



## **State of the City**

January 26, 2021 - 6:00 P.M.  
Coburg City Hall – VIRTUAL MEETING  
91136 North Willamette St., Coburg

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Mayor Ray Smith, Marcus Alexander, Nancy Bell, Kyle Blain, John Fox, John Lehmann, Patricia McConnell, Councilors.

**COUNCILORS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Anne Heath, City Administrator, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder.

### **CALL MEETING OF THE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS TO ORDER**

Mayor Smith welcomed everyone listening into the state of the city address. He addressed the hardships and successes experienced in 2020. Some of Coburg's infrastructure developments include water main replacements and upgrades, a large pipe bore under I-5, acquiring land for a new well, as well as a new city park.

He addressed the hardships suffered from the pandemic as well as the wildfires. Essential city services were never compromised, and Coburg sprang into action through proper protocols and training to help contain the outbreak and exposure to the virus.

Coburg also issued a \$50,000 relief fund as well as \$37,000 of this going to help small businesses affected. Altogether, over \$70,000 was allocated to community and small business support.

He addressed that in 2014, the general fund had a deficit of over \$350,000 dollars, and as of 2019, the general fund had a positive balance of \$860,000. This was a result of a string of hard decisions made by the budget and planning committee.

Addressing the survey put out by the City of Coburg, 19% of the population responded to the survey; while 5% is considered exceptional.

He spoke about the vast resources Coburg now holds, as well as the plans for the future to make Coburg even more of an extraordinary community.

Sammy Egbert then showed a video of Mayor Smith presenting the key to the city to the Dawson family, and highlighted their various accomplishments and contributions to the community.

Anne Heath then began speaking on her state of the city address. She began by debuting the new city logo, with the bicycle in the logo being a special historical piece used by a former esteemed mayor.

The Coburg Team had a mission statement to provide premium customer service, and has succeeded in doing so. She spoke on the overarching goals of the council that concerned infrastructure, economic development, and public service. She then outlined the organization chart of key departments and their roles in achieving these goals.

She addressed the changes brought on by COVID-19 and the policy and procedural changes that came with it and how this was a challenge for financial and city planning.

She reviewed the goals and accomplishments of strategic planning, fiscal stewardship, as well as population and diversity growth. She then addressed that the younger age demographics are growing; as well as more females than males. Racial diversity has also grown in the last year as well.

She then awarded Burke Hansen the 2020 Staff Member of the year and spoke to his contributions and accomplishments.

Mayor Smith then closed out by saying how proud the City of Coburg should be for overcoming all of the challenges in 2020, as well as thanking the hard work of the staff.

The address was closed at 6:37 pm.

**APPROVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Coburg this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

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Ray Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sammy L. Egbert, City Recorder

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