



State of the City

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Don Jensen, Mayor

Dave Campbell, City Manager



Improve
streets
and
roads

Provide sustainable
water quality
&
environmental
infrastructure

Continue
effective
financial
management

Enhance
public safety
&
emergency response

**2016
Council
Initiatives**

Strengthen economic
conditions
&
create new
opportunities

Preserve
and
enhance
neighborhoods

Improve
transportation
systems

Address
quality
of
place
issues

Accomplishments



More police officers and emphasis on street crimes resulted in increased felony and misdemeanor arrests.

Hired a full-time economic development coordinator to help market Longview as a great place for business growth and job creation.



Participated in successful regional effort to obtain \$85 million of state money for vehicle capacity and safety improvements to the Industrial Way/Oregon Way intersection.



Evaluated possible new water supply locations along the Cowlitz River. Implemented treatment plant and distribution system improvements.



Accomplishments



RA Long Park: Removed potential safety hazards; moving forward with Master Plan vision for renovation.

Completed pedestrian improvements at various intersections on 15th Avenue and Washington Way at Commerce Avenue via Safety Grant.



Completed installation of Several school zone safety upgrades. New Safe Routes to

Downtown streetscape improvements continue.



School Grant application submitted this summer.



Accomplishments



Council has begun consideration of a Transportation Benefit District.

The Public Development Authority evaluated a new equestrian center and hotel at the conference center.

Longview
PUBLIC
DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY



Work continues on the Shay Locomotive pavilion. Recently made the short list for additional funding for the plaza.



RiverCities Transit awarded \$3 million grant to purchase two new biodiesel buses and expand the transit center.



Accomplishments



Obtained grant for vehicle capacity and safety improvements at intersection of Tennant Way and 3rd Avenue (SR 432/411).



Obtained permit for modification of river intake to enable continued fresh water flow to Lake Sacajawea.



Accomplishments

On December 2, 2015, a ribbon cutting and celebration was held for the new Washington Way Bridge.



Accomplishments



Development



Big C Industries launched a new steel fabrication facility in a 7,200 square foot space on Washington Way.

Stirling Auto Group broke ground on an expansion and renovation project.

A green rectangular road sign with white text that reads 'Opportunities straight ahead'. The sign is mounted on two metal posts and is set against a background of a blue sky with white clouds.

Opportunities
straight ahead

A Seattle investment group has partnered with



local entrepreneurs to buy the historic Monticello Hotel.

Negotiating with Pacific Coast Fertilizer to facilitate development of an agricultural fertilizer manufacturing plant in the MFIP.



Development

From January to September 2016:

569 building permits have been issued with a valuation of \$21,500,975.

( \$10,398,825 over same timeframe last year.)

New single family:

12 permits

Valuation of \$3,333,432

( \$641,729 over same timeframe last year.)



New commercial:

13 permits

Valuation of \$5,983,688

( \$4,044,086 over same timeframe last year.)

New multi family:

5 permits

Valuation of \$1,500,000

(no multi-family permits issued last year.)



Looking ahead

HIGH PRIORITY



Improve streets and roads



Continue improving the water treatment and distribution system



Continue implementation of Phase II NPDES stormwater permit compliance



Construct Lake Sacajawea flushing facilities



Manage 2017-2018 biennial budget preparation

Looking ahead

HIGH PRIORITY



Market Mint Farm properties



Promote Longview industrial/commercial opportunities



Continue with school zone safety upgrades



Continue with RA Long Park improvements



Continue active federal and state legislative advocacy





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