

# COBURG CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY REPORT



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## TOPIC: City Administration

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### FINANCIAL INFORMATION TO CITY COUNCIL

Moving forward I would like to propose that finance provides bullet list items to the City Council on a monthly basis, and then quarterly provides the council a comprehensive financial report. This allows a focused report to be presented to City Council and scheduled time on the agenda for questions and answers. I will provide the bullet points in the next City Administrator's report and then the Council can let me know if they feel it is an appropriate amount of information for monthly reporting with the understanding that a more comprehensive report would be provided quarterly.

### HOMELESSNESS IN OREGON

#### THIS WILL BE A PACKET ITEM FOR THE UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING.

The Oregon Mayor's Association along with the League of Oregon Cities is supporting two budget proposals during the 2023 Legislative Session:

1. A budget package which provides direct allocation to cities for homelessness response and prevention
2. A budget package that provides a capital improvement funding for cities.

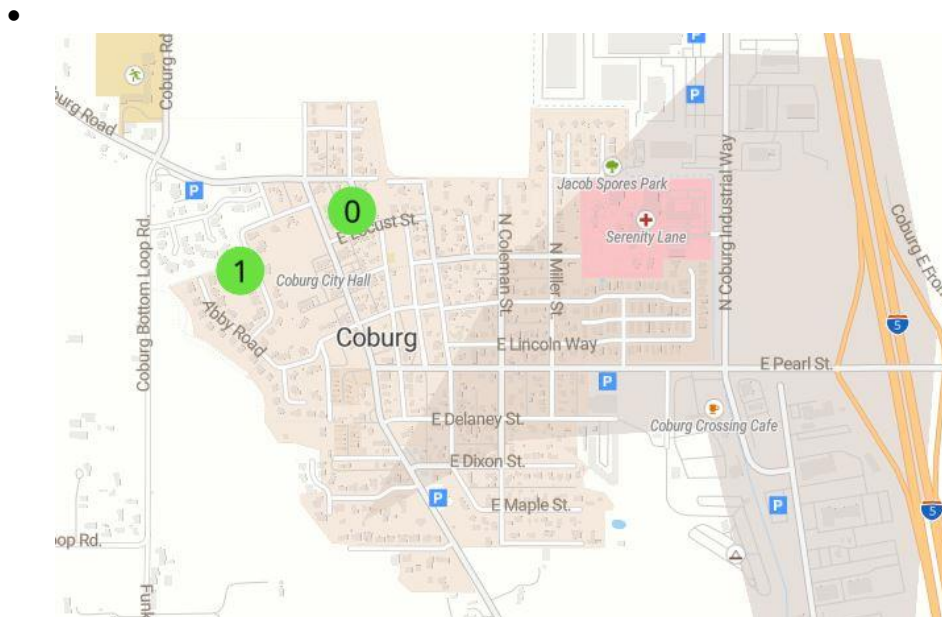
The proposed allocation to Coburg would be about \$52,800 to be utilized for this initiative. These funds could be spent in many areas as listed in the attached informational document. Please take the time to read it, as it will be on the December 13<sup>th</sup> Council agenda. Cities are being asked to provide information on the most likely use of the funds should we receive them. More to come on this on December 13th.

### ODORS IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREAS

Council President Bell and I were able to have a phone conference with a representative of LRAPA recently. We both learned a lot about the regulation of air quality in Coburg. The following is information we received specific to Coburg:

- LRAPA is the regulating agency and does respond to complaints in Coburg.
- LRAPA does periodically inspect facilities in Coburg. These facilities must meet regulations when initially built, but there is a follow up to make sure that they continue to comply.

- While there are industrial businesses in Coburg that are painting, there are no facilities that are manufacturing with resin, or other substances that would emit odor.
- LRAPA is aware of what businesses are operating in Coburg and what they are permitted to do. They also know what machinery is required for them to manufacture, and how that machinery should be operating when properly maintained. These areas can be periodically followed up on.
- Just because paint fumes are emitted, does not make them dangerous. Businesses are required to maintain equipment that removes the contaminants that might be released into the air upon permitting. However, the follow-up to the companies is necessary to make sure that they are continuing to maintain their equipment and follow the guidelines of their permit.
- The public can file complaints by phone or online with LRAPA and they will respond within the next business day. They asked that we do get information out to the public about how to contact them. They have just finished a public complaint page on their website, and there are new resources available to the public. We will be providing this information in an upcoming mini-newsletter. See attached early draft.
- Coburg does not have monitors in place that will measure contaminants due to industry. These are very expensive and LRAPA does not have the funding to place them. However, there are two sensors that monitor “Purple Air” which is air contaminated with smoke and/or dirt and dust. The below map shows where these are.



### NOISE IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA

The contractor who we asked to provide us with an analysis contacted me and told me that this analysis was extremely difficult simply because the area in and around the water towers is simply too noisy. He has been out three times and each time his analysis has been very challenging. Between the industry noise, and the freeway, it is difficult to detect how much is echoing off the water towers. However, he does believe that it is, and that noise can be mitigated with a sound wall on the north and west fences of

the Water Towers. He has provided me more information on the sound wall, as well as information on a company in Springfield who has also installed this wall in a similar situation. I am providing you a photo of that facility. The area between the homes and the manufacturing plant does have a sound wall on it. I am going to attempt to get a hold of the property owner to gain more information on how effective the sound wall is. I hope to have this information in the packet for the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.



## REMINDERS

- Dedication of Council Chambers and last meeting for Councilors McConnell and Alexander December 13<sup>th</sup>. Reception at 5:00. Dedication at 6:00.
- Christmas Party – December 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 8:00 at IOOF – See attached flyer

**Reminder to Councilors – Do not reply all with questions or comments regarding this newsletter. Do feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.**

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