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Planning Department Newsletter

CITY ENTERS “MAYORS CHALLENGE” COMPETITION

In mid-October, the city submitted an application to participate in the 2017 “Mayors Challenge” program offered through Bloomberg Philanthropies. This organization, initiated by former New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg, works to ensure better, longer lives for the greatest number of people by focusing on the arts, education, the environment, government innovation, and public health.

The Mayors Challenge has been an integral part of Bloomberg Philanthropies’ strategy to help cities generate innovative solutions since 2013. After successful runs in the U.S. in 2013, Europe in 2014, and Latin America and the Caribbean in 2016, the organization brought the Mayors Challenge back to the United States this year as the first investment in Mr. Bloomberg’s \$200 million American Cities Initiative, a recently announced suite of new and expanded offerings that will help strengthen U.S. cities.

Over the past two months, the Mayors Challenge team conducted full-day “Idea Accelerator” workshops in 308 city halls to nearly 4,000 city employees across the nation. A diverse team of about 20 Pullman staff members, including planning personnel, engaged in this training on August 21.

The Pullman team convened once again earlier this month to decide on a community issue that would be appropriate to address by means of this program. After much discussion, the group selected maintenance of a sustainable drinking water supply as its topic. Under the leadership of City

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The city’s application reflects the importance of preserving our local water supply for future generations.

Supervisor Adam Lincoln, the team generated the basic information needed for the application.

The summary statement for the city’s request is provided on the opening page of the application. It reads as follows:

The City of Pullman shares the aquifer with our region. We know that water levels are dropping. We’ve slowed the drop through education and incentive programs but water levels continue to drop and the community is still learning about the scope of the future water issues. Our region is growing and with growth comes increased demand on the system. We need to do a better job of collecting and sharing data, and develop innovative solutions to stabilize the water levels. To accomplish this, we want to upgrade all water meters to Smart Meters so we can see in real time what water use is for our residential and commercial users. Along with the Smart Meters, we would utilize a web-based application to allow people to know what their water use is at any given point in time, let them see how they compare to the neighborhood around them or to the other users citywide, allow them to compare your water rate in Pullman and in other Washington state cities, and receive push notifications when they’re about to exceed

normal water use in a given timeframe. We want to combine the use of real time data and engage several community partners to kick off an education campaign that has the goal of stabilizing our water use. We know that small steps have made an impact on water use, and to make a much more widespread, data driven push to change behaviors, we see this as the best path to success.

Pullman is one of 555 cities that have signed up to participate in this year’s challenge. Bloomberg Philanthropies will award \$1 million to 35 “Champion” cities, allowing them to test their ideas and build local support. The top five cities will receive millions of dollars to implement their ideas at full-scale, improving their communities through creativity and collaboration.

Pullman city officials are grateful for the opportunity to participate in the Mayors Challenge because of the potential funding available to help meet the community’s sustainability goals. And even if Pullman is not selected for the award, the city has identified valuable tools through the use of the program to address our long-term water needs. Future editions of this newsletter will provide details on the status of the city’s application.



City Offices will be closed:

Fri., Nov. 10th - Veteran’s Day (Observed)

Thu. & Fri., Nov. 23rd & 24th - Thanksgiving



Pending Land Use Proposals

Displayed below are land use applications submitted to the planning or public works department or city-generated proposals for planning provisions that require a public meeting, public notice, or site plan review in accordance with the city code.

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	STATUS
Comprehensive Plan Revision	full-scale revision of city's Comprehensive Plan	Citywide	staff and consultant drafting land use plan
Serene Summit Preliminary Plat	divide 50 acres into 105 lots for residential development	southeast of Old Wawawai Road/SR 195 intersection	PC hearing held on 10/25/17; CC meeting scheduled for November
Sunnyside Heights Addition No. 11 Preliminary Plat	divide 3.1 acres into 12 lots for residential development	north side of Center Street between Itani Drive and Corral Court	PC recommended approval with conditions 9/27/17; CC meeting scheduled for 10/31/17
Baldrige Subdivision Preliminary Plat	divide 1.5 acres into 12 lots for residential development	between Center Street and south terminus of Windy Point Court	staff requested additional application materials
Trinitas Zone Change	rezone 57.8 acres from R2 to R3	west side of N. Grand Avenue between Terre View Drive and Albion Road	PC recommended approval 9/27/17; CC meeting scheduled for 10/31/17
Polaris Place Street Vacation	vacate 4,900-square-foot portion of right-of-way	adjacent to 1425 NW Orion Drive	PC meeting held on 10/25/17; public works department scheduling CC meeting
Zlatos House Special Valuation Application	obtain special property tax valuation for house improvements	630 NE Garfield Street	HPC meeting scheduled for 10/9/17
Avista Gas Line Shoreline Permit Application	replace a natural gas pipe under the South Fork of the Palouse River	northwest of the Pullman wastewater treatment plant at 1025 NW Guy Street	staff reviewing application
Johnson Administrative Variance Application (AV-17-3)	add a deck to house to create 36.7 percent total lot coverage	1725 NW Emily Court	staff reviewing application
Skyview Station Apartments site plan (16-15)	develop 161 apartments on 7-acre parcel	west end of NE Skyview Drive	staff requested applicant to revise site plan
Riverwalk Memorial Terrace site plan (17-14)	construct 230-square-foot observation deck near South Fork of Palouse River	210 N. Grand Avenue	staff requested applicant to revise site plan
Crithfield Court Short Plats site plan (17-16)	divide 1.5 acres into 7 lots for residential development	southwest side of SW Crithfield Court	staff requested applicant to revise site plan
NSK Cannabis LLC site plan (17-17)	remodel 1,900-square-foot building for retail marijuana shop	1212 N. Grand Avenue	staff reviewing revised site plan
Alpha Tau Omega Chapter House Renovation site plan (17-18)	renovate 10,790-square-foot fraternity house	710 NE Linden Street	staff reviewing revised site plan
Coug Housing site plan (17-19)	develop 14 apartments on 10,000-square-foot parcel	446 NE Oak Street	staff requested applicant to revise site plan

KEY TO ZONING DISTRICTS: R1 Single Family Residential; RT Residential Transitional; R2 Low Density Multi-Family Residential; R3 Medium Density Multi-Family Residential; R4 High Density Multi-Family Residential; C1 Neighborhood Commercial; C2 Central Business District; C3 General Commercial; I1 Light Industrial; I2 Heavy Industrial; IRP Industrial Research Park; WSU Washington State University

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS: CC: City Council; PC: Planning Commission; BOA: Board of Adjustment; HPC: Historic Preservation Commission; DOE: State Department of Ecology; DAHP: State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

NOTES: 1) If an applicant fails to act on a pending application for a period of six months, said application will be dropped from the above list.. 2) Numbers in parentheses are planning staff's internal file numbers. 3) Site plan review by city staff is generally conducted for proposed construction of developments other than single family homes, duplexes, or manufactured homes; it does not apply to most construction on the WSU campus.





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