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CITY OF EUGENE WORK SESSION, 7.8.26.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE JULY 9TH, 2026 MEETING AND EUGENE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN THIS HYBRID MEETING FORMAT. FOR WORK SESSIONS THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND THOSE WISHING TO ACCESS THE MEETING CAN WATCH THE LIVE STREAM AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE, THE BROADCAST ON CHANNEL 21, OR BY CALLING INTO ONE OF THE NUMBERS LISTED FOR THE MEETING ON THE PUBLIC WEBCASTS AND MEETINGS MATERIALS PAGE ON THE CITY OF EUGENE WEBSITE. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY AND I CALLED THE JULY 8TH, 2026, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION TO ORDER.

I WILL TURN IT OVER TO THE CITY MANAGER TO INTRODUCE OUR FIRST TOPIC, A WORK SESSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS IN PREPARATION FOR THE 2027 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

>> THANK YOU, THIS AS YOU RECALL IS IN RESPONSE TO THE MAY 27TH WORK SESSION WHERE YOU ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO DISCUSS THE PREPARATION OF THE 2027 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. WE ARE DOING THAT TODAY.

IGA MANAGER ETHAN NELSON IS HERE TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PREPARATION PROCESS AND ALLOW YOU TO ASK QUESTIONS BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY ALLOW FOR DISCUSSION ABOUT THOSE PRIORITIES AND THERE IS NO ACTION FOR YOU TODAY, IT IS JUST INFORMATIONAL ONLY.

I WILL TURN IT OVER TO ETHAN.

>> THANKS, ETHAN NELSON, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS MANAGER.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR, CITY COUNCILORS, WON'T REITERATE WHAT JENNY SHARED REGARDING THE MAY 27TH WORK SESSION BUT BRIEFLY THERE IS AN AGENDA LINED UP FOR TODAY.

I THINK THE BIG TAKEAWAYS IS THAT THINKING ABOUT THIS RADICALLY IN TERMS OF HOW VARIOUS MOVING PARTS COME TOGETHER TO CREATE WORKS OF ART.

WE HAVE COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC WORK AND A PRIORITY SETTING AND THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE ART OF THE POSSIBLE RELATED TO LEGISLATORS AND NEEDS AND WANTS.

WE WORKED TO PULL ALL THAT TOGETHER AND THAT IS WHAT I WILL SPEND TIME GOING OVER BEFORE A TURN IT OVER TO THE MAYOR.

AS HE SPENT TIME ON YOUR WORKSHOP ON COUNCIL PRIORITIES IN THE LONG RANGE FINANCIAL PLANNING, I WANT TO TAKE A STEP BACK TO LOOK AT THE 2023-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN AND SPECIFICALLY AROUND THE URGENT COMMUNITY NEEDS.

FROM THE STANDPOINT OF CITY COUNCIL YOU ARE NAVIGATING A LOT OF ISSUES ACROSS THE COMMUNITY.

BY TAKING TIME TO FOCUS IN ON WHAT THE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ARE FOR THE LEGISLATION AND COMMUNITY AND THAT HELPS TO GIVE CLEAR DIRECTION AND CLARITY FOR COMMUNICATION PURPOSES BUT ALSO HOW DIFFERENT

FUNCTIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION CAN STRATEGICALLY IMPLEMENT THOSE PRIORITIES.

THERE IS A LOT OF ALIGNMENT THAT COMES OUT OF SPENDING THIS TIME TO GIVE US DIRECTION SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO OUR STATE AND FEDERAL POLICIES AND PRIORITIES GOING FORWARD.

THAT ALLOWS US TO INCREASE COORDINATION AS WE ARE CLEAR ON ALIGNMENT AND PURPOSE AND WE ARE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE THAT ACROSS A WIDE VARIETY OF CHANNELS, POPULATION STAKEHOLDERS AND WE WANT TO SPEND TIME TO RECOGNIZE AND I THINK IN OUR MAY 27TH PRESENTATION, TALKED ABOUT THE \$45 MILLION OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS THAT HAVE COME THROUGH DISCRETIONARY FUNDS THAT HAVE COME THROUGH IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS AND I WOULD ARGUE THAT IT IS PREDICATED UPON THE STRATEGIC DIRECTION AND CLARITY IN THAT PURPOSE SO IT CUTS AWAY A LOT OF THE NOISE AND TELLS STAFF WHAT YOU WANT AND HOW TO GET THAT.

I THINK THAT HELPS TO ROLL INTO A VERY TIGHT AGENDA WE HAD LAST YEAR FOR THE 2026 STATE PRIORITIES AND WE RECOGNIZE WE MIGHT BE IN A TIGHT STATE FINANCIAL BUDGET SITUATION SO WE FOCUSED ON PROTECTING THE ALLOCATIONS, APPROPRIATIONS THE STATE HAD GIVEN TO US RELATED TO CLEARLAKE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE, WE WERE SEEKING FUNDING FOR THE EUGENE AIRPORT, PROTECTING FUNDING FOR THE STATEWIDE SHELTER PROGRAM, THE FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE STATE WAS NOT AS DIRE AS EARLY FORECASTS WERE AND WE WERE ABLE TO NOT ONLY SECURE THE FUNDS THAT WE HAD BROUGHT IN EARLIER IN 2025 BUT ALSO AN ADDITIONAL 5 MILLION FOR THE PROJECT AND SECURE \$1 MILLION FOR THE AIRPORT EXPANSION PROJECTS GOING ON.

SO THAT IS WHAT THIS CLARITY AND ALIGNMENT RESULTS IN. A REALISTIC, FULL FOCUSED AGENDA WE CAN SHARE ACROSS A BROAD SPECTRUM OF STAKEHOLDERS.

WHICH BRINGS ME TO WHERE WE ARE NOW AND THE PROTEIN, NOT THE MEAT AND POTATOES BUT THE PROTEIN FOR TODAY'S DISCUSSION.

PREPARING FOR THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION WE TRY TO TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT IS POSSIBLE, WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES AND ALSO THIS CONCEPT OF WHAT IS RIPE.

I THINK WE STARTED WITH CLEARLAKE ROAD ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO AND IT WASN'T RIGHT, ONCE THE STATE STARTED TO FOCUS IN ON THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO FOCUS IN ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CLEARLAKE ROAD INVESTMENTS BECAME RIPE SO THAT IS WHERE WE ARE AS WE TAKE TIME ENGAGING WITH LEGISLATORS, COUNSELORS, EXECUTIVES, STAFF ACROSS THE ORGANIZATION, CONTENT EXPERTS AND ALL OF THOSE STAKEHOLDERS ARE HEARING FROM THE COMMUNITY WHAT OUR PRIORITIES, THINGS THAT FOLKS ARE INTERESTED IN, WE CONTINUE TO SHARE THIS WITH OUR COMMITTEE ON A MONTHLY BASIS AND HAVE CONVERSATIONS AND MULTIPLE TOUCH POINTS WITH CITY COUNCIL RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS AGENDA, THE 27TH WAS ONE, WE CAME BACK EARLY IN JANUARY AS WE WERE PUTTING FORWARD THE AGENDA.

TODAY, WE WILL BE BACK IN NOVEMBER WITH A PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

SO REALLY TRYING TO MAP OUT, THERE IS A ROBUST ENGAGEMENT PROCESS AND ALSO TIME FOR CITY COUNCIL TO DELIBERATE COME AWAY IN AND ULTIMATELY MAKE THE DECISION AND DIRECTION AS TO WHAT YOUR STATE POLICY AND PRIORITIES AND FEDERAL POLICIES WILL BE.

WITHOUT, I WILL PROBABLY LEAVE THIS UP AS THE GRAPHIC WE CAN REFER TO IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS, I WILL TURN IT BACK OVER TO YOU.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, ETHAN FOR THE PRESENTATION AND I THINK THIS TIMELINE IS HELPFUL, NOT JUST THINKING ABOUT THIS HERE BUT PRESUMING ALSO THE OUTLINE OF THIS IS CONSISTENT YEAR OVER YEAR TO THE SHORT SESSION AND USEFUL THINKING ABOUT FUTURE LUNG SESSIONS.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?

>> KASHINSKY: THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, AGAIN, FOR THE TIMELINE AND ALL THE WORK YOU DO TO HELP ENSURE EUGENE'S PRIORITIES ARE SEEN AND HEARD AT THE LEGISLATIVE LEVEL.

AND AT THE STATE LEVEL. I GUESS THE FEDERAL LEVEL TO THE DEGREE WE ARE ABLE TO DO THAT.

ONE OF THE QUESTIONS I HAD IS I KNOW THE SESSION CAN MOVE PRETTY FAST.

YOU DO A GOOD JOB OF UPDATING US AS TO WHAT IS GOING ON AND WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH PARTICULAR BILLS AND WAS WONDERING IF THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES GIVEN THAT TIMELINES CAN BE CHALLENGING FOR COUNCIL TO DO MORE DIRECT ADVOCACY SURROUNDING THE PRIORITIES LIKE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNCILORS TO TESTIFY OR CONNECT WITH LEGISLATORS IN A WAY THAT WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF THAT.

IF SO, HOW WOULD WE NAVIGATE SOME OF THOSE PIECES?

WILLING AND ABLE TO SUPPORT THEM THAT WAY.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR KASHINSKY, FOR THE QUESTION AND IN REGARDS TO WHAT I AM HEARING YOU SAY IS ENGAGEMENT, WHERE ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT.

THERE IS GENERALLY A GOOD AMOUNT, I WILL TAKE A STEP BACK, ONE OF THE THINGS WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME ON IS DEVELOPING WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN AND WHAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SEE, STATE AND FEDERAL POLICIES GUIDE AND THAT GIVES STAFF, MYSELF, STAFF AND THE ORGANIZATION, GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT THE LANE IS THAT COUNCIL WANTS US TO BE IN IN TERMS OF ADVOCACY AND THAT CAN SOMETIMES BE FAIRLY BROAD BECAUSE A LOT OF BILLS WILL COME IN AND LAST YEAR THERE WAS OVER 3000, LAST LONG SESSION, 3000 BILLS AND THOSE WILL GET DOWN SO WE TAKE THAT LANE AND SAY COUNCIL HAS GIVEN US THIS DIRECTION, WHAT IS OUR POSITION ON THE WIDE VARIETY OF BILLS SO THAT GIVES US A LOT OF EFFICIENCY IN THE PROCESS AND I THINK EFFICACY BECAUSE THERE IS TIMES WHEN WE SAY WE DON'T HAVE CLARITY ON THIS AND IT IS NOT A PRIORITY SO WE ARE NOT GOING TO WEIGH IN.

AND WE NEED TO, THE CONCEPT OF PRIORITIZATION, YES TO SOME THINGS AND NO TO OTHERS.

I THINK TO RECOGNIZE THAT IS THE GUIDANCE THAT COUNCIL GIVES US IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE AN EFFECTIVE PROCESS.

RELATED TO HAVING REPRESENTATION IN SALEM DURING THE LEGISLATURE, THE LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS ON AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS PRIORITIES FOR EUGENE CITY COUNCIL, A LOT OF TIMES TWO DIFFERENT WAYS, ONE IS THE MAYOR WILL BE ENGAGED FROM PREVIOUS MAYOR'S AS THE CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL AND BE ABLE TO COME AND REPRESENT CITY COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY POSITION AND WHY THAT IS, IN SALEM, A LOT OF TIMES LEGISLATORS WANT TO HEAR FROM THE CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL, MAYORS, TITLE CARRIES A LOT OF GRAVITAS AND WEIGHT SO THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS WE WILL SPEND TIME BRIEFING THE MAYOR AND ASKING HER TO COME AND BE INVOLVED IN THAT WHETHER IT IS VIRTUALLY OR IN PERSON.

SECONDARILY WE SPEND A LOT OF TIME WITH OUR IG OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS THE BODY FOR COUNCIL AS RELATED TO STATE AND FEDERAL POLICY PIECES, WE WILL LOOK TO COUNCILMEMBERS AND WE HAVE DRIVEN UP, CHATTED ABOUT ITEMS, SHE HAS GIVEN TESTIMONY AND DRIVEN BACK AND WE HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS IN ON IF THERE IS A COUNCILOR THAT NEEDS TO ATTEND, WE HAVE LOOKED TO IG OUR FIRST AND FOREMOST BECAUSE THAT IS HOW COUNCIL IS WORKING AND STRUCTURE AND NEXT WE WILL IDENTIFY IF THERE IS A COUNCILOR, IF THE ISSUE IS WITHIN A SPECIFIC WARD.

WE CAN HAVE THAT AND BE COGENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL POSITION AND HAVE THAT COUNCILOR UP AND REPRESENTING. TO WORK ON THAT AND THE TAKEAWAY I AM HEARING IS YOU HAVE INTEREST IN OPPORTUNITY TO BE ENGAGED AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AND ADD THAT INTO HOW WE APPROACH BILLS IN SALEM.

>> KASHINSKY: THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: COUNCILOR CLARK?

>> CLARK: THANK YOU, MAYOR, ETHAN, FOR ALL THE INFORMATION AND MY QUESTION IS ABOUT, IS THIS CONVERSATION SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT FUTURE PRIORITIES AND

HOW OR WHAT WE SEE OR NOT SEE COVERED IN PREVIOUS SESSION?

DO I HAVE THAT CORRECTLY?

>> THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ENGAGEMENT SO TODAY YOU ARE INTERESTED, I THINK IT IS OPEN TO WHAT EACH INDIVIDUAL COUNCILOR IS INTERESTED IN BRINGING FORWARD TO THE TABLE.

>> CLARK: I WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR FUTURE EFFORTS DIRECTED AT A PRIORITY LEVEL OR A PRIORITY ITEM THAT I DON'T SEE REPRESENTED ON A PREVIOUS LIST.

THAT IS INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY TO CREATE MORE HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITY.

I KNOW THAT IT HAS BEEN A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO NOW BUT FROM OUR PLANNING DEPARTMENT, HEATHER MADE A PRESENTATION ONE TIME ABOUT HOUSING CONSTRUCTION AND QUOTED A PARTICULAR STATISTIC I THOUGHT WAS INTERESTING AND IS CERTAINLY NO LONGER TRUE THAT WE HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE CROW ROAD AREA.

SOME WORK HAS BEEN DONE BUT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE STATEMENT MADE WAS THAT 48% OF THE CITY CURRENT BUILDABLE LAND SUPPLY IS UNBILLABLE BECAUSE OF ITS LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE.

THAT WAS A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER WHEN SHE SAID THAT AND IT WAS A WHILE AGO AND THERE HAVE BEEN UPDATES BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR PRIORITIES REFLECT A STRONGER ASK OF THE LEGISLATURE FOR ASSISTANCE WITH INFRASTRUCTURE SO THAT WE CAN MAKE MORE HOUSING POSSIBLE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

CAN YOU HELP, I DON'T KNOW ALL OF THE THINGS THAT STAFF WOULD IDENTIFY AS NECESSARY FOR THAT TO HAPPEN OR IF THERE ARE LEGISLATORS WHO ARE CARRYING EFFORTS IN THAT DIRECTION, CAN YOU GIVE ME SOME INFORMATION BASED ON WHAT YOU KNOW?

>> YES, AS I UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION RELATED TO THE CITY PRIORITIZATION FOR SEEKING FUNDS FOR HOUSING, THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WOULD SUPPORT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, ACCURATE?

>> CLARK: YES.

>> YES, I WILL HELP THE BODY REMEMBER THAT IN 2024, WE RECEIVED FUNDING FROM THE LEGISLATURE I THINK ROUGHLY -- FOR THE CROW ROAD AND FATBACK TO WHAT I INTRODUCED THE TOPIC ON IS HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE CONVERSATION AT THE STATE LEVEL WAS RIPE.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE WAS LOOKING TO HOW DO WE GET MORE HOUSING STARTS AND THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT PERMITTING REFORM, BROAD, STRONG VOICE FROM OREGON CITY ASSOCIATION OF ORGAN COUNTY, REAL ESTATE CONTRACTORS, EVERYBODY INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION OF HOUSING SAID WE NEED MONEY GOING INTO INFRASTRUCTURE.

>> CLARK: I WOULD SAY THAT IS STILL A RIPE OPPORTUNITY FROM MY PERSPECTIVE.

>> YES, THAT CONTINUES TO BE A PRIORITY FOR CITIES. I WAS LOOKING AT OUR POLICIES, WE CONTINUE TO SEEK FUNDING FOR HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE, IT IS JUST, IS THAT WHERE THE LEGISLATURE IS GOING TO BE IN THE PAST TWO YEARS IT HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

INFRASTRUCTURE FOR INDUSTRIAL LAND, WE RECEIVED FUNDING.

SO WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THAT AND WHAT I AM HEARING FROM YOU IS WE WILL INCORPORATE IT INTO OUR PROPOSED PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT YEAR AND IGR WILL BE ABLE TO WEIGH IN AND COUNCIL WILL SO THIS IS WHAT THE WORK SESSION IS FOR.

>> CLARK: I WANTED TO PUT IN MY TWO CENTS.

IF NOT OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY, TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO BUILD, THAT WHICH WE KNOW WE ALREADY KNOW WE NEED.

THANK YOU.

>> KEATING: THANK YOU, ETHAN FOR THE UPDATE.

ETHAN WAS INTRODUCED AS THE IG OUR MANAGER AND I MISTAKINGLY AND IT WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO BE A MISTAKE, INTRODUCED ETHAN IN THE BUILDING AS THE IG OUR DIRECTOR.

OR A CONDUCTOR, I HAVE NOT SAID THAT BUT YOU ARE A CONDUCTOR OR DIRECTOR OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DOCUMENT AND PLAN AND IMPLEMENT WITH A PLUG, THIS COUNCIL DIRECTION, THANK YOU FOR THAT.

SINCE WE ARE PUTTING OUR TWO CENTS WITH INFLATION AND BECAUSE MORE THAN TWO CENTS WORTH OF SUGGESTIONS, I WILL PUT IN 2, 4, 6, EIGHT CENTS IF YOU DON'T MIND.

I WANT TO EXPAND ON SOME OF THESE PRIORITIES AND SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF MINE AND I HOPE I AM NOT ALONE IN ADVOCATING SO IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE US, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE LEGISLATURE EFFORT WAS REFERRED AND FAILED IN MAY IN REGARDS TO INCREASING REVENUE IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUCKET. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR CITY LEAN IN FOR LOCAL SUPPORT AROUND INCREASING INVESTMENTS AROUND TRAFFIC, SAFE STREETS, EXPANDING ON OUR VISION, GOALS WITH THE LEGISLATURE AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT POOLS OF RESOURCES THAT MIGHT OPEN BUT I WOULD LIKE US TO LEAD WITH OUR TRAFFIC SAFETY APPROACH.

AS BUBBLED UP IN OUR LAST TIME WE MET LAST WEEK.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE US STRENGTHEN PRIVACY LAWS IN THE DIGITAL SPACE.

I WOULD LOVE TO SEE US ADVOCATE NOT ONLY FOR THE PROTECTING OF THE FUNDAMENT OF THE STATEWIDE SHELTER PROGRAM.

BUT IF WE CAN DRILL DOWN SPECIFICALLY AROUND OUR SAFE SLEEP SITES AND CELEBRATE THE FACT THERE ARE SAFE SLEEP

SITES IN THE COMMUNITY THAT BOLSTER 70% REHOMING RATE AS PART OF THOSE COMMUNITY ORIENTED SAFE SLEEP SITES.

I WAS GOING TO SAY FINALLY, IT IS NOT FINAL BECAUSE I WILL HAVE MORE THOUGHTS BUT THERE IS A STATEWIDE IMAGINATION LIBRARY COMPONENT THAT SHIFTS THE BURDEN, NOT BURDEN BUT SHIFTS THE RESPONSE ABILITY FROM OUR LOCAL LIBRARIES, FOUNDATION, FRIENDS, FOR RAISING REVENUE AROUND THE IMAGINATION LIBRARY.

BECAUSE IT IS A STATEWIDE PROGRAM AND IT IS DONE SO WELL IN EUGENE, I WOULD LIKE FOR US TO LEAN IN AND ADVOCATE FOR PROTECTING THOSE RESOURCES AND EXPANDING THOSE RESOURCES SO EVERY OREGON CHILD HAS ACCESS TO THE IMAGINATION LIBRARY.

WITH APPRECIATION. THANK YOU.

>> I JUST WANT TO RESPOND BRIEFLY ON THE TRANSPORTATION PIECE. I THINK THE CONVERSATION IS GOING TO BE AROUND BIPARTISAN TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE AND THIS IS WHAT THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE MET YESTERDAY AND THERE IS A LOT OF INTEREST GETTING SOMETHING THROUGH WHEN I THINK THE CITY OF EUGENE POSITION AND MANY CITY POSITIONS IS GOING TO PRESERVE THE EXISTING REVENUE SPLIT OF TRANSPORTATION DOLLARS SO RIGHT NOW IT IS 50-30-20, 20% COMING TO THE CITY SO ANY NEW REVENUE SOURCES THAT COME UP, WE WANT TO ENSURE THOSE HAVE AT LEAST THAT SAME SPLIT AND THAT ALIGNS WITHIN OUR LOCAL CONTROL POLICIES WHICH SAY THOSE DOLLARS COME TO THE CITY AND EVERY JURISDICTION AND UP TO THE JURISDICTION AS TO HOW THEY PRIORITIZE US SO YOUR COMMENTS RELATED TO SAY STREETS, TRAFFIC AND VISION ZERO, THAT IS WHERE THE FOCUS WILL BE ON REVENUE, GETTING THE FUNDS TO COME TO THE CITY AND THE PROCESS IS LOCAL CONTROL AND THE CITY COUNCIL THROUGH BUDGETARY PROCESS WHERE THOSE FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: COUNCILOR KASHINSKY AND COUNCILOR GROVES ARE IN THIS ROUND AND I WILL ASK A COUPLE QUESTIONS.

>> GROVES: THANK YOU.

I BELIEVE I IN MY THIRD YEAR OF SERVING ON IGR AND I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU BRING TO THE TABLE AND HOW YOU EDUCATE US SO WE CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVE AND HOW YOU ADVOCATE FOR US AS A LOBBYIST AT TIMES.

GETTING TO WHAT COUNCILOR KEATING WAS SPEAKING TO, I AM LONGING FOR A REFRESH OF OUR STRATEGIC PLAN AND WE HAD A WORKSHOP AND I STILL DON'T BELIEVE THE OLD PLAN IS REFLECTIVE OF COUNCIL AS MUCH AS IT WAS CAST OF THOUSANDS THAT WAS AT THE LAST STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO.

I WOULD LIKE US TO STRATEGICALLY TALK ABOUT HOW WE PRIORITIZE THE VARIOUS ISSUES BEFORE US AND I THINK YOU HAVE NAMED SOME GOOD ONES BUT THERE IS OTHER ONES AS WELL.

HOW WE GET THAT INTO A PRIORITY PACKAGE THAT WILL HELP THE IGR WHEN WE MEET AND TRY TO GET INTO THE MORE GRANULAR STUFF.

RIGHT NOW IT FEELS LIKE WE ARE TAKING SOME PRETTY GENERAL SWIPES AT THINGS BUT I THINK IF WE CAN GET IN AND PRIORITIZE SOME OF THIS IT WOULD HELP ETHAN AND I BELIEVE IT WOULD HELP OUR COMMITTEE BE EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE.

I JUST WANTED TO SHARE MY TWO CENTS.

AND APPRECIATE THE WORK.

THERE IS MANY SMALLER ISSUES WE HAVE DISCUSSED AS WELL BUT I APPRECIATE YOU HIGHLIGHTING THE BIG ONES.

WITH THAT, THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, I HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS AND SOME TO LIFT UP CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE HAD AT THE IG OUR COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

BEFORE GETTING TO THAT I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT YESTERDAY WE HAD A SHOWCASE AND TOUR AND LUNCH EVENT AT EUGENE AIRPORT THAT CONNECTS TO A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY FOR THIS UPCOMING SESSION AND THE REASON I

MENTION IT, THAT IS A TRANSFORMATIONAL PROJECT FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

AN EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY FOR FIVE COUNTIES SERVED BY EUGENE AIRPORT.

AND IS A GREAT WIN FOR A LARGE PORTION OF THE POPULATION OF OREGON AND WILL BE OF FURTHER OF THIS SESSION AND I MENTION IT BECAUSE IT IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF SOMETHING I THINK AS PART OF THE INSPIRATION FOR THIS CONVERSATION.

WORKING UPSTREAM WITH OUR CITY CAPACITY AND PRIORITIES AND NEEDS AND WITH OUR LEGISLATIVE LEADERS AND PARTNERS.

TO PUT TOGETHER PROPOSALS THAT WE ARE COMPLETELY AND FULLY ENGAGED BEHIND NOT JUST THE CITY OF EUGENE BUT A WHOLE HOST OF PARTNERS AND THINKING ABOUT THIS TIMELINE WE TYPICALLY WORK WITH EACH YEAR I AM THINKING ABOUT WHERE THE WORK THAT HAS LED INTO THAT PROJECT FITS WITH THIS TYPE OF FLOW AND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR US TO HAVE EARLY ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR LEGISLATIVE PARTNERS AROUND THE DEVELOPMENT OF WHAT WILL BE NOT JUST OUR PRIORITY CONCEPTS FOR A SESSION OR PRIORITY BILLS BUT THERE PRIORITIES AS WELL AND WORKING THROUGH HOW WE CAN SUPPORT AND BE BOTH STUDY IN THAT PROCESS BUT ALSO RESPONSIVE TO SOME OF THE TIMELINES THAT WERE RAISED BY OTHER COUNCILORS, INCREDIBLY CHALLENGING AS IN THE SHORT COME ALONG SESSION SEEMS BETTER BUT NOT MUCH BECAUSE THERE IS SO MUCH GOING ON.

I AM WONDERING IF YOU COULD SPEAK TO THAT PROCESS AND EUGENE AIRPORT IS UNIQUE BUT THERE IS SOMETHING FROM IT IN TERMS OF WORKING WITH CITY TEAMS, REPRESENTATIVES, SENATE COLLEAGUES, FEDERAL COLLEAGUES AS WELL.

IN BUILDING OF THAT PROPOSAL AND HOW THAT MAY CONNECT TO THE WORK WE DO ON OTHER PRIORITIES.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR KNUDSON.

IF I REITERATE WHAT I AM HEARING YOU ASKED, BIG, HAIRY, AUDACIOUS GOALS WITH BIG ITEMS WE WILL GO AFTER AND THAT TAKES A LOT OF COORDINATION AND PART OF THAT

COORDINATION IS UNDERSTANDING HOW DO WE ALIGN WITH LEGISLATORS, PRIORITIES AND WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WHAT A LEGISLATOR MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN COMPLETING IN THIS SPECIFIC SESSION OR LONG-TERM.

IS THAT ACCURATE?

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: I THINK THAT IS ACCURATE AND LOOKING AT THE CALENDAR YEAR AND WHEN WE NEED TO KNOW THEY NEED INFORMATION FROM US.

>> OKAY, WHAT I WOULD SAY IS IT DEPENDS AND THIS IS WHY I WOULD GO BACK TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN OR THE GUIDANCE FROM COUNCIL.

EVERY LEGISLATOR WILL HAVE A SET OF PRIORITIES AND SOME OVERLAP WITH THE CITY OF EUGENE OPERATIONS OR AREAS OF JURISDICTION.

SOME DON'T.

THOSE ARE PRIORITIES THAT WILL COME UP AND EVERY YEAR I HAVE HAD A CONVERSATION WITH THE LEGISLATOR AND SOMETIMES THEY ARE OPEN AND IT SHOWS AND SOMETIMES THEY KEEP IT CLOSE TO THE CHEST BECAUSE THEY ARE PLAYING A GAME OF POLITICS TO GET A BILL INTRODUCED AND AS SOON AS YOU INTRODUCE IT YOU GET LANGUAGE AND THAT IS WHERE THERE WILL START TO BE CRITIQUES AND PUSHBACK SO THEY ARE VERY MINDFUL OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS SO SOMETIMES THOSE CONCEPTS COME OUT AND WE SAY THAT HAS OVERLAP WITH OUR OPERATIONS, OUR INTEREST, HOW DO WE WORK PROACTIVELY?

AN EXAMPLE IS ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO, THE CITY OF EUGENE STAFF INCLUDING ALYSSA HANSEN, THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR AND I AND ONE OF OUR CITY ATTORNEY STARTED WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE SPEAKER AND AT THE TIME SHE WAS THE HOUSING CHAIR BECAUSE SHE HAD A LOT OF LAND-USE AND HOUSING RELATED POLICIES THAT WERE COUNTER TO WHAT THE ADOPT A POLICY OF THE CITY COUNCIL WAS AND OR CITY CODE SO WE WERE TRYING TO BE ENGAGED, UPFRONT TO SAY HOW DO WE LEND THIS SO IT IS

IMPLEMENTABLE, THAT WE CAN HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNCIL IN REAL TIME AS COUNCILOR KASHINSKY SHARED, IT IS A COMPRESSED SCHEDULE SO WE SPENT TIME BUILDING UP THOSE RELATIONSHIPS . SO THAT WE COULD LAND IN A POSITION THAT WAS ALIGNED WITH THE COUNCIL DIRECTION, CITY CODE AND WAS NOT NECESSARILY COUNTER TO WHAT ONE OF OUR LOCAL LEGISLATORS WHO IS NOW SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE HAD INTEREST IN SEEING TO MOVE THE COMMUNITY FORWARD. IT TAKES A LOT AND I GIVE THAT EXAMPLE BECAUSE IT IS MULTI YEAR.

THERE IS REALLY NEVER A STARTING POINT BECAUSE IT IS CONSTANT, EVERY YEAR THERE IS SOMETHING COMING UP.

RELATED TO THE TIMING OF THE SCHEDULE THE BEST TIME FOR US, I AM SWITCHING NOW IN TERMS OF RIGHT NOW SO IN THE SPRING AS WE LEAD TO THE LONG SESSION THERE ARE STATUTORY DEADLINES FOR GETTING CONCEPTS TO LEGISLATURE INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO HAVE THOSE TURNED AROUND, WE ARE MONITORING THOSE.

THERE IS AN ADOPT A PROCESS WITHIN THE COUNCIL OPERATING AGREEMENT RELATED TO IF A COUNCILOR HAS A SPECIFIC ITEM OR WANTS TO PUT FORWARD, HOW TO MOVE THAT AND IF THE COUNCIL WANTS US TO TAKE A POSITION ON LEGISLATION, THERE IS PROCESS OUTLINED IN THE COUNCIL OPERATING AGREEMENT SO WE FOLLOW THOSE.

WITH THE RECOGNITION, THE CITY STAFF HAS BEEN BRINGING FORWARD REGULARLY THROUGHOUT THAT CALENDAR PROCESS. IF THERE ARE ITEMS, BRING THEM TO US AND WE WILL WORK ON THEM BECAUSE IT TAKES TIME TO SAY MOVE FROM ONE COUNCILOR'S INTEREST TO BE A POSITION ON THE COUNCIL TO BE ABLE TO GET A LEGISLATOR TO SAY YES, THAT IS A PRIORITY FOR US.

THE PAST COUPLE YEARS THREATS TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS HAS BEEN THE PROCESS AND THE COUNCIL GAVE US DIRECTION AND WE STARTED WORKING ON THAT AND WE MET WITH THE SENATOR AND HE TOOK IT UP AND SAID YES, I WILL SUPPORT THAT AND WE HAD LEGISLATIVE VEHICLE TO ADVANCE THAT COUNCIL PRIORITY BUT IT TOOK, IT TAKES QUITE A WHILE.

EUGENE AIRPORT HAS BEEN SOMETHING, STAFF, COUNSEL, DIRECT DISCUSSIONS AND WE ARE -- ON PACE TO PREP FOR THE 2027 SESSION AS INCREASED TO THE EVENT YESTERDAY WHERE WE HAVE A LOT OF MOMENTUM ACROSS ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS IDENTIFIED IN THE GRAPHIC ON THE SCREEN.

WE ARE MOVING IN DIRECTION BUT ALSO WANTING TO MAKE SURE THIS BODY IS ABLE TO FEEL AS IF THEY ARE GIVING, YOU ARE STEERING THE SHIP.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, I WILL SAY AS WE HEAD INTO ROUND TWO, AS TRENT 16 AND COUNCILOR KEATING, IT IS A PLEASURE TO ADVOCATE FOR THE CITY OF EUGENE AND SALEM AND OUR CONVERSATIONS, WE HAVE FANTASTIC PARTNERS IN OUR LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND BEYOND.

WE HAVE A CHANCE TO CONNECT AND I THINK WE DO GOOD WORK SO THANK YOU FOR THAT EFFORT.

AND CONNECTING US INTO THAT WORK.

COUNCILOR KASHINSKY, COUNCILOR KEATING AND THEN WE WILL LIKELY MOVE TO THE NEXT ITEM.

>> KASHINSKY: THANK YOU, IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT PRIORITIES, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS FOR A LOT OF THE THINGS THAT WOULD BE ON MY LIST OR ARE ON THIS LIST WHERE I FEEL WOULD COME OUT THROUGH STRATEGIC PLANNING.

BUT ONE THING WE WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT IS THERE IS CURRENTLY A CROSS JURISDICTIONAL WORKING GROUP SPECIFICALLY WORKING AT AMBULANCE TRANSPORT SERVICES.

FINANCIAL STABILITY, THAT IS AN AREA THAT HAS BOTH IN EUGENE WITHOUT BEING A DISTRESS FUND, SOME OF THE OTHER DISTRICTS IN THE AREA LIKE I BELIEVE SOME ARE ANNOUNCING NOW LEVEES DIDN'T PASS AND ARE HAVING TO PRODUCE AMBULANCE SERVICE SO I KNOW THAT GROUP IS TRYING TO COME UP WITH SOME VARIOUS METHODOLOGIES THAT CAN HELP ADDRESS THAT PROBLEM.

I KNOW SOME PROBABLY INVOLVE LEGISLATE OF ADVOCACY SO WE NEED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE US TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSION ABOUT AS THAT GROUP,

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THINGS THAT COULD HELP BOTH EUGENE AND EUGENE SPRINGFIELD FIRE AND ALL THE FIRE DISTRICTS.

SPANK THANK YOU, I HAVE IT LISTED AND WILL DIVE DEEPER INTO WHAT IS HAPPENING RELATED TO AMBULANCE TRANSPORT SERVICES, SO THAT IS ADDED IN FOR THE DISCUSSION.

>> KEATING: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

PIGGYBACKING OFF WHAT YOU SAID WE HAVE AN EMBARRASSMENT OF RICHES IN REGARDS TO THE EXPERIENCE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR LEGISLATORS HERE, I AM A LITTLE BIASED.

THEY ARE PRETTY GREAT.

I WOULD ADD TO THE CONVERSATION WE HAD EARLIER.

INCENTIVES FOR BUILDING UP AND NOT OUT, PROTECTING COMMUNITIES, URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARIES, THERE IS A DEARTH OF THOSE INCENTIVES FOR COMMERCIAL ON THE BOTTOM AND RESIDENTIAL ON THE WAY UP.

IF THERE ARE STATEWIDE FIXES TO THAT, THAT WOULD BE GREAT TO SEE THE CITY OF EUGENE LEIN IN.

IN ADDITION, SUPPORTING INCREASED INVESTMENT TO ANIMAL SERVICES BROADLY STATEWIDE AND LOCALLY.

INCREASE SUPPORT FOR A DIVERSE ARRAY OF REVENUE OPTIONS.

THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING I WOULD LONG FOR AND APPLAUD AND CHAMPION.

ON THE STATE PRIORITIES YOU HAVE SHARED WITH US, SUPPORT STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX REFORM.

HOW REALISTIC IS THAT?

NOT TO GET TOO GRANULAR BUT CHANGING ASSESSED VALUE VERSUS ACTUAL VALUE AND RECOGNIZING WHATEVER REFORM IS REALIZED IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE CHALLENGED AT THE BALLOT BOX.

HOW REALISTIC IS IT TAKING A BITE AT THE APPLE OR TAKING A SWING AT THE BALL IN THIS SESSION?

>> RELATED TO THE LAST QUESTION.

I TOOK DOWN THE ITEMS YOU SHARED AND INCORPORATE THOSE INTO THE CONVERSATION.

BACK WITH IGR. I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU HEARD THAT.

RELATED TO THE PROPERTY TAX, I THINK IT IS GOING TO BE DIFFICULT TO HAVE A DISCUSSION, A DEEP, MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION AT THE LEGISLATURE RELATED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PROPERTY TAXES, THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE SHOULDN'T TRY AND THAT WE WON'T GET AN INTERESTED EAR AND PROBABLY SOME WORK SESSIONS WHERE THE CONVERSATION CAN BE BROUGHT ON UP AND HAVE THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

AND THE NEED FOR THAT. RELATED TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT THAT IS FOCUSED IN ON, AS YOU SAID PREVIOUSLY, TRANSPORTATION, TRANSPORTATION FUNDING, TO FUND ALL THE SERVICES THOSE REVENUE SOURCES PROVIDE, ADDITIONALLY THE STATE IS GOING TO BE NAVIGATING THE IMPACTS OF THE FEDERAL HR ONE IN REGARDS TO HEALTHCARE AND MEDICAID, MEDICARE SERVICES AND REDUCTION OF THOSE FEDERAL FUNDS TO THE STATE THAT WILL IMPACT SERVICES TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS ACROSS THE STATE.

THEY WILL ALSO NAVIGATE EDUCATION, FUNDING REFORM, THESE CORE ELEMENTS WITH THE STATE AND ANTI-ELEMENT RELATED TO THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM ITSELF, THE STATE HAS A LOT OF JURISDICTION OVER THAT. THOSE TEND TO BE WHERE A LOT OF THE FOCAL TIME AND EFFORT IS IN TERMS OF WHAT IS IN THE STATE, WHAT THEY HAVE TO WORK ON AND THERE WILL BE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SAYING WE NEED TO TAKE ON A DISCUSSION ON PROPERTY TAXES AND HOW DO WE DO THAT?

WE HAVE HAD THOSE CONVERSATIONS IN THE PAST AND WE WORKING ON REVENUE REFORM, WORKGROUP, CITY MANAGER, I THINK THERE IS A SEAT FOR JENNY TO BE ON THE CITY MANAGER TO BE ON THAT.

HELPING STATEWIDE, REPRESENTATIVE NATHANSON PASSED A BILL IN 2025 THAT WAS A WORKGROUP RELATED TO PROPERTY TAX REFORM AND REVENUE REFORM.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE ABLE TO TAKE BITES AT THE APPLE TO GET A BETTER HANDLE ON WHAT IS POSSIBLE, WITH THE RECOGNITION THERE IS LIKELY NOT A RIPENESS TO THE CONVERSATION AT THE STATE LEVEL FOR THIS NEXT BUDGET BUT WE NEED TO CONTINUE BECAUSE IT IS ONE OF THOSE LONG-TERM CONVERSATIONS THAT A LOT OF STAKEHOLDERS NEED TO BE EDUCATED AND ENGAGED IN.

AND POTENTIAL PATHWAYS COME FORWARD

>> KEATING: I'M GOING TO ANSWER MY OWN QUESTION. THERE ARE SMALLER BITES OF THE APPLE WE CAN GET UP.

YOU MENTIONED HEALTHCARE, HEALTH PLAN GOVERNANCE BOARD, THE OREGON GOVERNANCE BOARD WILL MAKE THE RECOMMENDATION THIS FALL TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR 2027 IMPLEMENTATION OF UNIVERSAL HEALTH PLANS, THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH PLAN GOVERNANCE BOARD, WHATEVER THE ACRONYM IS.

MAY I REQUEST BECAUSE HE MENTIONED HEALTHCARE REMAIN THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO SEE IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT MAKES SENSE FOR OUR CITY TO COME BEHIND. AND FINALLY, WEARING MY HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION HAT, ALONGSIDE THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, THE STATE HAS INVESTED \$14 MILLION IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STABILIZATION, IT MIGHT BE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER.

THAT IS GOING TO BE A GAME CHANGER FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND I SUSPECT THERE WILL BE INCREASED INVESTMENTS THAT ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED.

WE ARE TALKING ABOUT AN ALTERNATIVE TO JAIL OR EMERGENCY ROOM FOR FOLKS WHO ARE HAVING AN ACUTE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS THAT CAN GO AND BE STABILIZED AND GET ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR UP TO 10 DAYS.

CAN YOU TALK ABOUT INVESTMENTS IN THAT SPACE AND HOW PRIORITIES WOULD LOOK FROM THE COUNCIL PERSPECTIVE?

>> RELATED TO THE LANE COUNTY STABILIZATION CRISIS CENTER, I JUST REFER THAT OUR PRIORITIES INCLUDE ONE RELATED TO SUPPORTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, STATE FUNDS, FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY FACILITIES SO IN THE STABILIZATION CENTER IT TENDS TO BE THE ITEM WE WILL SUPPORT SO LAST YEAR WE SUPPORTED IT AND I HAVE ROUTINE CONVERSATIONS WITH MY COUNTERPARTS TO SAY WHAT IS GOING TO BE THE ASK, WHAT IS THE NEED THIS YEAR?

IS PARTIALLY SO WE CAN COORDINATE IF WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR FUNDING FROM THE SAME POT OF MONEY.

OR WE WOULD BE IN COMPETITION BUT WE CAN ALSO PROVIDE ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO SECURE THE REQUIRED FUNDING TO MOVE THAT ASSET FORWARD.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, ETHAN.

THANK YOU, STAFF, FOR THE PRESENTATION TODAY AND UPDATE ON THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE MORE DISCUSSION ABOUT LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND OUR PROCESS. MY CLOSING OBSERVATION WILL BE THAT I THINK THERE COULD BE OPPORTUNITIES TO THINK ABOUT BEFORE SESSION, AFTER SESSION, CONNECTION POINTS BETWEEN THE BODY AND LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION THAT DELEGATION OF PARTNERS AND LEADERS COULD BE A BENEFIT TO OUR COMMUNITY TO THINK ABOUT HOW TO CREATE MORE OF THOSE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION AND DISCUSSION OF WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AND WHERE WE ARE THINKING ABOUT HEADING IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

WITHOUT APPRECIATION AND I CLOSE THE JULY 8TH, 2026 CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND CALL THE JULY 8TH, 2026, URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MEETING TO ORDER.

THANK YOU, STAFF AND I WILL TURN THE AGENDA TO AGENCY DIRECTOR TO INTRODUCE OUR SECOND TOPIC, A WORK SESSION UPDATE ON URBAN RENEWAL AT THE RIVERFRONT.

>> STAFF WILL PROVIDE THREE RIVERFRONT URBAN RENEWAL UPDATES AND THE AGENCY BOARD IS GOING TO CONSIDER

ACTIONS TO MOVE TWO PROJECTS FORWARD, THE TWO PROJECTS ARE PARCEL FOUR, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, 29 UNITS AND THE OTHER IS RIVERFRONT CONNECTIONS THAT FOCUS ON THE CONNECTION BETWEEN FIFTH STREET AND CITY HALL PARKING.

WITH THAT I WILL TURN IT TO STAFF.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR AND AGENCY BOARD. I AM AMANDA DESOUSA IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION.

WE ARE HERE TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE ON THE RIVERFRONT URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT.

WHEN WE LAST SPOKE IN FEBRUARY, WE HIGHLIGHTED THE NEXT BATCH OF PROJECTS YOU WOULD BE CONSIDERING FOCUSED ON CONNECTING MANY OF THE EXCITING DEVELOPMENT WE HAVE SEEN COME TO FRUITION OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS.

INCLUDING COMPLETION OF THE PARK AND PLAZA AND FIRST RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND RELOCATION OF CITY HALL INTO THE BUILDING WE ARE IN NOW. WE HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS INTERSECTION AT FIFTH AND FERRY IS A KEY OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT THESE COMPONENTS AND INTRODUCE THE PROJECTS THAT AIM TO MOTIVATE THAT. YOU WILL HEAR UPDATES ON THOSE PROJECTS.

FIRST, YOU WILL HEAR AN UPDATE ON THE PARCEL EIGHT FOOD HALL, YOU WILL CONSIDER ACTION ON THAT PROJECT ON A FUTURE WORK SESSION.

YOU WILL HEAR UPDATES AND CONSIDER ACTIONS ON TWO OTHER PROJECTS.

THE FIRST IS PARCEL FOUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE SECOND IS A PROJECT THAT WE INTRODUCED IN FEBRUARY AND HAVE TITLED RIVERFRONT CONNECTIONS.

WE WILL START WITH PARCEL EIGHT LOCATED SOUTH OF CITY HALL AND ADJACENT TO THE RIVERFRONT PARK PLAZA.

AS YOU KNOW THE COMMUNITY HAS LONG DESIRED A PLACE TO EAT AND DRINK WHILE LOOKING ONTO THE RIVER.

THE DOWNTOWN RIVERFRONT, PARCEL EIGHT IS DESIGNATED FOR THOSE USES.

IN FEBRUARY WE SHARED THEY BEGAN WORKING WITH LOCAL RESTAURANT TOUR COLBY PHILLIPS TO BRING THIS TO REALITY.

IF YOU DON'T KNOW MR. PHILLIPS YOU MIGHT BE FAMILIAR WITH HIS WORK.

IS KNOWN FOR THE BEER GARDEN AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

IN MAY THE AGENCY ENTERED INTO A NONBINDING AGREEMENT WITH -- TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE FOOD HALL CONCEPT. SOMETHING THAT WOULD COMBINE A VARIETY OF VENDORS AND FOODS INTO A SINGLE GATHERING PLACE.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT WE ARE EXPLORING INTEL'S URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY DEVELOPING AND CONSTRUCTING THE BUILDING AND LEASING TO OPERATE THE FOOD HALL. RIGHT NOW, WE ARE WORKING WITH FIRMS TO REFINE THE CONCEPT INCLUDING DEVELOPING MORE DETAILED DESIGNS, COST ESTIMATES AND OPERATING MODEL AND WITH THE OWNERSHIP AND STRUCTURE, LATER THIS FALL WE WILL BRING THE PROJECT TO YOU WHICH IS WHEN YOU WILL CONSIDER THE FUNDING ALLOCATION AGREEMENT STRUCTURE AT ANY TIME OUR DEADLINES FOR THE PROJECT.

WE KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS FOR THE DOWNTOWN RIVERFRONT AND AS A GATHERING PLACE FOR THE COMMUNITY.

WE HOPE TO BRING A PROJECT THAT IS FEASIBLE AND REFLECTS THE COMMUNITY DESIRES.

THE NEXT PROJECT I WILL TOUCH ON IS THE PARCEL FOUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT.

IS SOUTHWEST OF CITY HALL AND CURRENTLY A TEMPORARY GRAVEL PARKING LOT.

THE INITIAL INTENTION FOR THE PARCEL WAS A MARKET RATE HOUSING PROJECT.

THE CURRENT FINANCIAL LANDSCAPE CONTINUES TO BE CHALLENGING.

IN FEBRUARY WE LET YOU KNOW IN ORDER TO CONTINUE BUILDOUT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD THEY PIVOTED THE PLANS TO PURSUE A SECOND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HOMES FOR GOOD ON THIS SITE.

IN FEBRUARY THE AGENCY BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL APPROVED A PROPERTIES POP IN WHICH THE AGENCY WILL PURCHASE BACK PARCEL FIVE AND CARVE OFF PARCEL 4 A IN ORDER TO SQUARE OFF THE PROPERTY AND MAKE IT DEVELOPABLE, THE WALK DASHES THE SWAP IS IN THE WORKS BUT THE APPROVAL MEANT THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM HAVE THE ASSURANCE THEY NEEDED TO START PREDEVELOPMENT ON THE PROJECT.

TODAY YOU ARE ASKED TO CONSIDER ACTION ON TWO DECISIONS NEEDED FOR THE PARCEL FOR THE PROJECT TO MOVE FORWARD.

THE FIRST IS A REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP MAKE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT AND THE SECOND IS A CHANGE OF USE ON AN ADJACENT PROJECT.

I WILL START WITH THE PROJECT BASICS.

IT WILL BE STRUCTURED SIMILARLY TO THE PARCEL TWO AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT.

IT IS A SMALLER PARCEL SO THE PROJECT IS SMALLER, IT WOULD HAVE 29 UNITS IN A FOUR STORY BUILDING AND THEY WOULD BE AFFORDABLE TO HOUSEHOLDS EARNING 60% OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME OR LESS. THIS IS AN EARLY RENDERING OF WHAT THE PROJECT WILL LOOK LIKE. THIS IS LOOKING NORTHWEST FROM THE CORNER OF FIFTH AND FERRY.

THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM ESTIMATES THE TOTAL PROJECT COST IS UNDER \$17 MILLION.

THE MAJORITY OF THE FUNDING WOULD COME FROM THE STATE LIFT FUNDS AND LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS.

THEY WOULD GET A PRIVATE LOAN AND ERD, MAKING A CONTRIBUTION RELATED TO THE PARKING LOT WHICH I WILL TALK MORE ABOUT IN A BIT.

TODAY THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM IS ASKING FOR \$3.11 MILLION OF RIVERFRONT URBAN RENEWAL FUNDS. THIS WOULD BE ABOUT \$107,000 PER UNIT, AGENCY CONTRIBUTION FOR THE PARCEL TWO

PROJECT IS \$100,000 PER UNIT AND THE LAND IS PROVIDED AT NO COST AND THAT WILL HAVE 75 UNITS.

THIS ASK IS A FIRST ACTION YOU WILL CONSIDER FOR PARCEL FOUR TODAY.

THE NEXT PROPOSED ACTION IS ABOUT A PROPERTY CALLED THE VIADUCT OPEN SPACE LOCATED WEST OF PERSONAL FOUR.

TWO-THIRDS OF THE VIADUCT OPEN SPACE IS A TEMPORARY GRAVEL LOT, THE WESTERN THIRD IS EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE.

OUR AGREEMENT STATES THEY WOULD PAY FOR CONSTRUCT AND MANAGE, OPEN SPACE ON THE PROPERTY.

UP UNTIL RECENTLY THE PLAN WAS THIS WOULD BE DEVELOPED AS A PRIVATELY OWNED AND PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE RECREATION AREA.

AS THE NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOP PROGRESSED IN THE LANDSCAPE CHANGED, THEY CHANGED THEIR PLANS, THE ORIGINAL PLANS ASSUMED IT WOULD HAVE TUCK UNDER PARKING, THIS SHIFT TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING MEANS THERE IS A DESIRE TO MAXIMIZE THE DENSITY WHICH MEANS USING THE WHOLE SITE FOR THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING AND THERE IS A LARGER PARKING LOT.

THEY WOULD LIKE TO USE THE UNDEVELOPED PART OF THE VIADUCT TO SUPPORT THE PARCEL FOUR, THEY ARE SUPPORTIVE OF THE CHANGE AND GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE VIADUCT OPEN SPACE THERE ARE LIMITED OPEN-SPACE AMENITIES THAT WOULD MAKE SENSE FOR THE SITE ESPECIALLY WITH THE PARKING PLAZA STEPS AWAY.

ACCOMMODATING THE PARTIAL NEEDS RELIEVES SOME OF THE PRESSURE AND IS ANTICIPATED ON THE DOWNTOWN RIVERFRONT.

TO ALLOW THIS TO BE USED AS PARKING THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO APPROVE THE CHANGE OF USE. IF APPROVED THE TEAM WOULD BUILD A PERMANENT PARKING LOT THAT SERVES RESIDENTS, THE STORM WATER INFRASTRUCTURE WOULD REMAIN IN THE LOT WOULD BE BUILT TO CODE AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE RIVERFRONT IS GUIDELINES.

I WILL SUMMARIZE THE DECISION POINT THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING TODAY.

FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, YOU ARE CONSIDERING WHETHER THE AGENCY SHOULD ALLOCATE UP TO \$3.11 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT.

OR CHOOSE TO ALLOCATE ANOTHER AMOUNT OR NOT ALLOCATE FUNDING AT THIS TIME.

FOR THE OPEN SPACE YOUR OPTIONS ARE TO APPROVE THE CHANGE OF USE TO ACCOMMODATE PARKING ON THE PROPERTY OR NOT APPROVE THE CHANGE AT THIS TIME.

LAST MONTH THE RIVER GUIDES, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE RIVERFRONT URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT CONSIDERED THESE REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF FUNDS AND CHANGE OF USE.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON.

ON THE SCREEN I HAVE A PHOTO OF ONE OF THE EVENTS THAT ACTIVATED OUR RIVERFRONT PARK LAST YEAR.

ON THE RIGHT THERE IS A SNAPSHOT THE PEOPLE FOUND TO ACCESS PUBLIC PARKING THAT SERVES THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

IN FEBRUARY WE TALKED ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY, THE CONNECTION BETWEEN FIFTH AVENUE IN THE CITY PARKING LOT.

THE GENERATOR THAT BLOCKS ACCESS AND OTHER CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES BETWEEN CITY HALL AND THE REST OF THE RIVERFRONT.

WE HAVE BEGUN LOOKING AT THIS AS A SINGLE PROJECT, SIMPLY CALLED RIVERFRONT CONNECTIONS THAT AIMS TO DO PRECISELY THAT.

FROM THE FEBRUARY WORK SESSION YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THIS PHOTO OF THE RIVERFRONT WITH THE GENERATORS CIRCLED AND SITTING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

BETWEEN PARK, CITY HALL, PROPOSED AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PARKING LOT AND RESTAURANT SITE.

THE ARROW THAT SHOWS THE PATH OF TRAVEL THAT IS FRUSTRATED BY THE EQUIPMENT AND CONCRETE ENCLOSURE.

THESE OTHER IMAGES SHOW HOW THE GENERATOR IS PLACED TO PLUG UP THE CONNECTION LIKE A CORK IN A BOTTLE.

SINCE FEBRUARY STAFF HAS BEEN WORKING WITH WALKER MESA, THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE FIRM THAT DESIGNED THE PARK.

ON THE FEASIBILITY OF MOVING THE GENERATOR AND STITCHING TOGETHER THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

WORKING WITH ENGINEERING PARTNERS THEY REVIEWED OPTIONS FOR MOVING IT TO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS ON THE PROPERTY.

AND RECOMMENDED A MOVE IS IN FACT BEST AND YOU CAN SEE THE PROPOSAL TO MOVE IT LIKE THIS, SOMETHING MOVING IT TO THE EAST.

'S MAINTAINS OPERATIONAL NEED FOR CITY HALL, THE BACKUP GENERATOR TO SERVE CITY HALL AND THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE CONSIDERING THE UTILITY LINES RUNNING THROUGH THE SITE.

AND ACCOMPLISHES THE INTENT OF OPENING UP THE CONNECTION.

WE THINK THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PHASE THIS WORK.

MOVING THE GENERATOR AND OPENING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE PARKING LOT AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP TO MAKE POSSIBLE THE DEVELOPMENT OF PARCEL EIGHT OF A FOOD AND BEVERAGE SITE AND PARCEL FOUR AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

CONNECTED IS OPTIMIZING THE PARKING LOT TO ACCOMMODATE THE GENERATOR WITHOUT LOSING THE PARKING CAPACITY NEEDED FOR BUILDING OPERATIONS AND A CHANCE TO INCORPORATE THE PARCEL FIVE INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN.

ALL OF THAT MAKES SENSE AS A FIRST PHASE.

BEYOND THAT THE WORK TO BETTER CONNECT THE CITY HALL TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND IMPROVE THE PARKING LOT FLOW AND CONFIGURATION FOR USE COULD BE A LATER PHASE OR PHASELESS.

WE ESTIMATE THIS MIGHT COST AROUND \$2 MILLION BUT THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT UNKNOWNNS ABOUT THE PROJECT.

BECAUSE OF THIS UNCERTAINTY, THE PROPOSAL FOR YOU TO CONSIDER IS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS PROJECT, YOU COULD APPROVE FUNDING FOR DESIGN WORK AND COST ESTIMATING FOR THIS INITIAL PHASE.

WE WOULD PUT TOGETHER THE TEAM AND TAKE THE DESIGN THROUGH SCHEMATIC AND DESIGN DEVELOPMENT COMING BACK WITH A BETTER COST ESTIMATE BEFORE STARTING IN ON THE PERMITTING DOCUMENTS OR THE BID SET.

YOU COULD MAKE AN INFORMED, FINAL DECISION ABOUT GOING FORWARD WITH THE CAPITAL PROJECT OR NOT.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE RIVERFRONT CONNECTIONS PROJECT TO MOVE FORWARD, THE BOARD IS ASKED TO MAKE A DECISION ABOUT ALLOCATING UP TO \$500,000 OF URBAN RENEWAL TO CONTINUE REFINEMENT.

YOU COULD CHOOSE TO CHOOSE TO NOT MOVE FORWARD AT THIS TIME.

>> I WILL FINISH UP WITH MORE CONTEXT WITH HOW THESE FIT INTO THE DISTRICT.

AS YOU RECALL THE AMENDMENT TO THE RIVERFRONT URBAN RENEWAL FUND, THIS TABLE SHOWS THE ESTIMATED ALLOCATION FOR EACH OF THE CATEGORIES OF ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES AND HOW MUCH HAS BEEN SPENT OR ALLOCATED, YOU WILL NOTE SOME SPENDING AND ALLOCATION HAS OCCURRED SINCE THE AMENDMENT PRIMARILY IN THE EXISTING ACTIVITIES CATEGORY WHICH CAME IN HIGHER-THAN-EXPECTED BECAUSE OF THE INVESTMENT AGENCY BOARD MADE IN THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT.

AS WE DISCUSSED, ANY OF THE FUNDS COULD BE SPENT IN ANY OF THESE CATEGORIES. THE 2024 ESTIMATES WERE ONLY FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

CURRENTLY WE ESTIMATE \$44.624 MILLION IS AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION.

THIS IS BASED ON ACTUAL SPENDING AND ALLOCATIONS AND ESTIMATED FUTURE COMMITMENTS.

IF THE FUNDING IS APPROVED AND THE ESTIMATED \$41.03 MILLION WILL REMAIN FOR FUTURE DISTRICT IS.

I WILL END WITH THE SIDE THAT SHOWS THE ACTIONS YOU ARE CONSIDERING TODAY AND RECAPS THE RIVER GUIDE RECOMMENDATIONS.

WITH THAT WE ARE HAPPY TO GIVE IT BACK TO YOU AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, STAFF. I WILL OPEN TO COUNCIL DISCUSSION. QUESTIONS?

COUNCILOR KASHINSKY AND COUNCILOR KEATING.

>> KASHINSKY: THANK YOU AND THANK YOU FOR THE WORK ON THE PRESENTATION AND YOU ANSWERED HAVE MY QUESTIONS WITHOUT ME HAVING TO ASK THEM SO THINKING FOR THAT.

I AM EXCITED ABOUT BOTH OF THESE PROJECTS.

I THINK HAVING MORE HOUSING AND MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS A HIGH PRIORITY FOR US AND I HAVE HAD MULTIPLE PEOPLE BE LIKE HOW DO I GET TO THIS RIVERFRONT PARK THAT IS SO AMAZING?

IMPROVING THAT CONNECTION I THINK IS GOING TO BE VERY VALUABLE.

TALKING SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE REQUEST FOR THE PARKING AND CHANGING, HOW MANY PARKING SPACES ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

JUST BALLPARK?

>> THE DRAWINGS SHOW ABOUT 20 AND INVOLVES SOME TANDEM PARKING, THAT WILL GET MORE REFINED AS THE PROCESS GOES ON BUT PROBABLY 20-25.

>> KASHINSKY: IT WAS PREVIOUSLY SET UP AS OPEN SPACE OR DESIGNATED FOR OPEN SPACE AND YOU TALKED ABOUT OPEN SPACE UNDER A HIGHWAY TYPE VIADUCT BEING NOT THE MOST IDEAL OPEN SPACE.

WHEN IT WAS PUT IN THOSE DRAWINGS AS OPEN SPACE WAS THERE ANY -- THIS IS THE THING WE WANT TO HAVE THEIR OR WAS IT MORE SORT OF VAGUE?

>> VARIOUS IDEAS HAVE BEEN FLOATED AROUND. MOSTLY WHAT IT WAS IS THERE IS THIS VIADUCT THAT RUNS THROUGH THE SITE AND RUNS THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD WE ARE TRYING TO BUILD THROUGH THE CONNECTION WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE SO WHAT ARE WAYS TO MITIGATE THE LESS THAN IDEAL URBAN CONDITION.

SO PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT BASKETBALL COURTS, SKATE PARKS AND THEY USUALLY SHOW THE PICTURES OF THE ONES THAT HAPPEN TO BE IN EUGENE OF A GOOD WAY TO MAKE USE OF A SPACE THAT IS SERVING SOMETHING ELSE.

THINGS LIKE THAT HAVE COME UP BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY IT IS MOSTLY ABOUT MITIGATING THE IMPACTS OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE.

>> KASHINSKY: SO IT WASN'T LIKE SOMEONE HAD THEIR HEART SET ON A SCULPTURE GARDEN OR SOMETHING?

OKAY, THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: SOME HEARTS SET ON A SCULPTURE GARDEN. MANY HEARTS.

>> KEATING: I APPRECIATE WHILE THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE INVESTMENTS, I REMAIN CONSISTENT IN MY ADVOCACY FOR MIXED USE, AFFORDABLE AND MARKET RATE IN THE SAME BUILDING. SO WE DON'T HAVE THESE SEGMENTED, UNAFFORDABLE HOUSING VERSUS AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

OR VIBRANT, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, ALL LAYERS OF THE ECONOMIC MAP FOR FOLKS TO BE LIVING TOGETHER.

IT IS ME EDITORIALIZING. YOU MENTIONED THE SPACE, THE AFOREMENTIONED PIECE, THE VIADUCT, IS THAT THE PIECE YOU SAID WAS PRIVATELY OWNED OR WAS GOING TO BE PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE OPEN SPACE OR THAT ADJACENT, CURRENT GREEN SPACE RIGHT NOW THAT I MIGHT BE GETTING MY PARCELS CONFUSED BUT IS IT THE PIECE YOU ALLUDED TO THAT SAID PRIVATELY OWNED OR INTENDED TO BE PRIVATELY OWNED AND PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE OPEN SPACE WITH UNDERGROUND PARKING, IS THAT THE VIADUCT?

>> THERE WAS NO UNDERGROUND PARKING. THIS IS THE PARCEL, A GRAVEL LOT NEXT TO THE STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE THAT HAS THE BIG NEIGHBORHOOD SIGN ADVERTISING IT.

IT IS THE SITE WITH A GRAVEL LOT, NO GREEN SPACE AT THE MOMENT.

>> KEATING: NOTED, HELPFUL. WHERE DID I GET THE UNDERGROUND PARKING?

>> I MENTIONED THE ORIGINAL PLANS AND NOW WE ARE PIVOTING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THERE WERE ORIGINAL PLANS FOR TALK UNDER PARKING.

YOU WOULD PARK UNDERNEATH THE RESIDENTIAL USES.

>> KEATING: I WOULD BE FAR MORE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT UNDERGROUND PARKING.

WHY WAS THE AGENCY TOLD SOMETHING AT ONE POINT ABOUT UNDERGROUND PARKING AND NOW SHIFTED TO BE?

>> TALK UNDER IS NOT UNDERGROUND, IT IS GROUND-LEVEL PARKING UNDERNEATH, THE FIRST FLOOR WOULD HAVE AN ENTRANCEWAY AND PARKING IN THE UPPER FLOORS WOULD HAVE RESIDENTIAL PARKING.

>> KEATING: THAT IS ON THE TABLE TODAY?

>> THAT WAS ORIGINAL PLANS, THAT TAKES UP A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF SPACE SO THEY ARE SHIFTING TOWARDS THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING TAKING UP THE ENTIRE SITE WITH NO PARKING SO THEY CAN MAXIMIZE UNITS AROUND THE SITE AND ACCOMMODATE USING THE SPACE UNDERNEATH THE VIADUCT TO PROVIDE PARKING.

>> KEATING: UNDERSTOOD. I HAVE SOME ISSUES WITH THAT. I HAVE A LARGER ISSUE WITH THE HALF-MILLION DOLLAR REQUEST THAT WOULD ESSENTIALLY MOVE, THIS IS MY INTERPRETATION. CORRECT ME IF I AM WRONG. RELOCATE AN EXISTING GENERATOR THAT IS FUNCTIONING, 10-15 YARDS TO GET A FLOW FROM THE SOUTH OF THE NORTH SIDE OF CITY HALL IN WHICH THE EXISTING PARKING LOT, PARKING SPACES ARE MEANT FOR TRAFFIC TO COME SOUTHBOUND.

IS A HALF-MILLION DOLLAR REQUEST REALLY THE TOP PRIORITY RIGHT THERE WHEN I HAVE BEEN ON THAT SPACE, I HAVE SEEN THE FLOW COME FROM FIFTH STREET INTO THAT AREA FOR THE WORLD ATHLETIC EVENTS, THE RIBBON-CUTTING, NATURALLY HAVING MY DOG DOWN HERE.

I LIKE THE FLOW, I LIKE THERE IS NOT A LOT OF TRAFFIC FLOWING THROUGH THAT AREA AND WOULD BE FLOWING RIGHT BY CITY HALL.

SO ME ON THIS PLEASE BECAUSE IF THIS WERE TO HAPPEN RIGHT NOW, I WOULD BE A LOUD NO.

>> THE PROPOSAL IS A HALF-MILLION DOLLARS, I THINK THAT IS A NUMBER THAT PROVIDES SOME SPACE WITHIN IT.

I THINK BASED ON AN ACTUAL ESTIMATE BUT MORE THAN ENOUGH NEEDED TO DO DESIGN WORK AND THEN ESTIMATING WORK.

IT DOESN'T ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH THE MOVEMENT OF THE GENERATOR. IT IS AN IMPORTANT CLARIFICATION.

THE IDEA WOULD BE FOR APPROXIMATELY \$2 MILLION, THIS IS ESTIMATE BASED ON OTHER THINGS AND THE GOAL TO GET YOU A

BETTER ESTIMATE SO WE CAN TALK ABOUT REAL NUMBERS SO YOU CAN MAKE A MORE INFORMED DECISION.

THE IDEA OF MOVING THE GENERATOR IS TO CREATE A CLEAR CONNECTION BETWEEN TWO MAJOR AMENITIES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. ONE OF WHICH IS A LARGE EMPLOYER, THIS BUILDING, CITY HALL AND A CIVIC BUILDING, BOTH OF THOSE THINGS.

AND ALSO A LARGE PARKING LOT.

AND TO CONNECT THOSE INTO THE FABRIC OF THE REST OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THE PARK, THE PLAZA, THE RESTAURANT SITE PARTICULARLY.

IT IS TO CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE COMING FROM AROUND THE COMMUNITY OR THE REGION TO COME TO THE PARK AND PLAZA FOR EVENTS, RECREATION, COMING TO THE RESTAURANT SITE TO BE ABLE TO EASILY FIND PARKING WITHOUT THE NEED TO RE-CREATE MORE PARKING SPECIFICALLY FOR THOSE USES.

ONE OF THE GOALS WITH NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING IS TO USE THE ASSETS YOU HAVE FOR AS MANY DIFFERENT USES AS YOU CAN. WE HAVE THIS REALLY GREAT PARKING LOT AT CITY HALL, THERE IS A GREAT TIME OF USE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE NEEDS OF THE OFFICE BUILDING AND THE NEEDS OF THE NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS FOR THE PARK AND THE RESTAURANT, THE PRIME USE TIMES, SO BY CREATING A BETTER CONNECTION BETWEEN THOSE, THE RESTAURANT CAN BE CONFIDENT THEY HAVE THE EASILY ACCESSIBLE AND IDENTIFIABLE PARKING TO SERVE THE CUSTOMER BASE WITHOUT HAVING TO BUILD THEIR OWN.

THAT CLARITY, THE OPPORTUNITY IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF MAKING THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD WORK BETTER AND MAKE IT SO -- I AM SURE ALL OF US HAVE THIS EXPERIENCE OF PLACES WHERE YOU SAY I WOULD LOVE TO GO BUT IT IS SO HARD AND SOMEONE SAYS IT'S EASY AND YOU SAY I HAVE BEEN THERE, IT IS HARD.

THAT MENTAL FRICTION THAT HAPPENS WHEN THE LEGIBILITY IS NOT THERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS THE KIND OF THINGS THAT DETERS PEOPLE AND WE HAVE A GREAT ASSET. THIS PARK AND THIS WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD WAS INTENTIONALLY BUILT SO IT

COULD WELCOME THE WHOLE COMMUNITY SO THIS IS ONE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES I WISH I COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND MOVE THAT GENERATOR WHEN THEY DID IT BUT THE FACT IS IT IS RIGHT THERE AND RIGHT AT THE CONNECTION POINT.

THAT IS THE PROPOSAL TO MOVE IT AND MAKE IT BETTER.

>> KEATING: THAT IS HELPFUL.

FIFTH STREET HAS MADE IT EASY.

THERE IS ONLY THREE RESTAURANTS IN THAT FOOD COURT AT FIFTH STREET. I AM NOT SOLD THIS IS THE HIGHEST AND BEST USE OF OUR DOLLARS FOR OUR FOOD COURT WHEN THERE IS A FOOD COURT 1/2 MILE, 1/4 MILE AWAY. THANKS.

>> GROVES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION.

I AM ASSUMING THE PICTURES WE ARE SEEING HERE THAT SHOWS THE CONFIGURATION OF THE GENERATOR, THE ACCESS COULD CHANGE ON THAT.

GREAT, THANKS.

CAN YOU SPEAK TO WHETHER IT IS MORE EXPENSIVE OR THE SAME TO HAVE MIXED INCOME HOUSING IN THE SAME BUILDING. I HAVE HEARD FROM SOME DEVELOPERS IT COSTS MORE BUT WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ON THAT?

>> THE BIGGEST THING I HAVE HEARD IS THAT OPINIONS VARY.

I HAVE ONLY HEARD COMPELLING ARGUMENTS FROM EVERYBODY ON THIS.

ON EVERY SIDE. I THINK THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO POINT OUT THE OBVIOUS BENEFIT OF HAVING PEOPLE AT DIFFERENT INCOMES LIVING TOGETHER IN THE SAME PLACE, REFLECTIVE OF THE WAY THE COMMUNITY WORKS.

OTHER PEOPLE TALK ABOUT THE HIGH-QUALITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS WE HAVE IN EUGENE AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT MAKES THEM HIGH QUALITY IS THE ABILITY THEY HAVE TO TAILOR SERVICES AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO SERVE THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THOSE BUILDINGS AND THEY CAN DO THAT EFFECTIVELY BY HAVING SOME SAMENESS FROM AN

INCOME PERSPECTIVE WITHIN THE PEOPLE WHO ARE CHOOSING TO LIVE THERE.

THOSE KINDS OF THINGS EXIST, THERE IS A SIMPLICITY FROM STATE FUNDING PERSPECTIVE FOR US TO BE ABLE TO FOCUS ON STATE PROGRAMS AND I THINK THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS AT PLAY IN THIS PROJECT.

THERE IS A LOT OF OPINIONS BUT STATE FUNDING SOURCES PUSH A LOT OF THE PROJECTS TOWARDS SERVING SPECIFIC INCOME LEVELS.

>> GROVES: MY QUESTION WAS TO THE COST WHERE WE ARE HAVING A HARD TIME GETTING ANY BUILDINGS DEVELOPED IN EUGENE.

I AM NOT QUESTIONING THE SOCIAL BENEFIT TO THAT.

AS FAR AS UNDERGROUND PARKING GOES, HOW HIGH IS THE WATER TABLE?

WHAT DEPTH DO WE HIT THE WATER TABLE IN THE RIVERFRONT?

>> WE HAVE EXPLORED UNDERGROUND PARKING, THERE IS UNDERGROUND PARKING CURRENTLY. IN ONE OF THE BUILDINGS THAT WAS BUILT, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR IT BUT IT IS SOMETHING THE DEVELOPERS HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION TO.

>> GROVES: IT WOULD BE ONE FLOOR UNDERGROUND AT MOST?

WHAT DOES THAT DO TO CONSTRUCTION, POST AND BEAM STRUCTURE RATHER THAN FOUNDATION OR SLAB?

>> IT JUST MEANS IT IS PART OF THE MIX THEY HAVE TO DO. I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW IT CHANGES THAT.

IT CERTAINLY HAS, ANY TIME YOU TAKE DOWN THAT FAR THERE ARE STRUCTURAL RAMIFICATIONS.

>> GROVES: IT DOES ADD COST. OKAY.

I THINK THAT IS ALL I HAVE FOR NOW. I AM GENERALLY IN FAVOR OF WHAT YOU ARE PROPOSING. I THINK WE NEED TO MOVE AHEAD AND GET CONSTRUCTION GOING WHERE WE CAN.

COST OF MATERIALS, LABOR AND THE COST TO BORROW MONEY IS AFFECTING OUR LACK OF SUCCESS.

OR AT LEAST IMPACTING OUR SUCCESS IN OTHER AREAS OF OUR DOWNTOWN AND THE RIVERFRONT. WHATEVER WE CAN DO TO HELP NULLIFY THAT I THINK IS GOING TO HELP US SEE THE DEVELOPMENT WE ALL LONG FOR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> YEH: THANK YOU.

FIRST OF ALL, I HAVE BEEN EXCITED ABOUT THIS AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPLEX, THE COMPLEX GOT MOVED A FEW TIMES AT LEAST ONCE, IT IS NICE TO HAVE THIS A LITTLE CLOSER TO THE RIVER, THE PARK.

I THINK IT IS A VERY NICE DEVELOPMENT.

IN THESE PLANS AND IT WOULD BE NICE IF THE PARKING WAS UNDER AND WE HAD MORE OPEN SPACE BUT OFTEN TIMES WE ARE LOOKING AT COMPROMISES AND WHAT WE CAN AFFORD VERSUS WHAT IS PERFECT.

THAT IS A COMPROMISE I AM WILLING TO MAKE.

I DID HAVE ONE QUESTION FOLLOWING UP WITH WHAT ELIZA WAS ASKING ABOUT.

ARE THEY CONVERTING THE WHOLE LOT OR JUST MOST OF THE LOT?

>> THEY WILL CONVERT WHAT IS A GRAVEL PARKING LOT. THE INFRASTRUCTURE WILL REMAIN.

>> YEH: WITH THE GENERATOR, I HAVE TO SAY I AM -- I HAVE TO AGREE WITH COUNCILOR KEATING. IT SEEMS LIKE IT MAY BE NICE BUT NOT NECESSARILY ESSENTIAL.

AND EXPENSIVE AND I AM NOT SURE IF IT IS WORTH IT WHEN I THINK ABOUT WE ARE NOT DONE WITH THIS AREA AND I WANT US TO HAVE AS MUCH FLEX ABILITY TO SUPPORT FOR EACH PROJECT AS WE CAN. THIS JUST DOESN'T SEEM TO RISE TO THE LEVEL OF BEING NOT IMPORTANT.

IF WE ENDED UP AT THE END AND WE HAD MONEY LEFT OVER, THIS WOULD BE THE PROJECT I WOULD BE LIKE OKAY, SURE.

AT THIS PHASE UNLESS SOMEONE CAN SELL IT TO ME, IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE THE RIGHT TIME TO BE SINKING THIS KIND OF MONEY INTO IT. PEOPLE CAN FIGURE OUT THERE IS A PARKING LOT AND WALK OVER.

I FEEL LIKE RELATIVELY EASY FOR SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF COST.

THAT IS KIND OF WHERE I AM AT.

TO MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND WHERE I AM AT.

OKAY, I THINK THAT IS IT.

>> ZELENKA: THANKS. I AGREE WITH COUNCILOR YEH, THE PROJECT IS GREAT.

29 UNITS FOR PEOPLE, 60% AMI LOWER, THAT IS WHAT WE NEED.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIRES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

THE MARKET PROVIDES ZERO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ZERO FROM THE MARKETPLACE. THE ONLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING WE GET IS AFFORDABLE HOUSING WE SUBSIDIZE.

IF WE WANT AFFORDABLE HOUSING WE HAVE TO CHIP IN.

I WAS IN FAVOR OF HAVING THE VAST MAJORITY OF URBAN RENEWAL DOLLAR GO TOWARDS HOUSING SO THIS FITS NICELY WITH SOMETHING I CAN SUPPORT.

18% OF THE TOTAL COST OF ABOUT 17 MILLION, SEEMS APPROPRIATE AND CONSISTENT WITH PAST PRACTICES.

THAT MAKE SENSE.

YET AGAIN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT PARKING.

JENNIFER SMITH, TAKE NOTE.

I AM OKAY WITH THE CHANGE AND USE OF THE ADJACENT PARKING LOT FOR PARKING FOR 2025 SPACES.

MAYBE WE CAN REFRESH OUR MEMORY ABOUT UNDERGROUND PARKING IS SUBSTANTIALLY MORE EXPENSIVE, WHAT IS THE NUMBER, 3-4 TIMES THE AMOUNT?

>> THE LATEST NUMBER WAS \$100,000 PER SPACE.

>> ZELENKA: VERSUS A SERVICE LOT WHICH IS 20?

>> I THINK FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT IT COULD BE LESS.

>> ZELENKA: SO LIKE FIVE TIMES MORE EXPENSIVE. WHICH IS WHY WE DON'T DO UNDERGROUND PARKING VERY MUCH.

THE OPEN SPACE BY THE WAY IS THERE WAS TALK AT THE DOG PARK, WHICH I WAS IN FAVOR OF, PLANS CHANGE I THINK FOR THE BETTER.

WE ARE NOT GOING TO SPEND ANY URBAN RENEWAL DOLLARS ON THIS PARKING LOT, CORRECT?

>> CORRECT.

>> ZELENKA: THAT MAKES SENSE. ON THE CONNECTIONS PART, THINGS CHANGED I THINK FOR THE BETTER PART OF THE PROBLEM IS, LEGACY LOCATION OF THE GENERATOR AND THE CHANGE IN THE USES OF THE LOTS, MOVING THE GENERATOR WILL ALLOW THE STREET TO GO THROUGH AND CONNECT THE CARTS.

MORE IMPORTANTLY IT CREATES THE ACCESSIBLE PARKING FOR THE RESTAURANT.

RIGHT NOW THERE ISN'T ANY.

EXCEPT FOR STREET PARKING WATCH EVERY TIME I GO BY IT IS FULL.

>> IF THAT IS A QUESTION, YES.

THERE IS NO PLANS FOR ACCESSIBLE PARKING FOR THE RESTAURANT.

>> ZELENKA: THIS WOULD BE THE PARKING LOT THAT WOULD BE ACCESSIBLE FOR AFTER HOURS.

I AM NOT SURE WHAT THE \$500,000 IS FOR. THAT SEEMS A LOT FOR PLANNING AT 250 BUCKS AN HOUR, THAT IS 2000 HOURS AND A

HELL OF A LOT OF PLANNING AND THERE IS THIS ON PAGE 21, THIS LIST OF IMPROVEMENTS THAT COULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS RIVERFRONT CONNECTION.

INCLUDING PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS TO CREATE SAFETY, OPEN-SPACE, PUBLIC FACILITIES, WHAT IS THAT FOR AND HOW DOES IT RELATE TO THIS \$500,000?

>> THANK YOU, GOOD QUESTION.

THAT LIST IS A LIST OF REASONS WHY THIS IS ELIGIBLE, THIS IS ELIGIBLE UNDER THIS PLAN SO IT IS NOT THAT WE ARE TRYING TO -- NOT THAT WE WOULD BE LOOKING AT WAYS TO PUT THIS PROJECT OR TO SAY THESE ARE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES WITHIN THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN THAT AUTHORIZE OR IDENTIFY ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES AND THIS SEEMS TO CHECK ALL THESE BOXES.

THAT EXPLAINS, THAT IS WHY THE LIST IS THERE.

\$500,000 IS MORE MONEY THAN NEEDED FOR THE PROJECT.

THE INTENT IS NOT TO SPEND \$500,000.

THAT WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE AGENCY BOARD IF YOU CHOOSE TO PUT IN A DIFFERENT AMOUNT OF MONEY, THE INTENT WAS TO PROVIDE A ROUND NUMBER THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO GO AND CONTRACT WITH A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE FIRM, PROBABLY AN OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE TO MATCH THE PROJECT FOR STAFF AND ENGAGE WITH COST ESTIMATING WHETHER THAT WAS THROUGH A CONTRACTOR OR COST ESTIMATING FIRM.

>> ZELENKA: THAT WOULD BE JUST FOR THE COST FOR PHASE 1?

DOES THAT INCLUDE THE EAST PARKING LOT ON THE GATE?

AND DESIGNING THAT?

IT IS CHANGING ALL OF THAT, THE DESIGN OF ALL OF THAT.

OKAY. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, STAFF. I HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS AND I WANT TO MAKE A COUPLE OBSERVATIONS.

ONE IS BECAUSE OF THE RELATIONSHIP AND SPACE BETWEEN THESE TWO PROJECTS I THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL TO SEE A FOOTPRINT OF THE PROPOSED AFFORDABLE HOUSING RELATIVE TO THE GENERATOR BECAUSE THE WAY THAT POSITION, WHEN THAT PROJECT IS BUILT, SITS LIKE A GIANT POT AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE BUILDING.

FROM THE DIRECTION THESE RENDERINGS ARE SHOWING.

JUST WANT TO OBSERVE THAT, THAT IS A NATURAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE TWO QUESTIONS AND THE TRANSPORTATION THAT IS SERVING THIS PROJECT BUT THAT IS NOT IMMEDIATELY CLEAR FROM THE GRAPHIC OR THE VISUAL INFORMATION WE HAVE.

I WANT TO REITERATE IT IS EASY TO FORGET AND I TALK WITH PEOPLE ALL THE TIME ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THIS SITE.

AND MANY PEOPLE HAVE FORGOTTEN THE ALMOST 100 YEARS IT WAS A RAZOR WIRED SURROUNDING CONDITION AND PUBLICLY OWNED PIECE OF LAND WITH OUR UTILITY BUT COMPLETELY PUBLICLY INACCESSIBLE, REDESIGNING THE ACCESS INTO THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF MAKING ALL OF THESE INVESTMENTS SOMETHING THE INTEGRITY OF THE COMMUNITY CAN EASILY ENJOY, I WANT TO OBSERVE I SUPPORT THE CHANGE OF USE FOR THE PARKING IN PART BECAUSE OF THE CONSERVATION OF THE STORMWATER AND LANDSCAPED EDGE AT THE WESTERN END OF THIS.

I THINK THE PEDESTRIAN EXPERIENCE FROM FIFTH STREET TO THE RIVERFRONT IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT TO PROTECT AND SUPPORT WHAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE PROJECTS INCREMENTALLY AND A SOFTENING OFFERED BY THE LOCATION OF THAT INFRASTRUCTURE THAT I THINK IS REALLY IMPORTANT.

I ALSO THINK THE PUBLIC ART COULD BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF MAKING THE VIADUCT EXPERIENCE MORE BEAUTIFUL AND WOULD LOVE TO SEE US HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE INTEGRATION OF MORE ART ON THIS SITE AND THAT IS ANOTHER OF THE MANY HEARTS THAT WERE EXPRESSED IN THE DREAMS FOR THE DOWNTOWN RIVERFRONT.

I LASTLY WANT TO OF COURSE REITERATE MY SUPPORT FROM OUR PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THIS AFFORDABLE

HOUSING PROJECT, IT SOUNDS IN MANY WAYS TO BE SIMILAR IN TERMS OF THE DESIGN, THE BASIC PROPOSAL FOR THIS PROJECT TO A PROJECT THAT IS CURRENTLY UNDER INSTRUCTION AND ALMOST COMPLETE IN WHITAKER, NOT SAME DEVELOPMENT TEAM BUT SAME IN TERMS OF THE PROJECT AND ALSO SIMILAR TO A FUTURE IN WHICH THE NEXT PROJECT IS COMPLETED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF FOURTH WHERE WE HAVE MARKET RATE HOUSING ON ONE SIDE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS A SIBLING ON THE OTHER AND THAT IS ANOTHER TYPE OF MIXED INCOME OUTCOME THAT IS I THINK IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO THE VALUES WE HAVE WITH THIS PROJECT.

I SUPPORT THIS WORK, I HAVE A QUICK QUESTION.

IS \$300,000 ENOUGH TO DO THIS PLANNING?

>> THAT SHOULD BE.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU.

I WOULD SUGGEST IF THAT IS FEASIBLE, OTHER COUNCILORS WOULD SUPPORT IT TO AMENDING THIS REQUEST TO \$300,000 AS THE OTHER ADJACENT PROJECTS AND WE MAY BE ABLE TO FIND SOME DEFICIENCIES THROUGH CONNECTION TO THE OTHER WORK.

NOT SEEING ANY FURTHER -- COUNCILOR KASHINSKY AND COUNCILOR YEH.

>> KASHINSKY: YES, SPEAKING OF THE VALUE OF MOVING THE GENERATOR AND CREATING A BETTER CONNECTION, I WAS LITERALLY ON THE PHONE WITH A RESIDENT LAST NIGHT.

WHO WAS ASKING ME HOW SOMEONE IN A WHEELCHAIR WOULD ACCESS THE EXISTING RIVERFRONT PARK.

AND WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST METHODOLOGY IT FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS MOBILITY CHALLENGES TO GET TO THE EXISTING PARK AND BE ABLE TO GET THERE AND THE BEST PATH I COULD GIVE HER WAS TO PARK IN THE CITY HALL LOT AND GO DOWN BY THE FOUNTAIN THAT IS RIGHT THERE AND UP THE RIVER PATH AND I DON'T THINK THAT SLOPE IS ADA COMPLIANT. I COULD BE WRONG.

MOVING THIS GENERATOR AND BUILDING A BETTER CONNECTION BETWEEN THE SPACES, MY IMPRESSION WOULD IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY, PARTICULARLY FOR PEOPLE WITH MOBILITY CHALLENGES TO OUR EXISTING PARK WE HAVE INVESTED A LOT IN AND IS A GREAT ASSET FOR THE COMMUNITY AND TO MAKE THAT MORE ACCESSIBLE, I AM ASSUMING THAT WOULD BE ADA ACCESSIBLE?

>> IT WOULD BE AND I APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING THAT UP.

>> YEH: I APPRECIATE COUNCILOR KASHINSKY'S COMMENT, GOOD POINT.

DO WE HAVE A PHOTO IN ANY OF THESE SIDES OF HOW CLOSE THIS IS TO THE NEW BUILDING?

OR IF ANYBODY KNOWS?

THE MAYOR MENTIONED IT IS RIGHT BY [AUDIO ISSUES].

>> IT DOESN'T SHOW THE PICTURE OF THE BUILDING BUT THE BUILDING BASICALLY SITS ON ALMOST THE ENTIRETY OF THE BLUE AND GREEN PARCELS.

GIVEN THE WIDTH OF A PARKING SPACE THAT IS 10 FEET TO THE CORNER BETWEEN THE BUILDING FACE.

>> YEH: IT IS REALLY CLOSE.

>> ON GOOGLE MAPS IT'S ABOUT AN INCH.

>> YEH: I APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S COMMENTS. I LIKE TO TRY TO LEARN FROM MY COLLEAGUES AND CONSIDER DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW.

AND THE FACT THAT IT IS NOT GOING TO MAYBE COST \$500,000 TO SEE IF IT IS WORTH MOVING FORWARD. IT DOES FEEL BETTER. I WILL SAY IN GENERAL THIS ENTIRE DEVELOPMENT IS RIGHT ON OUR RIVER PATH.

I WOULD HOPE AS THESE THINGS MOVE FORWARD THAT WE INVEST JUST AS MUCH TIME AND ENERGY INTO HOW WE CAN

MAKE IT EASY FOR PEOPLE TO WALK AND BIKE TO THESE THINGS AS WE DO THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO MAKE CARS COMFORTABLE.

I AM GOING TO PUT THAT OUT THERE.

THANK YOU, I APPRECIATE ALL THIS INFORMATION.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, COUNCIL. SEEING NO DISCUSSION I'M GOING TO TURN TO THE AGENCY VICE PRESIDENT TO PUT THE MOTION FORWARD.

>> THANK YOU, I WANT TO MAKE SURE I AM LOOKING AT THE RIGHT ITEMS.

I AM SEEING --

>> THERE HAVE BEEN A COUPLE IDEAS BEING FLOATED SO I WANT TO GUIDE YOU TO THE MOTION YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE.

THEN THERE MAY BE AMENDMENTS OR SUBSTITUTIONS.

ARE YOU LOOKING TO APPROVE BOTH OF THE PROPOSED PROJECTS, THE PERSONAL FOUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND RIVERFRONT CONNECTIONS, THAT WOULD BE THE FIRST MOTION, MOVED TO APPROVE.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO IMPROVE OR MAKE THE MOTION FOR THE RIVERFRONT CONNECTIONS WITH A REDUCTION FROM 500-300, LET ME HAND THAT TO YOU.

>> KASHINSKY: MAKES IT LOOKS LIKE IT INCLUDED BOTH PIECES.

THANK YOU. MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF URBAN RENEWAL FUNDS FOR THE PROJECTS AS PROVIDED IN ATTACHMENT B TO THIS AIS WITH THE CHANGE OF \$300,000 FROM \$500,000 FOR THE RIVERFRONT CONNECTIONS PROJECT.

>> SECOND.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION?

>> KEATING: THANK YOU, I INTEND TO MAKE A SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO SEPARATE THESE TWO.

WITH THE HELP FROM LEGAL COUNSEL, I HAVE A SUBSTITUTION.

I AM GOING TO ASK COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THE MOTION EVEN IF YOU ARE SUPPORTIVE OF BOTH THE PROJECTS BECAUSE I THINK IT IS HEALTHIER TO HAVE THESE TEASED OUT RATHER THAN TOGETHER. I WANT TO HAVE A DEBATE ON ONE ELEMENT. MY SUBSTITUTION WOULD BE TO MOVE TO APPROVE THE USE OF URBAN RENEWAL FUNDS FOR THE PARCEL FOUR FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT.

ATTACHMENT B IN ITS AIS.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: I DO NOT HEAR A SECOND.

>> I WILL SECOND FOR THE SAKE OF DISCUSSION.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

>> KEATING: I AM HEARING BROAD SUPPORT FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT PEACE AND I AM THERE. I WANT TO SUPPORT IT.

I THINK WHETHER WE TALK ABOUT THE 500, 300, THAT IS A DEBATE I WANT TO HAVE SEPARATE FROM THIS. I WOULD ASK COLLEAGUES IF YOU ARE SUPPORTIVE OR NOT, PLEASE GIVE THE THUMBS UP TO THIS SUBSTITUTION SO WE CAN ADVANCE THIS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT, I APPRECIATE THE ATTENTION TO DETAIL, THERE WERE SOME PIECES I HAD SOME ISSUES WITH. YOU HAVE HELPED ME SEE THE LIGHT.

I THINK THIS COUNCIL IS READY TO SUPPORT THAT, THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT PIECES THAT ARE ATTACHED TO AIS BUT I WANT TO HAVE THOSE AS A SEPARATE DEBATE SO I WOULD ASK COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION PLEASE.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: AND Q. I WANT TO OBSERVE WE HAVE FIVE MINUTES REMAINING IN OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING AND I WOULD LIKE US TO NOT RUSH THROUGH OR LEAVE ONE OF THESE FOR RUNNING OUT OF TIME. IF I COULD HAVE A MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING BY 10 MINUTES.

>> SO MOVED.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: WHEN WE COMPLETE THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION CONVERSATION, THANK YOU.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION FROM COUNCIL RELATED TO THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION. I WILL TAKE A VOTE, ALL IN FAVOR?

ALL OPPOSED.

COUNCILOR ZELENKA?

THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 6-2.

7-0.

CLARK SHIFTED OVER, THANK YOU.

WE HAVE A SUBSTITUTE MOTION SEPARATING THE TWO.

>> IT DOESN'T SEPARATE, THE MOTION YOU NEED TO VOTE THAT HAS BEEN SUBSTITUTED AND THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A SEPARATE MOTION FOR THE RIVERFRONT CONNECTIONS.

THE MOTION THAT IS NOW ON THE TABLE AS SUBSTITUTED IS THE ONE MADE BY COUNCILOR KEATING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THAT NEEDS TO BE VOTED.

THE PARKING WILL BE MADE SEPARATELY AS A SEPARATE MOTION.

IT WAS IN A MOTION TO DIVIDE, IT WAS A MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE. THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION ON THE TABLE IS A MOTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE URBAN RENEWAL FUNDS FOR THE PARCEL FOUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THIS MOTION.

ALL IN FAVOR?

THE MOTION PASSES 7-0.

THANK YOU, COUNCIL.

CITY ATTORNEY, IS NOW THE MOMENT TO EXTEND OUR MEETING?

>> I MOVE TO APPROVE, EXTEND THE MEETING BY 10 MINUTES.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU.

RETURNING TO OUR DISCUSSION.

>> YOU NEED TO VOTE ON THE MOTION.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, CITY ATTORNEY. ALL IN FAVOR OF EXTENDING OUR MEETING BY 10 MINUTES?

WE ARE EXTENDING FOR 10 MINUTES.

NOW RETURNING TO COUNCILOR KASHINSKY.

>> KASHINSKY: MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF FUNDS FOR THE RIVERFRONT CONNECTIONS PROJECT AS DESCRIBED IN ATTACHMENT B WITH A CHANGE OF THE AMOUNT BEING FROM \$300,000 FROM \$500,000.

>> SECOND.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

>> KEATING: I UNDERSTAND WE HAVE DROPPED THE ALLOCATION REQUEST OF \$200,000 BUT THIS MOTION INCLUDES PARCEL EIGHT RESTAURANT SITE, CORRECT?

THE PIECES THAT WERE OUTLINED -- THE RIVERFRONT CONNECTIONS, IS THIS JUST TO DROP THE PRICE TAG FOR THE STUDY OF MOVING THE GENERATOR FROM 500 TO 300?

I AM CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT THE INTENT OF THE MOTION IS.

>> KASHINSKY: MY INTENT OR THE INTENT I BELIEVE THE INTENT IS TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO CONTRACT WITH LANDSCAPING FIRMS AND ESTIMATING FIRMS SO THEY CAN COME BACK TO US WITH A FIRM PLAN AND COST ESTIMATE FOR HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST TO MOVE THE GENERATOR AND BUILD A HEALTHY, ACCESSIBLE, PLEASANT CONNECTION BETWEEN OUR EXISTING PARKING LOT AND BOTH THE RIVERFRONT PARK AND POTENTIAL FUTURE ASSETS.

>> KEATING: THANK YOU.

POINT OF INFORMATION.

AM I TO UNDERSTAND THERE IS NO ACCESSIBLE PARKING AT THE HARTFORD AS IT EXISTS RIGHT NOW, THE FOLKS WHO HAVE MOBILITY CHALLENGES, MOVING THE GENERATORS, THE ONLY WAY THEY CAN ACCESS THAT RIVERFRONT AREA AND WE ARE CURRENTLY NOT IN COMPLIANCE?

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: I WILL LET STAFF ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

>> WE HAVE PARKING AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THERE IS ACCESSIBLE PARKING AND THERE IS ACCESSIBLE PARKING AT CITY HALL IN THE PARKING LOT.

THE PATH OF TRAVEL BETWEEN THE PARKING LOT AND THE RIVERFRONT PARK IS ROUNDABOUT.

THIS WOULD PROVIDE A MUCH SHORTER AND A BETTER CONNECTION FOR ANYONE WHO HAS MOBILITY ISSUES OR ANYONE WHO IS COMING SO IT'S NOT ABOUT TRYING TO GET BACK INTO COMPLIANCE BUT TRYING TO IMPROVE THE ACCESS FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF ALL ACCESSIBLE NEEDS.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR ZELENKA. I AM SORRY, COUNCILOR CLARK, YOU MIGHT BE SECOND.

>> CLARK: FOR CLARITY, THE \$300,000 IS TO COME BACK WITH AN ESTIMATE, THAT IS THE COST OF GETTING THE ESTIMATE, CORRECT?

WHERE THE PRICE OF MOVING THE GENERATOR COULD BE MULTIPLE MILLIONS?

>> CORRECT, IT IS NOT ABOUT JUST GETTING AN ESTIMATE BUT TAKING THE PROJECT THROUGH THE DESIGN PHASE.

IT'S INTENDED TO BE ABOUT MOVING THE PROJECT FORWARD IN A WAY THAT GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO HAVE A GO, NO GO DECISION PRIOR TO SPENDING THE MORE SIGNIFICANT CONSTRUCTION DOLLARS BUT IT WOULD BE ABOUT TAKING THE PROJECT FORWARD, DOING A LOT OF DESIGN WORK, SO THE PROJECT IS PRIMED AND READY TO GO BUT NOT KNOWING SOME OF THOSE

DETAILS WE DIDN'T THINK IT WAS, WE HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO ASK YOU TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION WORK IF THAT CLARIFICATION MAKES SENSE.

>> CLARK: IT DOES BUT I WANT TO GAUGE HOW MUCH STICKER SHOCK I AM GOING TO GET BY SAYING SPEND 300 GRAND AND GIVE US THAT, WHAT IN ROUND NUMBERS IS A REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE COST OF MOVING GENERATOR, I KNOW THAT IS THE PURPOSE OF SPENDING THE 300. DO YOU HAVE ROUND NUMBERS, GUESSTIMATES?

>> ABOUT \$2 MILLION.

THAT WOULD INCLUDE MOVING THE GENERATOR, CREATING THE DRIVEWAY AND SIDEWALK CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THEM.

RECONFIGURING A SECURE PARKING LOT SOUTH OF CITY HALL SO WHEN THE GENERATOR MOVES IN, IT IS COMPLIANT WITH ALL CODES AND THAT THE SPACES ARE OPTIMIZED TO NOT REDUCE THE PENANCE THE BUILDING HAS ON THE SPACES AND ALSO TO INCORPORATE PARCEL FIVE, PART OF THE LAND SWAP INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

IT IS EVERYTHING FROM THE GENERATOR TO THE SOUTHEAST AND CLEANING IT UP AND HAVING NOT BE PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

>> CLARK: THANK YOU.

>> ZELENKA: JUST TO MAKE SURE I GOT IT RIGHT.

IT'S THE DESIGN WORK OF MULTIPLE PHASES OF THIS PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES MOVING THE GENERATOR, RECONFIGURING BEHIND THE GATE PARKING LOT, INCORPORATE THAT NEW WEDGE, REDOING THAT.

FIGURING OUT HOW MUCH THAT WOULD COST, PUTTING IN A NEW STREET, NEW ACCESSIBLE SIDEWALKS AND DESIGNING AND RECONFIGURING THE LARGER PARKING LOT, ALL OF THAT IS THE PROJECT AND THAT WOULD BE WHAT YOU BRING BACK WITH A DESIGN AN ESTIMATED COST APPROXIMATELY IN THE BALLPARK OF \$2 MILLION?

SO IT'S NOT JUST \$2 MILLION TO MOVE A GENERATOR.

>> SORRY.

THAT IS NOT QUITE RIGHT.

THE PIECE WE WOULDN'T BE DOING IS TAKING THE DESIGN AS FAR FOR THE LARGER PARKING LOT.

THE LARGE PARKING FIELD OVER 100 SPACES WEST OF CITY HALL WE WOULD MAKE SURE WE WEREN'T PRECLUDING THE WORK THAT WOULD BE THERE. I THINK WE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE A SENSE OF HOW MUCH THAT LARGER AND LATER PHASE WOULD CAUSE BUT WE WOULD NOT TAKE THAT PART THROUGH DESIGN DEVELOPMENT SO WE WOULD TAKE THAT FIRST PHASE, THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF THAT PROJECT.

FROM THE GENERATOR, THE CONNECTION POINT AND THE AREA SOUTH OF CITY HALL.

>> ZELENKA: I MEANT THAT LITTLE CORNER WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE REDESIGNED AS WELL AND THAT WILL BE INCLUDED.

NOT THE WHOLE PARKING LOT.

WHICH COULD BE OPTIMIZED IN A DIFFERENT WAY BUT THAT IS A DIFFERENT PROJECT.

I THINK I AM CLEAR WHAT WE ARE VOTING ON.

>> GROVES: THANK YOU. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE IF THIS PASSES WHEN YOU BRING IT BACK TO HAVE A BROKEN DOWN BY ELEMENT?

>> AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WE CAN TRY TO DO THAT. SOMETIMES THERE IS -- WITH THE CAVEAT WE CAN --

>> GROVES: JUST TO MAKE IT AS CLEAN AS YOU CAN SO WE CAN BACK A PIECE OUT.

THAT WAS ONE QUESTION I HAD, THE SECOND QUESTION, IS THERE A VIABLE WAY TO MAKE ALL AREAS DOWN THERE ADA ACCESSIBLE WITHOUT MOVING THE GENERATOR?

>> I CAN'T GET YOU THAT ENTER. I WOULD SAY THAT THE SIMPLE THING I WOULD SAY IS THE ACCESSIBILITY WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED.

I BELIEVE WE WOULD BE -- I BELIEVE IT IS POSSIBLE TO HAVE IT WITHOUT MOVING THE GENERATOR.

I AM GETTING OUTSIDE MY AREA OF UNDERSTANDING.

>> GROVES: I CAN APPRECIATE THAT. I AM JUST TRYING TO GET AN IDEA. WHEN YOU MOVE BIG PIECES OF EQUIPMENT LIKE THAT, FREQUENTLY SOMETHING BREAKS.

>> WHETHER OR NOT THE ACCOMMODATION IS THERE, IT IS COMPLICATED TO EXPLAIN IT TO SOMEONE ABOUT HOW TO NAVIGATE.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, I WILL CLARIFY TO THE PUBLIC THE RIVERFRONT PARK ARE ACCESSIBLE, DO MEET COMPLIANCE AND WE ARE OPEN FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY THEM ALL THE TIME BUT WE ARE THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE AND WANTING TO MAKE THIS A WELCOME PLACE. WE WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

ALL IN FAVOR?

THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 6-1. BECAUSE THAT HAS PASSED, I WILL TURN TO OUR AGENCY VICE PRESIDENT TO PUT A SECOND MOTION FORWARD RELATED TO THE CHANGE OF USE.

>> KASHINSKY: MOVED TO APPROVE THE DEAL AND DIRECT THE AGENCY DIRECTOR TO REVISE THE DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT TO ALLOW THE USE OF THE VIADUCT OPEN SPACE FOR PARKING.

PARCEL FOR PARKING.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION FROM THE AGENCY?

THANK YOU, I MISSED OF THE VICE PRESIDENT BEING OUR SECOND.

SEEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THIS MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR?

THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 7-0.

THANK YOU FOR OUR EXTRA TIME, STAFF FOR THIS
PRESENTATION, THAT CONCLUDES OUR AGENDA AND I CLOSE THE
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ADJOURNED.