

# Government Affairs Minutes



Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 • 8:30am • Starker Conf. Room

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## Call to Order

**B. Grant**

Meeting called to order at 9:30am

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## City Manager (Jim Patterson)

**Committee**

Discussion / Meet & Greet

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## Approve Minutes

**B. Grant**

October Minutes

Mike Corwin Motion to approve:

Doris Johnston Second:

Minutes approved

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## Last Month's Action Items

**B. Grant**

Follow up

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## Legislative Priority Setting

**B. Grant**

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## Local

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### Economic Development Commission

**P. Lampton**

Report from Board of Directors discussion and decision regarding goals Chamber submitted to the EDC for consideration.

The Board came up with a statement (handed out at meeting). The Chamber to support Jim Patterson and the EDC statement, without directly supporting the URD. Support activities at Oregon State. Continue to support changes in the regulatory environment, spinoffs at OSU etc.

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## Other

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The ban on single use plastic bags will be brought up at Monday's City Council's meeting. The Chamber polled the membership and handed out results. The Chamber will continue to directly survey the members that use plastic bags for their businesses specifically.

There is concern of the unintended consequences of this being approved. How will this be monitored if it is put in place? Will there be costs incurred by the City by passing issues such as these?

Would like to propose that this will be a voluntary item.

**ACTION: Review the specific verbiage to see which plastic bags will be banned.**

**ACTION: The Chamber will make phone calls to the people that will be affected by this, and develop a position statement to be presented to Council at Monday's meeting.**

Legislative breakfast is tentatively set for the last week in January.

**ACTION: Send the possible dates to GAC for the legislative breakfast**

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**City/University MOU:** OSU and the City of Corvallis will conduct a public meeting 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at the Corvallis Senior Center, 2601 NW Tyler Avenue regarding the memorandum of understanding between the two that addresses the university's growth and its impact on the city and surrounding neighborhoods.

OSU and City leadership have been working to develop the scope of a project to address issues and opportunities associated with the future growth of OSU and the Corvallis community. The proposed scope of work, to be undertaken over the next 2-3 years, addresses the major topics areas of:

- Parking and traffic mitigation in campus area neighborhoods
- Neighborhood planning and
- Neighborhood livability

The purpose of this meeting will be to present the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Corvallis and OSU that commits both entities to this collaborative effort and to review the proposed scope of work that has been developed to help achieve goals shared by the University and the City. In addition, next steps in this effort will be described. There will be an opportunity for public comment.

**Capital Construction at OSU:** In February, OSU will be seeking legislative authorization for three capital projects that were deferred during the 2011 legislative session. All three projects involve Article XI-F revenue bonds that will be repaid by

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student fees and room & board. They include: MU East wing renovation (\$9.6 million, Student Experience Center (\$43.6 million), and a new student residence (\$30.0 million). The Ways and Means Capital Construction Committee will consider these projects when it meets in mid-November.

**ACTION:** Jock to send information on the meeting.

**ACTION:** Chamber Forum with Julie Manning & Ed Ray at First Presbyterian at noon.

**Open**

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**Adjourn**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:32am**