

AGENDA
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
City of Brookings
Brookings City Hall Council Chamber
898 Elk Drive, Brookings Oregon
Monday July 14, 2008 6:00pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Downtown Street Improvement Project
- IV. Adjournment



COUNCIL *WORKSHOP* REPORT

To: Mayor and City Council

From: City Manager

Date: July 9, 2008

Subject: Downtown Street Improvement Project

Background /Discussion:

The Urban Renewal Agency retained the services of Dyer Partnership for preliminary design engineering and a traffic study associated with a downtown street improvement project. Study items included:

1. Proposed one-way traffic configuration on Fern and Willow Avenues between Chetco and Railroad.
2. Proposed one-way traffic configuration on Spruce and Hemlock Streets between Oak and Wharf.
3. Design alternatives for the intersection of Railroad and Oak.
4. On-street parking configurations.
5. Assistance in prioritizing which streets to redevelop.

At its June meeting the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee met with the project engineer and recommended that street, curb, gutter, sidewalk, utility undergrounding, drainage and street furniture improvements should be made in accordance with the following priorities:

- a. Center and Wharf Streets between Chetco and Railroad; Spruce Street between Center and Wharf.
- b. Fern and Willow Avenues between Chetco and Railroad, including making both streets one way and installing angle parking.
- c. Spruce and Hemlock Streets between Oak and Wharf, leaving both streets in a two-way traffic configuration.
- d. Railroad Street between Oak and Center Streets, including a reconfiguration of the bicycle lane and the installation of a traffic circle at the intersection of Railroad and Oak.

It was found that converting Spruce and Hemlock Streets to one-way would not result in achieving any additional on-street parking due to the limited width of the right-of-way.

The design engineer will be present at the Workshop to provide additional detail on the proposed improvements and receive Council questions and feedback.


The next action would be to authorize Dyer Partnership to proceed with design engineering on the desired project scope, which would be an action item for the July 28 URA meeting.

Financial Impact(s):

The Urban Renewal Agency has authorized the sale of \$3.4 million in bonds to fund street improvement work in the downtown area as described above. It is anticipated that \$3.4 million will be insufficient to complete all desired work, so prioritization is needed. The City is also seeking \$500,000 in grant funding from the Oregon Department of Transportation for sidewalk improvements associated with this project.

The bond sale is scheduled to be concluded on July 22, 2008. Proposals for the purchase of bonds were received on July 9; staff and consultants are evaluating those proposals.

City Manager Review and Approval for Council Workshop Discussion:



Gary Milliman City Manager