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2024 Retreat

Welcome to the 2024 annual Coburg City Council retreat. Thanks for sharing your Saturday to discuss issues and set goals for the next FY and remember we still have several to complete our goals for last year. During the retreat we will have an opportunity to review progress, reset priorities and share concerns, possible solutions as well as ideas to improve processes.

Staff and I have tried to prioritize items to stimulate ideas and dialogue, so rather than individual department presentations, the information was distributed in the packet for your review. This allows time for questions and deeper dives into pressing topics. Even with this, it is doubtful that we will be able to explore every item, but the goal is to prioritize the schedule for next year- perhaps even assign work sessions to specific topics. Hence the Parking Lot, so we don't miss things. Don't get hung up on small details- the packet is a working document so save it for future reference.

As I looked back at prior retreats, it surprised me how many topics were repeated annually. Here are some that stood out: hiring a City Administrator; Council Liaisons; Code improvements; concerns over project costs (in 2008 this was about the sewer); growth; traffic; etc. And yet we continue to wrestle with thorny items, put the needs of Coburg first and prioritize projects above our personal agenda and goals- such is the job of the council!

We have the opportunity this year to evaluate and possibly refine our goals, objectives and strategies to make them more measurable and easier for us to track progress so we can move forward in a realistic fashion. I look forward to an animated discussion.

Thanks for sharing your time, knowledge and dedication with the City of Coburg!

Nancy Bell