

SPRINGFIELD MAYORAL CANDIDATES

City Club invited each candidate for Springfield Mayor to submit up to 200 words explaining their candidacy. This is what we received:

Robert Drake



Without dependence on timber, Springfield demographically becomes a “young” city. Current City leadership is tired and lacks the agility and insight to innovate or to solve many longstanding problems. I offer something interesting and new.

Christine Lundberg



I feel honored to serve as Springfield’s mayor. Since I began serving on the City Council in 1999 and also as Mayor, I have worked hard to help Springfield be a safe, healthy, and economically vibrant city. Springfield citizens are hardworking, committed to building on our success and focused on creating a hometown to believe in.

Over the next four years:

- I will continue working to create opportunities for new businesses to come to town. I will support our existing businesses so it is possible for them to grow and provide more professional and manufacturing jobs that pay family wages.
- I will continue to work to ensure our public safety system remains responsive to community needs. As Springfield

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MEETING CALENDAR

May 3, 2016

Secretary of State Debate– Wildish Theater (7:00 p.m.)

May 5, 2016

City council candidates

May 19, 2016

Kari Westlund of Travel Lane County: Sports facility, convention facility and room tax

June 2, 2016

Rep. Peter DeFazio

PUBLIC CALENDAR

All items are tentative and subject to change

Springfield City Council

May 2, 2016 Work Session – 6:30 p.m.

Main Street Speed Study

Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearings

Regional and Local Wastewater,

Stormwater Rates

Public Passenger Vehicle Code

Amendments

Medical Marijuana License Fee

CDBG Action Plan

Franklin Boulevard Resolution of Necessity

May 9, 2016 Work Session – 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Interviews

City Strategies

Virginia-Daisy Bikeway Update

May 16, 2016 Work Session – 6:00 p.m.

Main-McVay Transit Design Solutions

May 23, 2016 Work Session 5:30 p.m.

Downtown Design Standards

Springfield Budget Committee

May 3, 2016 5:30 p.m.

May 10, 2016 6:00 p.m. (If necessary)

Lane County Commissioners

May 3, 2016 9:00 a.m.

Budget Committee

May 3, 2016 5:30 p.m. (Public Hearing 7:05)

May 5, 2016 1:30 p.m.

Lane Transit District

May 18, 2016 5:30 p.m.

Willamalane Park and Recreation District Board

May 11, 2016 6:30 p.m.

Budget Committee

May 18, 2016 6:00 p.m.

May 19, 2016 6:00 p.m. (if necessary)

May 25, 2016 6:00 p.m. (if necessary)

School District 19

May 9, 2016 7:00 p.m.

MEETINGS

grows and changes everyone should feel welcome and safe.

- Springfield citizens value public safety and so do I.
- I will encourage investments in a healthy environment. New bike routes and pedestrian trails are planned. Our clean water programs and protections are important. I will continue to support all the work that is being done.
- I will continue to work to ensure the fiscally responsible City government Springfield is known for.

Thank you to the Springfield City Club for this opportunity.

April 7, 2016 – Chief Tim Doney

Approximately one year after starting as Springfield's police chief and one year after his first appearance at City Club, Chief Tim Doney returned to City Club. One of the challenges faced by the Springfield police department, also faced by other law enforcement agencies, is the result of an evolving regulations related to marijuana. Different regulations related to medical marijuana and personal use (recreational) marijuana can present considerable challenge to officers on the front line. In addition, cities, including Springfield, are in the process of adopting codes related to specific zoning and other requirements related to marijuana sales. Another source of complexity related to marijuana is the result of some statutes that may require a police department to return marijuana seized during an arrest. However, returning the marijuana could put the police department in violation of federal law.

Chief Doney reported that marijuana citations on or near school property has increased since last year. Chief Doney discussed efforts to further professionalize the Springfield police department. In particular, he reorganized the department to make a stronger command structure to provide more oversight and support for officers in the field. In addition, during the past year leadership staff participated in supervisory and middle management courses. Total training hours throughout the department increased last year. Lt. Rappe will be attending the FBI National Academy during 2016. It is clear that Chief Doney is instituting measures to enhance the skill and qualification of officers while also incorporating accountability measures.

Another theme in Chief Doney's comments was related to his recognition of the importance of community engagement. The Springfield Police Advisory Committee has added positions to ensure participation from under represented communities as well as the faith community. The Springfield Police Department has increased its presence on social media in an effort to communicate with citizens that may not be reached in other ways. The Springfield Police department came out on top in competition with EPD to raise money for Special Olympics during the "Polar Plunge". It should also be noted that in both of his appearances before the City Club the Chief communicated approachability, humility, and a desire to engage with the public.

SPD was recognized as the DUII Enforcement Agency of the Year last year. Officer Ryan Stone was recognized as the Oregon Municipal DUII Enforcement Officer of the year.

While SPD like all police departments faces ongoing challenges. City Club members came away from the conversation with Chief Doney with an increased understanding of those challenges, information about accomplishments made during the past year, and an understanding that Chief Doney and the leadership of SPD is committed to moving the department forward in the interest of providing safety and service to the community.

April 21, 2016 – The Alternative Press: Ted Taylor

The Eugene Weekly, the area's "alternative" press, is either famous, or notorious, depending on one's point of view. Either way, it is a significant media force in the local community. On April 21, Ted Taylor, the recently retired editor of the Weekly visited with city club to talk about his history with the paper and issues on the local political scene.

Mr. Taylor admitted, and even expressed approval of, the fact that the Weekly is biased: it has a specific point of view that it chooses to advance in its pages. In part, he described it as a counterpoint to the other local media, primarily the Register-Guard (and, in addition, the Springfield Times). As an example, he pointed to the heavy focus in the Guard on Duck sports, to which the Weekly responds by focusing attention on the funding and other issues associated with the academic side of the University of Oregon.



He asserted that ALL media are biased; it is simply the case that the Weekly chooses to be up front in demonstrating its biases. In response to a question raising the contrast between that approach and the traditional view of journalism as an objective effort to inform the public, he said he came to the profession with that point of view. After coming to the Weekly from the Ashland Tidings, he realized that sometimes it is necessary to take a stand.

The Weekly is, he said, doing well. When he started 18 years ago, the circulation was about 30,000. Now it has a circulation of about 42,000 with almost 96,000 readers, including almost 12,000 online. The Weekly, he said, was not hurt as badly by the recession as were other print media in the state. In particular, he pointed to some reductions at the Register-Guard and even deeper cuts at the Oregonian.

Despite those challenges, he does not see the value of print media declining. The prospect of thousands of people reading the same content, he said, helps build community.

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