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## Written Testimony of David McCall, Mayor

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Newport, Oregon  
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### *Re: Support for Bay City's Funding Request for sewer, parks and water infrastructure*

My name is David McCall and I am the Mayor for the City of Bay City, Oregon, in Tillamook County.

I have prepared this testimony to respectfully pursue your support for 3 appropriations.

- \$525,000 for a new sanitary sewer interceptor under Hwy 101
- \$225,000 for new playground equipment including for children with disabilities, and
- \$225,000 for earthquake isolation valves for our 4 water supply reservoirs

as requested through Tillamook County legislators **Senator Suzanne Weber**.

These projects are important to the City of Bay City and our surrounding communities.

- Bay City has one sanitary sewer pipe that flows the majority of the sewer from the City to the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). This sewer pipe is not built for any seismic resiliency. In the event of a seismic event, most of our sewer pipes will fail. However, if this pipe under the highway is still intact, it will make repairs to the overall system quicker for the health and safety of the citizens, property, and the environment.
- Bay City's city park has old playground equipment. Our population is 1,424, and results in city tax revenue of about \$262,000 for FY 2023-24 for city services, not including water and wastewater. The city park generates about \$6,000 in camping revenue each year. This is not enough to pay for new playground equipment. Getting children outside and playing on safe playground equipment has been shown to help with their mental and physical health. Our approach is to design the playground so that children with disabilities can also play and enjoy themselves.
- Bay City has 4 water supply reservoirs. In natural disasters, fresh clean drinking water is one of the first and most important priorities. Installation of isolation valves at these 4 reservoirs may be able to save the water and provide drinking water to residents or visitor during the response and recovery.

I hope that you will consider this funding request and thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

David McCall, Mayor