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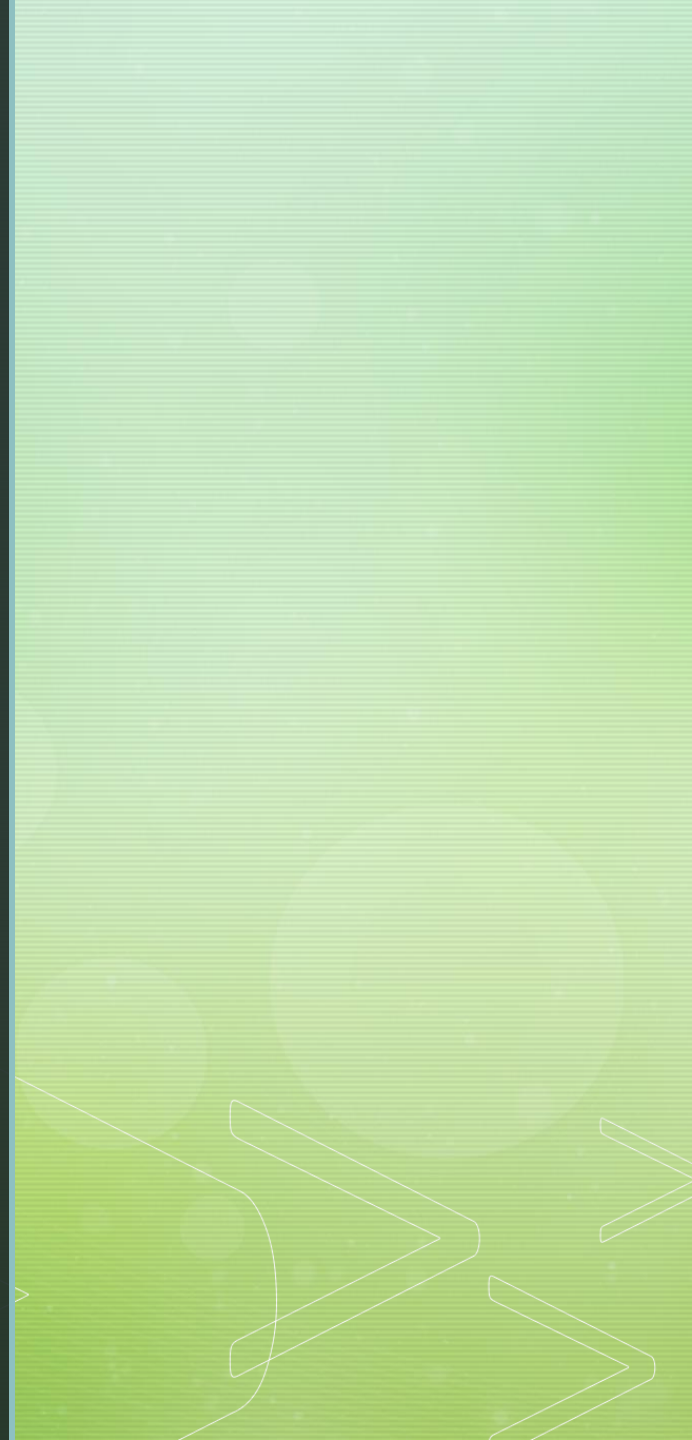
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# PRELIMINARY GOAL SETTING



## City Council's Short List

Purchase new 10.2 Acre Lot and Draft Development Plan

Fire Department Strategic Plan, Emergency Preparedness and CERT – Stable Funding Source

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Examine ~~Sewer Rates~~ and SDC Fees

## Purchase new 10.2 Acre Lot and Draft Development Plan

- Lump sum purchase in July 2022 – [Option Agreement](#)
- Determine City's Needs/Wants – [Staff, Council, Citizens](#)
- Identify Funding Sources (strings attached)
- Respect existing Neighborhood
- Planning Commission – Scott Fregonese - [City Planner to Coordinate Efforts. Brief Council in February](#)

## Fire Department Strategic Plan – Stable Funding Source

- Stable Funding Source needed to:
- Meet fire and medical emergency response standards, replace vehicles and equipment, [Emergency Preparedness/CERT](#), fire inspection program, volunteer training and retention, fund fulltime additional first responders, develop and implement peak season plan to meet increased emergency response.
- Operating Levy? - Voters Decide
- Operational Consolidation? - May not be in our best interest (property values concentrated in Rockaway) /Difficult to coordinate
- [City Manager to work with Fire Chief on next steps. Report Back to City Council.](#)

## Examine impacts the of Short-Term Rental Industry in Rockaway Beach

- Tourism industry is vital to local economy/local businesses
- STR revenue provides vital funding for City services and facilities
- Increases home values – Good for sellers / Bad for buyers
- Increases rental costs – Good for owners / Bad for renters
- Nuisance Issues - Parking, Trash, Noise
- What has worked in other Cities? Bring those ideas to Rockaway
- Use Ideas to Take Action to Support Positives / Reduce Negatives



# Sewer Rates and SDC Rates

- Sewer Rates and System Development Charges set back in 2009
- SDC one time “Buy in” fee paid by new development. Are our current SDC fees adequate?
- ~~Sewer Usage Rates: Sewer operating near “break even” point. Small adjustment now will avoid large increase later.~~
- Review Sewer Rate Adjustment in 2023/24 Budget Year.

## Create Tourism/Recreational Facilities Priority List

- Dedicated City funding available now – Project and Equipment Reserve Fund
- Tillamook County/State of Oregon grants also available
- Approved Project Priority List
- Directive from City Council on specific Project
- Currently project: Wayside Riprap and Beach Access



## Council Feedback:

- More Parking/More Restrooms
- Lake Lytle Improvements: Docks, Kayak Launch, Milfoil
- Community Center Improvements/Usage
- More Trails and Parks
- Better Amenities at Parks
- Frisby Golf Course
- Purchase/develop Reimers lot

## Admin Suggestion:

- Develop Anchor St. lot with parking, lights, restrooms, info kiosk, park and/or dog park
- Apply for Grant to add kayak Launch and/or new Dock at Lake Lytle
- Budget to weatherize Community Center and reopen for use. Investigate possible restoration and needed funding
- Continue Current Project

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