



*Where Life is Sweet*

Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**STAFF REPORT**  
For the Meeting of August 8, 2022

**Title/Subject**

Update on Goal Setting Report

**Summary and Background**

On February 2-3 of this year, the Hermiston City Council and the senior staff of the City met in a goal setting session facilitated by Sara Wilson. Nineteen goal tasks were adopted and this is an update on the progress in these areas.

I am going to update on those goals where progress is happening. If there are questions on other goal areas feel free to let me know.

- *Workforce Development.*
  - We continue to look for ways that we can promote and assist all efforts in workforce development.
- *Transportation.*
  - Discussions on right-of-way acquisition continue on the Geer/Harper Road improvements.
  - We continue to seek funding to extend Gettman Road.
- *Housing*
  - Working with various potential rental housing developers.
  - Working on various infrastructure improvement projects with the Southwest Urban Renewal Area as a prime one.
  - Reviewing options for the Green property.
- *Homelessness*
  - Hosted a joint meeting with the City of Umatilla and Umatilla County to discuss moving forward with the PATH project. Our efforts on this project have clarified the City's role in addressing homelessness at this point in time.
- *Mental Health*
  - Working with new County mental health provider Community Counseling Solutions on possible service improvements.
- *City Facilities*
  - City Hall is on schedule to be occupied in October 2022.
  - Working with a community group to install grass fields at EOTEC, which is one of the items listed in its strategic plan.

- Notified Venuworks of intent to not renew the management contract.
- *Water*
  - Working on acquisition of additional water rights as well as expanding potable treatment capacity within the Regional Water System.
  - Started the process of getting permanent irrigation water rights for the EOTEC site.
- *Digital Infrastructure*
  - Completing broadband surveying. Report to council in August on the results.
- *Advocacy*
  - Continue to work with regional, state and national partners to secure funding for City projects.

### **Tie-In to Council Goals**

Update on said goals.

### **Fiscal Information**

N/A

### **Alternatives and Recommendation**

Alternatives

Recommended Action/Motion

No action is requested.

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