

End of Year Details for Council

for Jan 1st, 2021 through Dec 31st, 2021

Annual Summary

Thank you for the opportunity to report on the activities of the City and my office over the last year. As you well know, we have been living through the pandemic, which continues to affect both operations and opportunities normally associated with the City. However, I think we have not only managed well, but taken advantage of some of the infrastructure opportunities to save our city funding.

Here is a list of notable accomplishments in the past year:

Marketing and Tourism

Reopened the interpretive center
Moved Museum and reopened
Resolved city landscaping issues
Xmas lighting resolution
Arrangement with Chamber for staffing IC
Agreement on Southworth statue
Food cart progress at Community Center
Reopened the Community Center

Code enforcement (notable)

Crestline property cleanup
Broadway property cleanup
DEQ investigation of Auto-wrecker
Agreement to remove Skate Rink Bldg
Installed gates at interpretive center
Deck issue on Waldport heights
Ended Distillery lease before fines

External agencies

ODOT grant for lighted crossings and safety Had ODOT produce details on Weigh Station Helped WAVE complete Fiber buildout Resolved FEMA issue DLCD partnership on housing analysis Completed Industrial park LEOF grant

Utilities

Public Works reorganization
Negotiated \$45k forgiveness on ODOT project
Caught us up on arrears Utility Rates
New lift saving over \$40k from expected
Installed Water monitoring program
New drought plan and program
Wastewater plan revised and completed

Financial

Hired new finance manager
Negotiated movement to OpenGov
Major changes to Budget format
Hired outside accounting for audit prep
Redid workers comp saving \$20k
\$800k savings on Meter project

Development

Worked through several new businesses
Significant marketing to outside investors
Worked with pioneer for major fiber project
Won final LUBA challenge
Got RC track in place
Established Southworth Park

City wide

New City Website
Moved into new City hall
Sold Driftwood surplus property
New fiber to all city sites
Fire Hall initial negotiations
Significantly reduced meter project cost
Code and documents onto Municode
Starting using Towncloud agenda software
Installed benches at City hall

Grants and Funding

\$2.2 million from state for Water tanks \$50k from DLCD for Housing Needs Analysis \$240k from ODOT for safety improvements \$2500 for emergency supplies \$1k for Planning assistance

Total: ~\$2.5 million in outside funding secured