

# HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

February 22, 2021

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilors Hardin, Peterson, Primmer, Barron, Spicerkuhn, Duron, and Myers. Councilor Davis was excused. In attendance were Municipal Court Judge Creasing, and City staff to include: City Manager Byron Smith, City Attorney Gary Luisi, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, Chief Edmiston, Finance Director Mark Krawczyk, Recreation Supervisor Brandon Artz, Planning Director Clint Spencer, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. Media present was Jade McDowell of the East Oregonian. The meeting was streamed live on YouTube. The pledge of allegiance was given.

## **Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items**

Jackie Linton, 111 W Beebe- asked if sidewalks on HWY 395 could be cleared when it snows as a lot of people walk and are unable to do so safely when sidewalks are filled with snow.

At the Mayors request, City Manager Smith answered stating adjacent property owners are responsible for clearing sidewalks. It is a violation of city ordinance when sidewalks are not being cleared, however, it has not been previously enforced.

Sheryle Crowe, 80336 Hornsby Ln- gave statistical COVID population information and spoke regarding the small number of COVID cases compared to the overall population, mandates and regulation from other states and communities compared to the mandates and regulations from Oregon and asked that the City of Hermiston, Chamber, radio, and newspaper will share and encourage local businesses to adopt policies and signage that she is presenting (attached) so they can choose what they would like to implement for their business.

Forge Youth Mentoring President and CEO, Todd Kleppin, presented information regarding Forge Mentoring (attached). Mr. Kleppin stated statistics show children do not have enough responsible, caring adults in their lives that they can trust; Forge Youth Mentoring focuses on bringing these adults to children to help them connect with positive role models that can help them achieve their goals. Forge is always in need of volunteers; however, Hispanic volunteers are greatly needed especially in communities with large Hispanic populations. Mr. Kleppin spoke regarding sponsorship information and the communities Forge currently serves.

## **Consent Agenda Items**

Councilor Myers moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to approve Consent Agenda items A-E, to include:

- A. Committee Vacancy Announcements
- B. Confirmation to the Faith-Based Advisory Committee: Position #3, Dean Hackett, term from 02/23/2021 to 12/31/2021
- C. Ratify 2021 Utility Rates
- D. Minutes of the February 8, 2021 Public Infrastructure Meeting
- E. Minutes of the February 8th regular City Council Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

## **Adopt 2021-2026 Public Works Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**

Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan gave information (PowerPoint Presentation attached) regarding the review and update of the CIP which is slated to be reviewed and updated, every two years, of necessary system improvements, to include: replacing about three miles of aging water mains, reconstructing four

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sewer lift stations which are all over 40 years old, rebuilding about ¾ mile of roadway, and more. Mr. Morgan also reminded the Council and audience of the projects website on the City of Hermiston's website <https://hermistonprojects.com/> and stated this website is a great source of information and transparency to the public.

Mayor Drotzmann stated the City manages public resources as best we can, some of the City's infrastructure is ~100 years old so when the City is updating these items, we are updating them with the growing community in mind. The CIP and website are just more avenues the City goes through to help the community better understand how our tax dollars are at work with public information and transparency tools. The City also received a League of Oregon City award for the project website due to information for public transparency.

Councilors Duron and Peterson thanked Mr. Morgan for the in-depth information and explanation of the CIP, stating they did not understand how all of this information tied together with associated costs until now.

Mayor Drotzmann encouraged the Council and general public to reach out to state representatives about how infrastructure packages are important to our community and all communities as a whole.

## Public Comment

Jackie Linton, 111 W Beebe- asked if the City has considered traffic lights at the Geer Road railroad crossing, and if a round-a-bout, specifically on Main & 7<sup>th</sup> Street, could not be considered until the population has reached 30,000 or more.

Mayor Drotzmann encouraged Mrs. Linton and the public to attend the Public Infrastructure Committee meetings as they are open to the public and address many of these and other items.

Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Spicerkuhn seconded to adopt the City of Hermiston Capital Improvement Plan Update 2021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## Downtown Decorative Banner Program

City Manager Smith stated CGI Communications is asking the City to consider a three-year Decorative Banner Program in the downtown core of the City to promote businesses. The Program would be no cost to the City as CGI would obtain business sponsorships for each flag, and would produce, install and maintain all flags and flag poles. The City, however, will have full artistic control of the flag design. The City currently works with CGI Communications, in a similar role, with a "Video Tour of Hermiston" located on the City's website. This information was supplied at the last City Council meeting where the Council asked staff to return with CGI's sponsorship costs to businesses who choose to purchase a banner(s). The annual costs run between \$495.00 to \$995.00 depending of the sponsorship market as established by CGI.

City Manager Smith stated there is discussion between CGI and the City to have the Parks and Recreation Department do banner maintenance. The City would be paid, through CGI, for this service.

Councilor Peterson stated she does not feel this is a good time to ask businesses to pay for advertisement as many businesses are struggling due to COVID.

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After some discussion, Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Myers seconded to direct the City Manager to proceed with an agreement with CGI Communications for a downtown banner program as described. Councilor Hardin, Barron, Primmer, Spicerkuhn, Duron, and Myers voted in favor; Councilor Peterson voted against. Motion carried 6-1.

## **January 2021 Financial Report**

Councilor Hardin moved and Councilor Barron seconded to accept the January 2021 Financial Report as presented by Finance Director Mark Krawczyk. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Committee Reports**

Hispanic Advisory Committee- Councilor Duron stated the meeting was cancelled due to weather.

Faith-Based Advisory Committee- Councilor Duron stated the Committee met and discussed the Luis and Andrew Palau Association Event that is tentatively scheduled for August at Butte Park. The event will include participation from 24 area churches to include churches in Tri-Cities. Organizers have already raised more than \$140,000. The Committee also spoke about and had updates to their Adopt-a-School Program and had an Agape House Update from Mark Gomolski the new Executive Director.

## **Mayor Report**

Mayor Drotzmann spoke regarding:

- His excitement to see kids returning to school. Thanked Hermiston School District, parents, and kids for all their efforts to make sure kids return to in-person school.
- Thanked Public Works employees for their efforts clearing streets of snow.
- LOC Legislative Committee and the 3,000 to 4,000 measures currently being reviewed by this Committee. Mayor Drotzmann stated he is happy to see that some measures have died, to include banning School Resource Officers. Mayor Drotzmann encouraged the Council to support and promote home rule.
- Reminded the Council that he meets with Representative Greg Smith once per month for updates. Asked that those who would like to testify please start getting comfortable with Microsoft Teams as this is the platform used to take testimony at the state legislature.
- Chamber Board is looking for a new Executive Director as Kim Rill has resigned. Mayor Drotzmann stated the City will continue to support the Chamber in any areas we can and look for better ways to work together.
- Asked that the community continue to support community fundraisers like the recent Campus Life fundraiser.

## **Council Reports**

Councilor Duron thanked the City employee who intervened in the downtown shooting and the Police Department (PD) for their informative report.

Councilor Barron thanked the community for following COVID guidelines as COVID numbers are down, and this is one of the reasons kids are allowed to return to in-person school. Councilor Barron thanked the PD for the great report that included all officers wearing masks in all photos and encouraged the PD and School Resource Officers (SRO) to give an update on their efforts to the Council as good interaction with kids, at an early age, is essential. And asked that the City consider expanding walk and bike lanes in downtown and HWY 395 areas to increase walkability.

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City Manager Smith stated the Public Infrastructure Committee had previously directed staff to set-aside a sidewalk budget to encourage walking while staying out of the roadway. Sidewalks have already been installed in parts of the City where there was a lack of sidewalks. The City will continue this endeavor.

Councilor Spicerkuhn stated this year's Hermiston Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizens Awards will be livestreamed February 24 on YouTube.

## **Manager's Report**

City Manager Smith spoke regarding:

- The City has closed on the Lanham Building and will have a preconstruction meeting next week
- All downtown businesses will be informed of the events and timeline to the construction of the new City Hall and infrastructure improvements in the downtown area to minimize impacts to their business
- The County has won it's appeal to the state and will be moving from the Extreme-Risk category to High-Risk category, which will allow, among other things, for restaurants to open at a 25% capacity. Governor Brown is expected to make an announcement this week.

## **Recess for Executive Session**

At 8:19pm Mayor Drotzmann announced that the City Council of the City of Hermiston will now meet in Executive Session in the Conference Center Rotary Room for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to negotiating real property transactions. The Executive Session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (e) which allows the Council to meet in Executive Session to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the Council to negotiate real property transactions.

Representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session. All other members of the audience are excluded. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No final decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, the council will return to open session which the audience may attend. The executive session will last approximately 20 mins.

## **Reconvene and Adjournment**

There was no other business and Mayor Drotzmann reconvened and then adjourned the meeting at 9:13pm.

SIGNED:

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Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, City Recorder

# **WARNING! NO TRESPASSING**

## **ALIBI TAVERN**

**1220 NW 6TH ST. GRANTS PASS, OR (541) 479-2854**

**Any officials from OSHA, any health authorities or any government officials who are here on any government business including unconstitutional mandates, such as mask wearing and lockdown are excluded from entering this property! If you violate this notice we will call the Sheriff to enforce this No Trespass notice.**

**In addition to that, I will file a lawsuit to sue you in private capacity for it is a crime to violate this warning and enforce a mandate that is NOT law. You should get another job, for your boss is putting you in harms way.**

**Enforcing an unconstitutional mandate or law is a felony!**

**★★★★★★★★**

**ALL OTHER PEOPLE ARE  
WELCOME  
THANK YOU FOR COMING!**

**The Oregon Statute 2017 ORS 105.700**

**ORS 105.700<sup>1</sup>****Prohibiting public access to private land**

- **notice requirements**
- **damages**

(1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other damages that may be claimed, a plaintiff who is a landowner shall receive liquidated damages in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 in any action in which the plaintiff establishes that:

- (a) The plaintiff closed the land of the plaintiff as provided in subsection (2) of this section;  
**and**
- (b) The defendant entered and remained upon the land of the plaintiff without the permission of the plaintiff.

(2) A landowner or an agent of the landowner may close the privately owned land of the landowner by posting notice as follows:

(a) For land through which the public has no right of way, the landowner or agent must place a notice at each outer gate and normal point of access to the land, including both sides of a body of water that crosses the land wherever the body of water intersects an outer boundary line. The notice must be placed on a post, structure or natural object in the form of a sign or a blaze of paint. If a blaze of paint is used, it must consist of at least 50 square inches of fluorescent orange paint, except that when metal fence posts are used, approximately the top six inches of the fence post must be painted. If a sign is used, the sign:

- (A) Must be no smaller than eight inches in height and 11 inches in width;
- (B) Must contain the words ☐Closed to Entry☐ or words to that effect in letters no less than one inch in height; **and**
- (C) Must display the name, business address and phone number, if any, of the landowner or agent of the landowner.

(b) For land through which or along which the public has an unfenced right of way by means of a public road, the landowner or agent must place:

- (A) A conspicuous sign no closer than 30 feet from the center line of the roadway where it enters the land, containing words substantially similar to ☐PRIVATE PROPERTY, NO TRESPASSING OFF ROAD NEXT \_\_\_\_\_ MILES☐; **or**

- (B) A sign or blaze of paint, as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, no closer than 30 feet from the center line of the roadway at regular intervals of not less than one-fourth mile along the roadway where it borders the land, except that a blaze of paint may not be placed on posts where the public road enters the land.
- (3) Nothing contained in this section prevents emergency or law enforcement vehicles from entering upon the posted land.
- (4) An award of liquidated damages under this section is not subject to ORS 31.725 (Pleading punitive damages), 31.730 (Standards for award of punitive damages) or 31.735 (Distribution of punitive damages).
- (5) Nothing in this section affects any other remedy, civil or criminal, that may be available for a trespass described in this section. [1999 c.933 §1]

<sup>1</sup> Legislative Counsel Committee, *CHAPTER 105—Property Rights*, [https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills\\_laws/ors/ors105.html](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors105.html) (2019) (last accessed May 16, 2020).



## MANY KIDS ARE HURTING

Young people are *struggling to establish worth* and identity and to find their *purpose in life*, which is leading to *negative choices* with *destructive results*.



## MENTORS BRING HOPE

Youth are looking for caring adults who will *encourage* them, share their *wisdom*, help them *develop identity*, experience *new opportunities*, and discover their *potential*.

Mentoring is *proven* to help young people develop *self-worth*, avoid drug and alcohol use, *perform better* in school, avoid crime and gang involvement, develop a *desire* to attend *post-secondary education*, and ultimately make *healthier choices*.



## CONNECTING WITH A MENTOR

FORGE links young people with safe, caring, and positive adult *role models* to spend time with and form a *trusting friendship*.

Matches *meet weekly for one hour*, participating in activities of their choosing based on *common interests* (e.g. sports, crafts, hiking, baking, fishing, games, etc.)

[forgeyouthmentoring.org](http://forgeyouthmentoring.org) / 509.374.7657



## MUCHOS ADOLESCENTES Y JÓVENES ESTAN HERIDOS

La gente joven *batalla para establecer su valor* e identidad, para encontrar su *propósito en la vida*, lo que los está llevando a tomar decisiones negativas con *resultados destructivos*.



## LOS MENTORES TRAEN ESPERANZA

Los adolescentes y jóvenes están buscando por adultos que se interesen en *animarlos*, en compartir su *sabiduría*, que les ayuden a *desarrollar su identidad*, a experimentar *nuevas oportunidades*, y a descubrir su *potencial dado por Dios*.

Se ha *comprobado* que tener un Amigo Tutor ayuda a los jóvenes a *desarrollar su autoestima*, evitar el consumo de drogas y alcohol, tener un *mejor desempeño en la escuela*, evitar la delincuencia y la participación de pandillas, *el deseo* de asistir a *la educación postsecundaria* y, en última instancia, tomar *decisiones más saludables*.



## CONECTANDO CON UN MENTOR

FORGE conecta gente joven con adultos seguros, positivos e interesados en ser un *ejemplo a seguir* para pasar tiempo con ellos y formar una *Amistad de confianza*.

El mentor y estudiante se reúnen *semanalmente durante una hora*, participando en actividades de su elección basadas en *intereses comunes* (p.ej. deportes, manualidades, caminatas, hornear, juegos, etc.)

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*Parenting is the most difficult and stressful job in the world...  
...and for kids, growing up is more challenging than before.*

**FORGE YOUTH MENTORING IS HERE TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT YOU**  
*in helping your child succeed in life by discovering and pursuing their potential.*

**FORGE SERVES KIDS** who would benefit from a positive role model, by matching them with a caring and supportive adult mentor to spend time hanging out together.

**MENTOR MATCHES GET TOGETHER WEEKLY**, for a minimum of an hour, participating in activities of their choice as well as special group events.

**WE MAKE MATCHES BASED ON COMMON INTERESTS** that allows them to build a fun and trusting friendship doing something they both enjoy.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 8 AND 18** and would be interested in having their own FORGE Mentor, speak with your child's counselor or contact us to sign up and learn more.



*La crianza es el trabajo más difícil y estresante del mundo...  
... y para los niños, crecer es más difícil que antes.*

**AMIGO TUTOR ESTÁ AQUÍ PARA ALENTARLO Y APOYARLO** *en ayudar a su hijo a tener éxito en la vida al descubrir y perseguir su potencial.*

**AMIGO TUTOR SIRVE A NIÑOS** que se beneficiarían de un modelo positivo, al emparejarlos con un mentor adulto atento y solidario para pasar tiempo juntos.

**EL MENTOR Y EL NIÑO SE REÚNEN SEMANALMENTE**, durante un mínimo de hora, participando en actividades de su elección, así como eventos especiales para grupos.

**PARA ASIGNAR A UN MENTOR A UN NIÑO, SE HACE BASADO EN INTERESES COMUNES** que les permite construir una amistad divertida y confiada haciendo algo que ambos disfrutan.

**SI SU HIJO TIENE ENTRE 8 Y 18 AÑOS** y estaría interesado en tener su propio mentor de AMIGO MENTOR, hable con el consejero de su hijo o póngase en contacto con nosotros para inscribirse y obtener más información.



Discover more about our powerful impact at [www.ForgeYouthMentoring.org](http://www.ForgeYouthMentoring.org)

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# EXPERIENCE PARTNERS

A PROGRAM OF FORGE YOUTH MENTORING

## YOU have the EXPERIENCES that kids want and NEED NOW MORE THAN EVER

While most adults today grew up surrounded by caring adults who shared their interests, skills, and expertise with us, many young people today suffer from an “opportunity gap” that prevents them from gaining the benefits of those experiences we grew up with. This new generation is missing those tools we benefitted from, that helped us grow out of adolescence and feel confident entering adulthood with a well-rounded understanding of the world. FORGE Youth Mentoring would like to close that opportunity gap to best help our kids grow into *equipped, empowered, and successful adults*.

**Are you willing to share what you love to do?** You can pass on your interests and excitement to the next generations! Simply sign up to share that hobby, interest, skill, or career just a few times a year with a mentor match from FORGE Youth Mentoring. It only takes you an hour each time, but it inspires a kid for a lifetime.



**1 HOUR**

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**3 TIMES / YEAR**

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**INSPIRATION  
FOR A LIFETIME**

Don't take your opportunities for granted. Help kids experience new opportunities and a new perspective!

TO SIGN UP, VISIT

[forgeyouthmentoring.org/experience](https://forgeyouthmentoring.org/experience)

CALL OR TEXT

[509.374.7657](tel:509.374.7657)

OR EMAIL

[admin@forgeyouthmentoring.org](mailto:admin@forgeyouthmentoring.org)

# ARE YOU WILLING TO SHARE WHAT YOU LOVE TO DO?

Here are just some examples of the “experiences” that you can provide our mentor matches. Learn more and sign up at [www.forgeyouthmentoring.org/experience](http://www.forgeyouthmentoring.org/experience)

- Auto Repair
- Woodworking
- Gardening
- Fishing
- Boating
- Job Tour or Job Shadow
- Horseback Riding
- Animal Care/Training
- Any Sports
- Models/RC Cars
- Sewing/Knitting/Quilting
- Scrapbooking
- Cooking
- Photography/Videography
- Graphic Arts
- Music
- Dancing
- Pickling/Canning
- Online Streaming/podcast
- Pottery/Sculpting
- Painting/Drawing
- Archery/Sportsman
- Floral Arranging
- Astronomy
- Chess
- Computer Programming
- Collecting
- Fantasy Sports
- Flying/Pilot
- Interior Decorating
- Investing/Finances
- Foreign Languages
- Magic
- Martial Arts
- Metalworking
- Origami
- Paintball
- Plumbing
- Pool/Darts
- Robotics
- Reading/Book clubs
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Skateboarding
- Skiing/Snowboarding
- Travel
- Volunteerism
- Writing
- Metal Detecting
- Bird Watching
- Beekeeping
- Theater/Drama
- Rocket Launching
- Jewelry Making
- Model Railroads
- Puzzles
- Table Tennis
- Cosplay
- Prepping
- Geocaching
- Designing
- Or what else?

## Become a BUSINESS EXPERIENCE PARTNER

Would your company be interested in giving a tour and sharing the work you do? Help a young person pursue a future career in your field and *build the next industry leaders!*





**FORGE YOUTH MENTORING** is excited to team with our community to make a lasting difference in the lives of kids and their families. We are focused on *connecting generations to restore hope in our communities and help young people find their God-given potential*. **We hope you will join us in this great endeavor!**

**POWERFUL MODEL:** Our model was built on nationally proven strategies and methods of premier organizations like, MENTOR (including *Elements of Effective Practice*) and the Christian Association of Youth Mentoring. FORGE uses the most respected research on youth development, including *The 40 Developmental Assets*, to deliver top results.

**MORE IMPACT, LESS COST:** We are excited to implement a strategic plan that uses a number of trained volunteers to accomplish more and help us reduce costs. Our expenses per mentor match is less than 1/3 that of similar programs.

**EXPANDING OUR REACH:** We seek to help more kids in need. Currently we receive contributions from numerous sources, including a solid base of private donors. We hope to add your business to the list of contributors below...

#### EXISTING CHAPTERS:

Funds raised are used only in the community chosen by the sponsor/donor.

- Tri-Cities (Kennewick, Richland, Pasco), WA
- Mattawa, WA
- Greater Yakima, WA
- Maui, HI
- Future Targets: Prosser, Sunnyside, Walla Walla, Wenatchee, Spokane, Portland, Salem, Central & Northern Oregon

#### COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- Benton County
- Benton & Franklin Counties Juvenile Justice
- Benton & Franklin Health District
- Kennewick School District
- Richland School District
- Pasco School District
- Kiona-Benton School District, Benton City
- Wahluke School District, Mattawa
- Yakima School District
- West Valley (Yakima) School District
- YMCA Tri-Cities
- Lutheran Community Services Northwest
- Domestic Violence Services
- Family Learning Center
- C.A.S.A. / Center for Sharing
- Guardian Ad Litem
- Fatherhood Alliance/Initiative

- KEY Coalition
- Coalition for a Healthy Benton City
- Risk to Resilience Coalition
- Juvenile Action Team
- Mirror Ministries
- You Medical
- Blessed By Kess
- GRIT Village
- Elijah Family Homes

#### SPONSORSHIPS, GRANTS & IN-KIND:

- Hanson Vaughan LLC \*
- Sonrise Orchards \*
- Monteith Insurance \*
- Archibald Architecture \*
- Benton County — Public Safety Grant \*
- Women Helping Women Fund Tri-Cities \*
- Three Rivers Community Foundation \*
- Ranch & Home \*
- Wilbur Ellis, Kennewick
- Stephens Media Group
- UPS Printing Service, Pasco
- Evans Fruit \*
- WA State Health Care Authority

#### FAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- Bethel Church \*
- Columbia Comm. Church (C3), Richland \*
- Roca de la Salvacion, Mattawa \*

- Valley Life Church, Yakima \*
- Crossview Comm. Church, Kennewick \*
- Bethel Church, Pasco \*
- Storypoint Church, Kennewick
- New Heritage Church, Kennewick
- The Garden Tri-Cities, Kennewick
- Iglesia Pentacostal Adonai, Pasco
- Iglesia Pentacostal Vida Nueva, Pasco
- Richland Seventh Day Advent, Richland
- South Hills Church, Kennewick
- Iglesia Abrigo del Altísimo, Prosser
- Iglesia Manantial de Vida, Kennewick
- Iglesia del Dios de Israel, Kennewick
- Pasco Christian Church, Pasco
- Saddle Mountain Bible Church, Mattawa
- Iglesia Apostolic, Mattawa
- Iglesia De Dios Vivo, Mattawa
- Yakima Valley Community Church, Yakima
- The Cross Church, Yakima
- West Valley Foursquare, Yakima
- The Stone Church, Yakima and Selah
- Christian Life Center, Yakima
- Yakima Foursquare, Yakima
- West Valley Missionary Church, Yakima
- Wiley Heights Covenant Church, Wiley
- Harvest Community Church, Selah
- Iglesia de el Buen Pastor, Selah

We're developing partnerships with more than 75 additional churches and community agencies.

**WILL YOU SUPPORT US AS WE EMPOWER KIDS through positive adult connection?**



Connecting generations to restore hope in our communities and help young people find their God-given potential.

**HOW DID MENTORING EFFECT YOUR LIFE?** As you grew up, what adults came alongside you to encourage or inspire you? What did you learn from them? *Where would you be today without them?*

### MANY YOUNG PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING

Behavioral, criminal, educational, and mental health problems are at unacceptable levels.

In large part, this is due to a growing *disconnect of the generations*, leaving youth separated from the guidance and skills development they need.

### YOUNG PEOPLE SEEK ADULT SUPPORT

Though they want their peers' approval, young people also recognize that adults offer understanding and perspective they need to effectively navigate life.

*Today, most kids lack those connections.*



### ONE-TO-ONE MENTORING IS PROVEN TO MEET THE NEED

Properly trained *adult mentors help young people develop their identity, purpose, and potential*—leading to good decision making and positive behavior. The significant impact of this preventive cross-generational work is shown in numerous studies, as kids who experience weekly mentoring from the same adult show significant positive growth:

- **47%** less likely to begin using illegal drugs
- **52%** less likely to skip school and more likely to perform better in school
- **33%** less likely to commit acts of violence
- **Less** likely to be sexually active, abuse alcohol, drop out of school, join a gang, and more.
- **More** likely to attend college, be financially responsible, value diversity, and show resilience.



### FORGE HAS A POWERFUL YOUTH MENTORING MODEL

Our strategy is based on the nationally accepted *Elements of Effective Practice* and methods established by organizations like *MENTOR*, *BBBS*, and *Christian Association of Youth Mentoring*. With connections to many national agencies, local churches, and community leaders, *we've built a mentoring program that will last for decades.*

### WILL YOU JOIN FORGE IN SHAPING OUR COMMUNITY?

We are seeking investors to forward our work of strengthening kids and community. *Your time and/or financial gifts will bring hope to many kids in need of connection to positive, caring, and safe adults.*



You can make a lasting impact on young people in our community who need safe, caring, and committed adult mentors!

By supporting mentoring, in addition to helping kids, studies show that your employees will experience greater career satisfaction and their personal involvement with mentoring will increase significantly. ([Power of Relationships](#), MENTOR, Garringer/Benning, 2018)

### A POWERFUL MODEL

Forge Youth Mentoring's model adheres to national best-practice standards and uses a proven strategy of partnering with the faith community to deliver the highest results. Our strategy focuses on mobilizing highly-trained volunteers allowing us to limit our program costs to 1/3 of that found in similar programs around the country. This improves sustainability and provides more bang for your buck!

### HOW SPONSORSHIPS HELP KIDS

Your funds will help expand our program through:

- Recruitment of participants
- Intake screening/background checks
- Initial and ongoing training
- Supervision of mentors/volunteers/mentees
- Creation of materials and activities for matches
- Development of community partnerships

## ANNUAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**HERO** **\$12000** (or \$1000/mo.)

Create and support **TEN** mentor matches this year

**CHAMPION** **\$9600** (or \$800/mo.)

Create and support **EIGHT** mentor matches this year

**VISIONARY** **\$7200** (or \$600/mo.)

Create and support **SIX** mentor matches this year

**LEADER** **\$4800** (or \$400/mo.)

Create and support **FOUR** mentor matches this year

**PROTECTOR** **\$2400** (or \$200/mo.)

Create and support **TWO** mentor matches this year

### BENEFITS FOR YOU

Sponsor levels determine the amount delivered and size of each of these items:

- Social media (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter) spotlights
- Company presence on our website
- Recognition at all community presentations and mentor/volunteer trainings
- Newsletter sponsor highlights
- Promotion at event booths and on marketing materials
- Satisfaction of meeting the greatest need in our community
- Employees finding greater satisfaction in work/career and increasing their involvement in community

## FORGE YOUTH MENTORING PROVIDES NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AND ENGAGE.

Here are some specific opportunities for your company to get involved:

### YEAR-ROUND SPONSORED EVENTS

#### FORGE AHEAD CELEBRATION Banquet (Fall)

Each year we honor our mentors and supporters by providing an evening of celebration with heartwarming stories from mentors and mentees, reports of impact you have made, and vision for the future!

#### FORGE COMMUNITY CARNIVAL (Summer)

Our carnival will gather people and build community by hosting a huge family-friendly party with games, booths, food trucks, music, competitions and more!

#### NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH Forge Campaign (January)

Media campaigns and press events where we can share success stories made possible by mentors and donors.

#### MENTOR & DONOR APPRECIATION (Spring)

FORGE recognizes that the real work is being done by mentors and those who invest to support the youth in our community. We offer special honors and gifts to let these people know they matter!

#### CONNECTING GENERATIONS Community Events (Summer, Fall)

Our vision is to provide opportunities for generations to connect – for the benefit of both. These community events will be for the public to participate in fun activities, while learning how they can get involved with FORGE.

### SPECIAL SPONSORSHIP PROJECTS

#### EXPERIENCE PARTNER Project Sponsor \$10,000

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Your sponsorship will secure 100 *Experience Partners*. This groundbreaking project helps more adults in the community to impact kids as they provide opportunities for mentor matches to experience various hobbies, skills, and business environments. The goal is to help our youth expand their horizons and develop career and service interests.

(i.e.: company tour, woodworking, horseback riding, fishing, gardening, etc.)

YOUR BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Recognition on website and social media (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter)
- Newsletter sponsor highlight
- Logo on all *Experience Partner* presentations and Mentor/Volunteer trainings
- Exclusive logo on *Experience Partners* marketing materials

#### VENTURE DONOR \$15,000 (we will seek \$10,000 in matching funds)

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Every community needs a mentoring program, but few have one. Our model can be easily reproduced in cities of any size. Venture donors enable us to launch new chapters and build programs with firm foundations, serving more communities across the northwest.

YOUR BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Recognition on website and social media
- Recognition at all community presentations and mentor/volunteer trainings
- Name/logo on all marketing materials
- Newsletter sponsor highlights

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

To speak with staff about making a contribution, call (509) 438-1918 or email to [info@forgeyouthmentoring.org](mailto:info@forgeyouthmentoring.org)



# CIP UPDATE

Feb. 22, 2021





# Summary/Background

- CIP is long-range planning tool
- Does not replace annual budget approval
- 5 Year Rolling Planning Window
- Review/update every 2 Years





# Summary/Background

- First CIP Adopted January, 2019
- Completed 14 CIP Projects @ \$2.7 million
  - 20 Year old Water Control Computers
  - Up-sized sewer mains to prevent overflows
  - Repaved 11 blocks of Hermiston Avenue





# Next 5 Years- Water

- Replace ~3 miles of aging water main
  - Currently 91 miles of water main in City
- Reconstruct 40Yr Old Booster Station
- Replace 60 Year old Pump Controls





# Next 5 Years- Sewer

- Reconstruct 4 Lift Stations (all 40+ YO)
  - Currently 12 Lift Stations in City
- Replace sagging/broken sewer main
  - Currently 78 miles of sewer main in City
- Replace Treatment Plant Membrane





# Next 5 Years- Street

- Realign Geer/Harper
- Re-Build N. 1<sup>st</sup> (Hermiston Ave. to Elm)
  - Rebuilds  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of roadway
  - Currently 79 miles of roadway in City





# Process

- Water & Sewer Master Plans Updated
  - Previous plans from 1996 & 1998
- Public Infrastructure Committee Review





# Water & Sewer Funding

- Water & Sewer Projects from Rates
  - Assumes Rates Keep Pace with Inflation
  - 2020 Purchasing Power Loss: ~\$200,000
  - Grant Funding “Donut Hole”





# Street Funding

- Planned use of HB 2017 Gas Tax Increase
- 2017 Franchise Fee Increase (33%)
- \$4.5M Legislative Earmark





# Summary

- Total Cost Now Through 2026: \$20.2 million
- [www.hermistonprojects.com](http://www.hermistonprojects.com)





## Capital Improvement Projects

The Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) is the five-year roadmap for Hermiston's street, water and wastewater projects. The plan includes cost and timeline estimates for infrastructure and asset-based projects.

Projects are selected because they require significant capital investment and are critical to safeguarding the financial health of the city and protecting or enhancing resident access to utilities. They are funded through utility rates, tax revenue, user fees, general funds, grants, and system development charges.

This website includes information on projects in the planning, in-progress, and completed phases, including final project costs. **Sort these projects by status or department by clicking on the tabs below.**

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Lift Station No. 3 Upgrades



Sewer Collection System Evaluation



Lift Station No. 1 Generator Replacement

# Ridgeway Water Line Replacement



W. Ridgeway Avenue in Hermiston.

## DESCRIPTION

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| PROJECT ID:     | W 15.0    |
| ESTIMATED COST: | \$320,000 |
| ACTUAL COST:    | TBD       |

**PROJECT STATUS:**  
**In Progress**

## PROJECT MILESTONES

### July 2020

Design engineering begins.

### October 2020

Scope expanded to include 2-inch overlay to 7th Street.

### November 2020

Project advertised for bids.

### December 2020

Five bids received, contract awarded to lowest bidder, Sineco Construction of Hermiston, for \$957,000.

# W. Hermiston Avenue Overlay



Hermiston Avenue was repaved in 2019.

## DESCRIPTION

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| PROJECT ID:     | ST 2.0        |
| ESTIMATED COST: | \$490,000     |
| ACTUAL COST:    | \$615,348.91* |

**PROJECT STATUS:**  
**Complete**

## PROJECT MILESTONES

### May 2019

The Hermiston City Council approved the contract to begin work on the project.

Media: "Council approves Hermiston Avenue Project" [East Oregonian](#)

### August 2019

Project begins with cooperation with water department to replace valves under roadway.

### September 2019

Several blocks of Hermiston Avenue are closed for three weeks as



# Questions?

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