

MINUTES
WARRENTON CITY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION - May 10, 2016

5:30 p.m.
Warrenton City Hall - Commission Chambers
225 S. Main
Warrenton, OR 97146

Mayor Mark Kujala convened the work session at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Pam Ackley, Mayor Mark Kujala, Henry Balensifer, Tom Dyer.
Excused: Rick Newton

Staff Present: City Manager Kurt Fritsch, City Attorney Harold Snow, City Recorder Linda Engbretson, Community Development Director Skip Urling, Wastewater Treatment Operator Kyle Sharpsteen, Finance Director April Clark.

Purpose of Work Session - review System Development Charges.

Community Development Director Skip Urling provided a copy of the City's current schedule of system development charges along with a comparison sheet (typical New Single Family Dwelling) for Oregon Cities. The City of Warrenton currently charges \$3500 for a single family dwelling which includes SDCs for water, sewer, stormwater, transportation, and parks. He reviewed eligible projects for which SDCs can be used (to accommodate new develop and/or growth), current, and completed projects.

Commissioner Ackley asked about the average cost, including SDCs and building permit fees, for a \$300,000 single family home. Staff will get back with that information.

Mayor Kujala stated that looking at the SDC schedule, the stormwater and parks funds stand out to him. He said he'd like to see healthier balances in those funds for the dike certification process and major improvements needed in the City's parks. Commissioner Balensifer said a discussion on parks needs to take place. Will we eventually have a parks department or we maintaining what we have? I'd like to know what direction we are going with parks. Discussion followed on streets, gas tax, whether there is a way to raise the gas tax for street improvements and then reallocate SDCs for stormwater. It was noted Warrenton has worked in concert with Astoria related to gas tax rates, and they are not interested in raising the tax. Discussion on stormwater fund projects followed. Mr. Urling noted the League of Oregon Cities will be conducting a new study on SDCs in June, and he will provide the Commission with that information. The Commission will come back at a later time and revisit SDCs.

There being no further business, Mayor Kujala adjourned the work session at 6:06 p.m.

APPROVED



Mark Kujala, Mayor

ATTEST



Linda Engbretson, CMC, City Recorder