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MEMORANDUM

Administration

To: Mayor Jackola and City Council
From: Ron Whitlatch, Interim City Manager
Subject: **Administration Update – February 2024**

Date: February 28, 2024

- Attended meeting with multiple State Reps, City Managers, and Mayors from mid-valley to discuss the issues related to the Green Peter Drawdown.
- Working with staff to determine feasibility of relocating the City Council Chambers to the Library Community Room. We are currently getting pricing for a new dais and the needed IT improvements for the proposed meeting room.
- Budget process for FY 25 is moving along. So far, we are still on track for a completed document by first part of April to deliver to the Budget Committee.
- We have met with several consulting firms to moderate the City Council 5-year Strategic Plan process. We expect to have proposals back in the next several weeks.
- Holding regular Department Director Meeting (every two weeks) to keep moving priorities forward.
- Continuing to work with the League of Oregon Cities and several State Legislators to identify shovel ready infrastructure projects for housing.
- Participating in Linn County's Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan update being completed by Department of Land Conservation and Development. This plan includes updates to all cities located in Linn County and will be presented to City Council for approval in 2025.
- In an effort to close out the Northwest Urban Renewal District in 2028 (rather than the current projection of 2032) we have been contacting all taxing districts to let them know we will not be under levying the district as in years past. This will require full levy of taxes to the district in order to pay off the debt service by 2028. This is being done to bring funding back to the General Fund sooner (and all other taxing districts).