

VOTE

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Election Day is Tuesday
November 8.

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MEETING CALENDAR

DECEMBER 1, 2016

TO BE ANNOUNCED

DECEMBER 15, 2016

TO BE ANNOUNCED

PUBLIC CALENDAR

All items are tentative and subject to change

Springfield City Council

November 7

Work Session (6:30) Library Update
Joint Public Hearing with Board of County
Commissioners 2030 Plan/UGB
Expansion

November 14

Work Session (5:30) Cell Tower Code
Review; Stormwater Permit

November 21

Work Session (6:00) Arts Commission
Interviews
Regular Session (7:00) Virginia-Daisy
Bikeway Design Concept Approval

November 28

Work Session (5:30) Bike/Ped Adv. Comm.
Interviews; Affordable Housing Strategy

Lane County Commissioners

November 1 (9:00 a.m.)
November 8 (7:00 p.m.) Jt. Public Hearing with
Springfield: 2030 Plan/UGB Expansion
November 15 – no meeting
November 22 – no meeting
November 29 – 9:00 a.m.

Lane Transit District

November 16 – 5:30 p.m.

Willamalane Park and Recreation District

November 9 – 6:30 p.m.

School District 19

November 1, 4:30 p.m.
Ballot Measure Discussion
November 14 – 7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 6, 2016 – REPRESENTATIVE PETER DEFazio

Representative Peter DeFazio addressed the Springfield city Club on October 6. He devoted little time to addressing the results of the current Congress, noting that the only significant thing that Congress had done this session was to pass the first long term transportation bill in a decade. He observed that even the Water Resources Development Act, which was hanging over from the last Congress, did not pass in this Congress.

His prospect for the next Congress was not more positive. He said that many Republican members of the House had moved right because of primary challenges from even more right candidates, and that only about 50 of the 435 seats are truly competitive in the coming election.

Two issues highlighted the question and answer session. Mr. DeFazio retailed his objections to the proposed Transpacific Partnership, which he described as the worst of the several recent trade agreements. Particularly distressing to him is the provision which he says would allow private companies to attack State laws and even local ordinances, in a private court proceeding, on charges they damaged trade.

Affordability of education was the second major issue he was asked about. He noted that when he attended the U of O about 70 percent of its funding was from the state. Now, he said, that has declined to about 20 percent. The result is increases in tuition, and increasing in student borrowing. He has proposed increasing Pell grants from \$5,000 to the average cost of tuition (about \$9,400) and increasing the loan repayment threshold from \$17,000 to \$27,000. He has also proposed that the requirement to pay interest while repayment is deferred be eliminated.

OCTOBER 29, 2016 – SPRINGFIELD WARD 3 CANDIDATES

Sheri Moore and Sean Dunn discussed their candidacies for election to the City Council seat representing Ward 3. Mr. Dunn is a Mortgage Originator in Eugene/Springfield. He serves on the Springfield Planning Commission as well as multiple Chamber of Commerce boards, and is a member of the Fix Our Roads Now! campaign to support Measure 20-252, the Springfield Fuel Tax Increase. Before entering the mortgage industry, Sean served as a Chief of Staff in the Oregon State Senate and worked on multiple campaigns around the state.

Ms. Moore was born in Oregon City and grew up in Tigard as part of a large family. After high school, she attended George Fox College for one year before getting married and having two children, Greg Hopper-Moore and Tonia Hunt. In the late 1970's she moved to Springfield to complete her education at the University of Oregon, earning a Master's Degree in Education. Sheri taught at Marcola Elementary School for 23 years before retiring in 2006. Ms. Moore is the incumbent.

Ms. Moore emphasized the importance of continuity and her interest in seeing through some projects to completion, particularly redevelopment in Glenwood. Mr. Dunn expressed the interest in reenergizing the Council. Neither of them expressed substantial differences on the issue facing 'Springfield, including homelessness and affordable housing and the need for more economic development. Mr. Dunn appeared to be less focused on the proposed expansion of the UGB than did Ms. Moore. Both said they saw little sign that the political polarization which is affecting the nation has had much effect on the Springfield Council.

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