



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

June 02, 2020, 5:00 PM
Sweet Home City Hall, 3225 Main Street
Sweet Home, OR 97386

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Meeting Information

The City Council will hold a Special City Council meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 3225 Main Street. In order to protect residents, staff, and elected officials due to the novel COVID-19 virus, the frequency and length of public meetings, including the City Council, boards and commissions, will be minimized. Non-urgent and non-essential City business with expected public feedback will be postponed whenever possible. Individuals attending public meetings in person will be limited to the first six people, required to maintain appropriate social distancing, (6-ft.) and be free of symptoms related to COVID-19. The City of Sweet Home City Council is streaming the meeting via the Microsoft Teams platform and asks the public to consider this option. There will be opportunity for public input via the live stream. To view the City Council meeting live, online visit live.sweethomeor.gov. If you don't have access to the internet you can call in to 541-367-5128 and you'll be asked to choose option #1 to be logged in to the call.

This video stream and call in options are allowed under Council Rules, meet the requirements for Oregon public meeting law, and has been approved by the Mayor as Chairperson of the meeting. All votes will be conducted by Roll Call Vote.

Mission Statement

The City of Sweet Home will work to build an economically strong community with an efficient and effective local government that will provide infrastructure and essential services to the citizens we serve. As efficient stewards of the valuable assets available, we will be responsive to the community while planning and preparing for the future.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

New Business:

- a) [COVID-19 Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing](#)

Adjournment

Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing
Posted: 5/27/2020

The City of Sweet Home is eligible to apply for a 2020 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon. Community Development Block Grant funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grants can be used for public facilities and housing improvements, primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes.

Approximately \$12 million will be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 2020. The City of Sweet Home is preparing two applications, one for Emergency Small Business and Microenterprise Assistance projects and one for Emergency Response Assistance for projects that prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The maximum grant that a city or county can receive for Emergency Small Business and Microenterprise Assistance projects is \$150,000. The City of Sweet Home, in cooperation with Linn County, is preparing an application for a 2020 Community Development Block Grant from the Business Oregon for Emergency Small Business Assistance and Microenterprise Grant Assistance for all non-entitlement cities and unincorporated areas in Linn County. It is estimated that the proposed project will benefit at least 150 persons, of whom 100% will be low or moderate income.

The maximum grant that a city or county can receive for Emergency Response Assistance for projects that prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic is \$50,000. The City of Sweet Home is preparing an application for a 2020 Community Development Block Grant from the Business Oregon for the Boys & Girls Club of the Greater Santiam to offer emergency child care services for healthcare workers, first responders, and other individuals who are unable to return to work due to the lack of adequate child care resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic. It is estimated that the proposed project will benefit at least 200 persons, of whom at least 51% will be low or moderate income.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 in the Council Chambers at the Sweet Home City Hall. The purpose of this hearing is for the City Council to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about: community development and housing needs, especially the needs of low- and moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a Community Development Block Grant project; and the proposed project.

Written comments are also welcome and must be received by Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 5:00 PM at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 973876. Both oral and written comments will be considered by the City Council in deciding whether to apply. The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact Julie Fisher at 541-367-8969 if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting.

More information about Oregon Community Development Block Grants, the proposed project, and records about the City's past use of Community Development Block Grant funds is available for public review at Sweet Home City Hall during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested. If special accommodations are needed, please notify Julie Fisher at 541-367-8969 so that appropriate assistance can be provided.

Permanent involuntary displacement of persons or businesses is not anticipated as a result from the proposed project. If displacement becomes necessary, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement and provide required/reasonable benefits to those displaced. Any low- and moderate-income housing that is demolished or converted to another use will be replaced.