Work – Week of May 31, 2026:

- June 1 – Monthly check in with Councilor Kent
- June 2 – Garden Lake Park project meeting with state agencies
- June 2 – Regional wastewater preliminary design meeting
- June 4 – Monthly check in with the mayor

Upcoming Work:

- June 8 – Council meeting
- June 11 – Monthly check in with Councilor Morris
- June 12 – Regional wastewater funding work group meeting
- June 18 – The System Benefit Fee IGA with Lane County official terminates

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

With Gratitude,
Vincent