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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

November 14, 2018

12:00 p.m. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Harris Hall, 125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401

Meeting of November 14, 2018;
Her Honor Mayor Lucy Vinis Presiding

Councilors

Mike Clark, President
Greg Evans
Emily Semple
Jennifer Yeh

Betty Taylor, Vice President
Chris Pryor
Claire Syrett
Alan Zelenka

12:00 p.m. EUGENE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Harris Hall, 125 East 8th Avenue
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- 1. WORK SESSION: Northwest Natural Gas Franchise**
- 2. WORK SESSION: Downtown Update**

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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: Northwest Natural Gas Franchise

Meeting Date: November 14, 2018
Department: Central Services
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Agenda Item Number: 1
Staff Contact: Twylla Miller
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ISSUE STATEMENT

This work session is to provide the City Council with information regarding the review process for the Northwest Natural Gas Right of Way Franchise Agreement and to discuss options for addressing the questions contained in the related work session poll.

BACKGROUND

Right of Way Franchise Agreements

Franchise agreements between local governments and utilities govern the use of the public right of way to ensure safety, coordinated access, and the stability of public infrastructure. Typical franchise agreements outline the terms and fees under which utility companies can utilize the public right of way for their business. Fees are typically calculated on a percentage of the revenues derived from sales of the utility company to customers within the service area.

In October 1999, the City Council approved Ordinance 20170 (Attachment A) that:

- Increased the compensation rate from 4 to 5 percent of gross revenues;
- Granted a franchise term of 20 years with possible renegotiation every five years;
- Provided updated audit language and facility relocation and abandonment provisions;
- Added “favored cities” language, which requires NWNG to notify the City should they agree to pay any other city in Oregon a franchise fee that exceeds 5 percent of gross revenues.

Currently, the City receives \$1.4 million in General Fund revenues from this franchise annually. Revenue from NWNG franchise fees have been trending at this level over the past few years based on flat/declining NWNG rates in the area.

Natural Gas Regulation and the Climate Action Plan 2.0 (CAP2.0)

This fall, a work session poll (Attachment B) was approved to research potential ways to regulate natural gas use in Eugene. The work session poll referenced the June 13, 2018, Sustainability Commission memo on the NWNG franchise agreement and included questions related to the City’s authority to regulate within the franchise or via other policy actions. It is important to recognize the overlap between the Commission’s questions with the CAP2.0 potential policy options currently being evaluated.

As part of the CAP2.0 project process, staff has brought together community partners to share existing plans, investments, and programs that are aligned with the goals outlined in the Climate Recovery Ordinance. This work has identified how far the community will progress towards reaching the climate related targets for 2030 and the remaining gap between the targets and forecasts. The CAP2.0 team is working to develop a suite of policy options that could fill the gap, potentially included within these options are outcomes from this work session.

As part of today's work session, staff would like to better understand council's interest in including any of the Sustainability Commissions questions as part of the franchise review or as part of the Climate Action Plan 2.0. Based on council feedback, we will include the various questions within the two projects accordingly.

Timeline

As Finance and Sustainability staff continue the work of the franchise agreement and the CAP2.0, respectively, the following timelines have been prepared:

Fall 2018 to Spring 2019

Climate Action Plan 2.0 – Sustainability staff have included the NWNG Franchise renewal as part of the informational community meetings held in November. During the public input phase of the CAP2.0 process, staff can include questions related to the NWNG franchise if appropriate. This public input stage is scheduled for late winter/early spring.

February 2019

Staff returns to the City Council with information from the CAP work as well as policy considerations for franchise negotiations. Actions include a public work session as well as an executive session to discuss policy-level franchise negotiation points.

May 2019 to October 2019

Staff receives information from the CAP 2.0 engagement work which informs the franchise negotiations over the summer of 2019. City staff bring an ordinance back to City Council in the fall of 2019 for review and public hearings.

By November 2019

New ordinance is adopted by City Council.

While no action is required on November 14, feedback on any considerations that council would like to see as part of their policy discussion on the franchise in February would be helpful.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

- Financial Management Policy G-1 (Compliance with Laws and Standards): The City will comply with mandatory federal, state and local laws and regulations
- Internal Climate Action Plan
- Climate Recovery Ordinance

COUNCIL OPTIONS

This is an opportunity for council to receive information on the NWNG franchise renewal process. Action is not required at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

No Council action or motions are suggested.

SUGGESTED MOTION

No motion is suggested.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Ordinance 20170
- B. Work Session Request – Natural Gas

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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ORDINANCE NO. 20120

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY, A CORPORATION, A TWENTY (20) YEAR NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT AND FRANCHISE TO LAY, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF EUGENE, OREGON; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO THE CITY; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 18489, PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AUGUST 27, 1979, AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR SEPTEMBER 3, 1979.

THE CITY OF EUGENE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as The Northwest Natural Gas Company Franchise Ordinance.

Section 2. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Ordinance the following terms, phrases, words and their derivation shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- (1) "City" is the City of Eugene, Oregon.
- (2) "Company" is Northwest Natural Gas Company, the grantee of rights under this Franchise.
- (3) "Council" is the City Council of the City of Eugene.
- (4) "Person" is any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.
- (5) "Code" is the Eugene Code, 1971, including all amendments thereto.
- (6) "Public way" is any street, road, alley, right-of-way, pedestrian or bicycle easement or utility easement for public use that is controlled by City.
- (7) "GIS format" is the format of electronic information, as established by the City Engineer for incorporation into City's Geographic Information System (GIS).
- (8) "Facilities" includes gas mains, pipes, boxes, reducing and regulation stations, laterals, conduits and connections, including service connections, together with all of the necessary or useful appurtenances for the transmission and distribution of gas to City and its inhabitants and to other customers and territory beyond the limits of City.
- (9) "Gross revenues" means revenues earned by Company from operations within City, including but not limited to revenues from the sale and/or transportation of natural gas consumed within City and revenues earned from the use, rental or lease of operating facilities of Company other than residential-type space and water heating equipment, less the net writeoff of uncollectible accounts directly related to such revenues. Gross revenues shall not include:

- (a) Revenues paid directly by the United States of America or any of its agencies;
- (b) Proceeds from the sale of bonds, mortgages or other evidence of indebtedness, securities or stocks; or
- (c) Sales at wholesale by one utility to another when the utility purchasing the service is not the ultimate customer.

Section 3. Grant of Authority.

City hereby grants to Company the right and privilege to lay, maintain, and operate facilities in and under the public ways of City, subject to the terms of this Ordinance for a period of twenty years. This grant of authority shall not be exclusive, and City reserves the right to grant similar use of such public ways to any person or corporation at any time during the period of this Franchise.

Section 4. Compliance with Applicable Laws and Ordinances.

Company shall at all times during the period of this Franchise, be subject to all lawful exercise of the police power of City, and to such reasonable regulation as City shall hereinafter by resolution or ordinance provide.

Section 5. Conditions - Occupancy of Public Ways.

Company, subject to the prior approval of the City Manager or designee, and requirements of all applicable ordinances, regulations and adopted City policies, may make necessary excavations in public ways for the purpose of laying, operating and maintaining its mains, pipes and appurtenances. Company shall furnish and file with the City Engineer of City, which shall, to the extent technologically feasible, be in a data format prescribed by the City Engineer to allow integration into City's Geographic Information System (GIS), maps showing the location of all such mains, pipes, and appurtenances within City, both for its existing system and future plans for the system. The City Engineer may require such information, including (GIS) format, or other drawings, surveys and plans, as deemed necessary to conform to the requirements of the Code and related administrative rules. Company shall bring maps up to date annually or upon such shorter notice as the City Engineer may reasonably require.

City reserves the right to stop any work on a public way if the City Manager or designee determines that the work has a serious adverse effect on traffic flow or endangers public safety. The right to stop work is absolute and cannot be challenged by Company even if Company's work hours and/or traffic control plans have been previously approved by City.

Section 6. Removal and Restoration.

Whenever any of Company's facilities shall unnecessarily inconvenience the public or private property owners, City may require the removal or change of location of any such

facility. Any removal or relocation of facilities made for the convenience of the public shall be at Company's expense. Whenever Company excavates or in any manner disturbs or interferes with any public way within City, Company shall restore the same as required by the Code.

Section 7. City Free to Use Public Ways.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prevent City from sewerage, grading, paving, repairing, altering, or doing any work that it finds necessary or desirable in or on any public way. Should City find it in the public interest to permanently or temporarily remove or change the location of any of Company's facilities, Company shall, upon request and reasonable notice from the Director of Public Works, do all necessary work at Company's sole cost and expense as promptly as the circumstances will reasonably permit. If Company fails so to do, City may cause such work to be done and Company shall pay all costs incurred by City in performing such work within thirty (30) days of the date City notifies Company of the cost thereof.

Section 8. Company to Defend and Hold City Harmless.

Company shall defend, indemnify and save harmless City, its employees, officers and agents, from any and all claims, damages, costs, liabilities, and expenses to which it or they may be subjected by reason of any act or neglect of Company, its agents or employees, or which may in any manner arise out of the construction, maintenance, operation or use of any property of Company in any public way.

Section 9. Default and Termination.

If Company fails to comply with or perform any of the requirements imposed on it by this Ordinance and City gives written notice specifying the nature of Company's default and demanding that such default be remedied within a reasonable time to be fixed in such notice, the rights and privileges granted by this Ordinance may be terminated and annulled by City if Company fails to remedy its default within the time specified.

Section 10. Franchise Fee.

As compensation to City for the franchise hereby granted, Company shall pay to City an amount equivalent to five percent (5%) of Company's gross revenues. If the Code in effect at the time the revenue is earned does not allow payment of a franchise fee or business privilege tax or combined franchise fee and business privilege tax in an amount of five percent of gross revenues or some greater amount, then the franchise fee shall be the maximum amount allowed by the Code; provided that, if the Code is amended thereafter to increase the allowable franchise fee, business privilege tax or combined franchise fee and business privilege tax, the increased rate, not to exceed five percent, shall be paid on all gross revenues earned after the effective date of the amendment. If Company agrees to pay any other city in Oregon a franchise fee that exceeds five percent of gross revenue, City may require Company to pay the same percentage of its gross

revenue to City, so long as the Code allows payment of the higher percentage. Payment shall be made within forty-five (45) days following the end of each quarter of each calendar year. Within forty-five (45) days after the termination of this franchise, compensation shall be paid for the period elapsing since the close of the last quarter for which compensation has been paid. Upon thirty days' written notice by either party to the other, the basis for calculation of the franchise fee, the definition of gross revenues and other terms of this franchise shall be subject to renegotiation and redetermination at the end of the first three-year period of the franchise term and again at the end of each five-year period thereafter during the franchise term. The principles governing the renegotiation shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, making the franchise consistent with federal, state and local law in effect at the time of the renegotiation.

Section 11. Reports by Company.

Company shall furnish to City with each quarterly payment of compensation a statement by an officer of Company showing the amount of gross revenues of Company for the quarter covered by the payment, computed on the basis set forth in Section 10, and the calculation of the payment for the quarter, including a description of and the amount for each exclusion from gross revenue, as allowed under Section 10. The books and records showing Company's gross revenues from the gas sales referred to in Section 10 shall always be open to inspection by City's Finance Officer, or by any other authorized representative of City for the purpose of ascertaining the amount payable to City under Section 10, or to verify any statement or report submitted by Company pursuant to the provisions of this Section. City, or its authorized representative, shall have the right to audit Company's books and records to verify that the franchise fee has been correctly calculated and paid by Company. Company shall reimburse City for the reasonable costs of such audit if the audit discloses that Company has paid 95% or less of the fee owing for the period of the audit.

Company shall, upon request, furnish to City a list of all customers within the corporate limits of City who have contracted with Company for transportation and delivery of natural gas separate from the purchase of natural gas. This report shall include the names of all such customers and the volume of gas which was transported by Company on behalf of each customer for the period covered by the report.

Section 12. Company to Pay All City Taxes and Fees.

Nothing contained in this franchise shall give Company any credit against any non-discriminatory business tax or ad valorem property tax now or hereafter levied against real or personal property within City, or against any local improvement assessment imposed on Company, or against any permit fees or inspection fees required by the construction codes or other ordinances of City which are or may hereafter be adopted.

Section 13. Valuation for Eminent Domain.

In the event City should desire to acquire the property of Company in City and

adjacent territory by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, the price to be paid by City shall exclude the value of the franchise or other prerogatives of sovereignty granted by City and connected with property of Company in the City.

Section 14. Abandonment.

Company shall at all times maintain all of its facilities in a good state of repair, and shall subscribe to a utility notification and locate service. If Company ceases to make use of its facilities in the public way for the purposes authorized by this franchise ordinance for a continuous period of six months or more, with no intention of using those facilities in that location in the future, the facilities shall be deemed abandoned; no facilities shall be considered abandoned if they are reserved for future use. If facilities have been in the public way for more than one year without being used, they shall be presumed to be abandoned unless Company provides to City objective evidence of Company's intent to use the facilities within the next year. Company shall maintain records of all abandoned facilities and, upon receipt of a locate request, shall locate those facilities, labelling them as abandoned. Upon 60 days written notice to Company at the address indicated in its acceptance of this ordinance, City may require Company to remove abandoned facilities and restore the public way, at Company's sole cost and expense. If Company fails to remove the facilities and restore the public way within the 60-day period, City may, at its option and in its sole discretion, remove the facilities from the public way and require Company to pay for the full cost of removal and restoration of the public way. If Company removes the facilities from the public way but fails to restore the public way to its prior condition, City may complete the repairs and bill Company for the full cost thereof.

Section 15. Acceptance by Company.

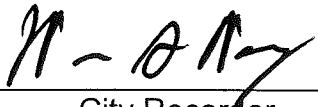
This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor, provided that prior to the expiration of those thirty days, Company files with City's Finance Officer its written acceptance of this Ordinance and the obligations it imposes. If no such acceptance is filed, this Ordinance shall become null and void.

Section 16. Repeal of Ordinance 18489.

From and after the effective date of this Ordinance, Ordinance 18489 of the City of Eugene, passed by the Council on August 27, 1979, and approved by the Mayor September 3, 1979, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Passed by the City Council this

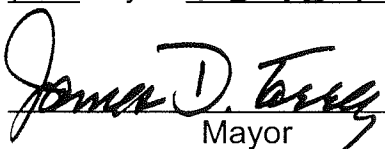
11th day of October, 1999



City Recorder

Approved by the Mayor this

11th day of October, 1999



Mayor



Work Session Request Form

Councilor: Emily Semple (from the Sustainability Commission) Date: 9/27/2018

WORK SESSION TOPIC

Research potential ways to regulate natural gas use in Eugene

ISSUES AND QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

Evaluate the authority of the City to include greenhouse gas reduction requirements consistent with the CRO in its renewal of the franchise agreement with Northwest Natural.

Include a review of Oregon Revised Section Section 221.420 (Municipal Regulation of Public Utilities) to explore the City's ability to regulate natural gas both inside and outside of a franchise agreement.

No New Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Ordinance – Can the City limit new infrastructure as part of an updated franchise agreement.

Answer additional questions from the Sustainability Commission (see pdf).

OUTCOMES

What authorities/abilities does the City have to regulate natural gas use and to inform Council in their franchise agreement negotiations and Climate Action Plan update?

POLL

I want to hold a work session to discuss the issue outlined above.

Yes		No	Yes		No
		Ward 1: Emily Semple			Ward 5: Mike Clark
		Ward 2: Betty Taylor			Ward 6: Greg Evans
		Ward 3: Alan Zelenka			Ward 7: Claire Syrett
		Ward 4: Jennifer Yeh			Ward 8: Chris Pryor

RESPONSE DUE BY: October 11, 2018

Please indicate your preference for timing of work session

- ☐ Prioritize over other items.
- ☐ Time-sensitive; schedule as soon as possible.
- ☐ Not time-sensitive; schedule when time permits.

To: Eugene Sustainability Commission
From: Sustainability Commission Committee on Northwest Natural Franchise Agreement Review
Subject: Committee Report and Recommendations
Date: June 13, 2018

Introduction

The Sustainability Commission, at its January 17, 2018 meeting, formed the Northwest Natural Franchise Agreement Review Committee. The Committee's charge is to *"evaluate the current franchise agreement in the context of environmental protection and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to determine if it is legally appropriate and feasible to require GHG emission reductions in the City's franchise agreement renewal with Northwest Natural."* The committee's membership includes Commissioners Furgerson, Edwards, Mulholland, Kloor, and Saxion. Commissioner Saxion was elected chair of the committee at its January 29, 2018 meeting.

Committee Progress and Results

The Committee met four times: January, February, March, and June. At the January 29 meeting, the Committee refined its scope of work and identified several key questions to be evaluated. The key questions focused on Oregon statutes and City of Eugene's authority on what may be included in franchise agreements with privately-owned utility companies.

During the January through June period, Committee members conducted research on franchise agreements that have been adopted in Oregon and in other states, reviewed relevant City ordinances, reviewed Oregon Public Utility Commission regulations, and reached out to the League of Oregon Cities. City staff (Chelsea Clinton) also assisted in this effort and provided information on relevant sections of Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS), relevant City of Eugene ordinances, and the current franchise agreement between the City of Portland, Oregon and Northwest Natural.

Results from the Committee's research yielded little insight to the central question on the City of Eugene's authority to require GHG reductions in a franchise agreement. No city in Oregon has stipulated GHG reduction requirements in a franchise agreement. The Oregon Public Utility Commission would not provide a regulatory opinion on this question to the Committee. The Oregon League of Cities provided suggestions for subject matter experts, but efforts to obtain guidance from these experts were not successful. The Committee's research did not identify any US city that has imposed GHG reduction requirements on a privately-owned natural gas utility company.

The City of Portland's franchise agreement with Northwest Natural, dated March 25, 2001, addresses the city's April 2001 "Local Action Plan on Global Warming" but does not impose enforceable requirements or specific GHG reduction targets. The member of the City of Portland staff who responded did not know the basis for including language in the franchise agreement. Portland's franchise agreement with Northwest Natural includes the following provision:

Portland's franchise agreement with Northwest Natural includes the following paragraph:

Section 12. COOPERATION REGARDING LOCAL ACTION PLAN ON GLOBAL WARMING.

NW Natural's services shall include assistance to its customers in increasing the efficiency of their energy consumption. The level of expenditure on efficiency programs is established by the OPUC.

NW Natural shall support efficiency programs for its customers consistent with OPUC requirements. Within the regulatory framework established by state law and the OPUC, NW Natural agrees to work with the City to identify mutually acceptable ways for Grantee to support the City's efforts to meet the goals contained in the April 2001 Local Action Plan on Global Warming, or successor climate-protection action plans adopted by the Council during the Franchise term.

Recommendations

At the Committee's June 4, 2018, meeting, discussions focused on the Committee's next steps and possible recommendations for further action by the Sustainability Commission. After extensive discussion, the Committee approved the following recommendation for consideration by the Sustainability Commission:

The Sustainability Commission requests that the Eugene City Council direct the City Manager to evaluate the authority of the City to include greenhouse gas reduction requirements consistent with the Climate Recovery Ordinance in its renewal of the franchise agreement with Northwest Natural. Included in this evaluation is review of Oregon Revised Statute Section 221.420 (Municipal Regulation of Public Utilities.

The Committee's recommendation did not identify when the City Manager would complete this evaluation. However, it is implied that this evaluation would be completed in advance of when city staff will begin work on development of the franchise renewal agreement with Northwest Natural. The current 20-year franchise agreement with Northwest Natural expires on October 11, 2019. Commissioners Furgerson, Mulholland, Edwards, and Saxion approved this recommendation. Commissioner Kloor abstained.

The Committee approved an additional recommendation for consideration by the Sustainability Commission.

The Sustainability Commission requests that the Eugene City Council direct the City Manager to evaluate the legal and/or regulatory authority on the following:

1. *Can the City of Eugene require Northwest Natural customers to purchase greenhouse gas offsets?*
2. *Can the City regulate the purchase and installation of natural gas fueled appliances, water heaters, and heating systems?*
3. *Can the City prohibit financial incentives for installing natural gas service and purchases of natural gas appliances, water heaters, and heating systems?*
4. *Can the City prohibit installation of natural gas service for new residential, commercial, and/or industrial buildings?*
5. *If state law does not allow the use of franchise agreements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (both direct and indirect through combustion of natural gas), are there other available statutory or regulatory mechanisms?*
6. *Can the City of Eugene regulate the use of natural gas?*

Commissioners Furgerson, Mulholland, Edwards, and Saxion approved this recommendation. Commissioner Kloor abstained.

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: Downtown Update

Meeting Date: November 14, 2018
Department: All
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Agenda Item Number: 2
Staff Contact: Denny Braud
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ISSUE STATEMENT

This work session will provide council with an update on strategies implemented this summer to support downtown placemaking, urban parks, public safety, and social services. These strategies were implemented through staffing, physical improvements and programming. Staff will present results from their efforts to build on the successes in 2017 and address gaps in service. Staff will speak about what was learned and provide a preview of efforts and activities planned for our continued presence downtown through the winter and spring.

BACKGROUND

Eugene's downtown serves as a cultural, economic and civic center for our community. The City, public and private partners, and the community have all invested considerable time and resources into Eugene's downtown revitalization, which has resulted in improvements and increased activity downtown. That said, over the last couple years, the community has expressed significant concerns about downtown safety and unwelcoming behaviors in the area. Homelessness and mental health are national issues which we are working to address locally.

In February 2017, the City Council heard and received recommendations from Project for Public Spaces. In response, a downtown operations team comprised of City staff from six departments was formed to quickly address community concerns and implement some of the short-term recommendations from PPS. This downtown operations team continues to work together to lead the planning and implementation work downtown. City Council has continued to support the effort by allocating \$850,000 toward these downtown and parks efforts through FY18 budgetary processes. The FY19 budget included one-time funding of \$100,000 for downtown operations to cover the program through the spring of 2019 and \$75,000 for downtown security services. Council will be considering a supplemental budget request for Downtown Operations in December.

The strategies developed by the downtown operations team focus on making Eugene's downtown public spaces and urban parks more safe, welcoming, and vibrant, while supporting civic, commercial and social activities. The action plan for spring and summer 2018 continued our focus on these key areas:

- Make comfort, safety, and social services a priority in the downtown.

- Activate the public spaces to attract a critical mass of residents.
- Make physical improvements that will reduce crime, support positive activation, improve visibility and access, and enhance comfort.
- Change the perception of downtown by communicating the successes downtown.

The efforts are also opportunities to test out “lighter, quicker, cheaper” versions of longer term concepts and investments for our public spaces. These activations provide an opportunity for the community to participate and provide feedback, allowing staff to collect information on what changes could improve the functionality and use of the space in the long term as we seek sustainable solutions for our downtown. Progress is being made toward improving people’s experiences in our downtown public spaces.

Staff continues to use a results-based monitoring framework to coordinate activities, collect data, and track progress toward our objectives. In addition, data was collected via an online community survey about perceptions of downtown (similar to the PPS survey conducted in 2016 and repeated in 2017), media monitoring, and key-stakeholder interviews. The lessons and information collected help inform and guide future plans and investments in the civic and economic heart of our community as we continue to move toward our vision of a vibrant and active downtown.

The results of our evaluation show that we are making incremental progress toward our objective of a safe, vibrant and welcoming downtown. Members of the community who are downtown frequently and those who have a vested interest in downtown appreciate the measures that were implemented during the 2018 summer season. In particular, our downtown partners appreciate the security presence, both police and private security firms, and the services for the unhoused (day storage and the Community Outreach and Response Team). However, perceptions remain unchanged among community members who visit downtown less frequently or not at all, and people who live and work downtown continue to have concerns about security and antisocial behaviors. To continue making progress and to change perceptions, the coordinated, multi-prong effort needs to be maintained, building on approaches that were successful, developing new strategies that are flexible and responsive, and continuing to leverage and expand partnerships with other downtown stakeholders.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

City Council Goals

Safe Community – A community where all people are safe, valued and welcome.

- Greater sense of safety (especially downtown)
Sustainable Development – A community that meets its present environmental, economic and social needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- Increased downtown development
Accessible and Thriving Culture and Recreation – A community where arts and outdoors are integral to our social and economic well-being and are available to all.

Envision Eugene Pillars

- Provide ample economic opportunities for all community members.
- Promote compact urban development and efficient transportation options.
- Protect, repair and enhance neighborhood livability.

Regional Prosperity Economic Development Plan

Strategy 5: Identify as a Place to Thrive, Priority Next Step – Urban Vitality

As we foster a creative economy, dynamic urban centers are an important asset. Eugene, Springfield and many of the smaller communities in the region, recognize the importance of supporting and enhancing vitality in their city centers. Building downtowns as places to live, work and play will support the retention and expansion of the existing business community and be a significant asset to attract new investment. The Cities of Eugene and Springfield will continue to enhance their efforts to promote downtown vitality through development and redevelopment.

Eugene Downtown Plan

- Support public safety activities that increase visibility, access actual and perceived safety for individuals and property downtown.
- Actively pursue public/private development opportunities to achieve the vision for an active, vital, growing downtown.
- Reinforce the creative, distinctive culture of downtown as the arts and entertainment center of the city.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

Informational work session, no options at this time

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Informational work session, no recommendation at this time

SUGGESTED MOTION

Informational work session, no suggested motion at this time

ATTACHMENTS

None

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