

MANAGER'S REPORT

August 6, 2012

City of Auburn Website

Moving forward, staff and I have more changes, although I discussed a workshop this is more of internal policy but I am open to City Council comment on whether it should be approved by the board.

ELHS Committee

Committee met and progress is being made to create a committee with what will most likely be a sounding a board too.

Purchasing / Procurement Policy

Due to scheduling this was moved until Thursday August 16th, at 6:00pm.

Open Items from Public

Resident John Cote shared concerns regarding fireman fundraising and attending retirement events while on duty. He also requested information on State Statutes regarding the use of trucks for training and other purposes. I call Mr. Cote on July 19, 2012 to clarify. I also spoke with Interim Chief Geoff Lowe.

Auburn Beach

Gary Plough shared thoughts on the value of Auburn Beach and how some small investment and oversight that he feels the beach has, "Lots of Potential!"

Staff and The Council is working on ways to improve the Beach so his viewpoints are appreciated and the City has funded some money to the Beach which could begin this fall and staff is also investigating grant opportunities.

Additionally Mr. Plough appears to be on his way to hosting a "Yard Sale" with proceeds to go towards improvements at the beach.

The City is also close to entering a one month agreement with an Auburn business owner to sell pre-packaged food at the Beach and will also oversee the restrooms.

Turner St. / Great Falls Plaza Drainage

The staff is pursuing a project with federal funds to being improvements to a 72" culvert servicing Great Falls Plaza. The deadline to commit funds is Sept. 30th so this will take great effort. It is our hopes that some of the funds can be dedicated to improvements needed above the culvert before replacement.

Assessing and Commitment

Tentatively the mill rate will be at or below 15.60, which is better than anticipated. Also, upon review adjustments will be made to residential land values.

Oak Hill Mowing

This is with a contracted service for the remainder of the season. We did follow existing policies to select through a written proposal process. In future years I would anticipate a bid, but that depends on the results of the new purchasing policy.

Auburn Beach

Staff has worked quickly to enter into a one month concessions agreement. In lieu of a fee the business has agreed to clean and oversee the bathrooms.