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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

July 24, 2017

5:30 p.m. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Harris Hall

125 East 8th Avenue

Eugene, Oregon 97401

**Meeting of July 24, 2017;
Her Honor Mayor Lucy Vinis Presiding**

Councilors

Alan Zelenka, President

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Betty Taylor

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A. WORK SESSION:

Police Chief Engagement and Recruitment Update

B. WORK SESSION:

Downtown Parking

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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: Police Chief Engagement and Recruitment Update

Meeting Date: July 24, 2017
Department: City Manager's Office
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: A
Contact: Kristie Hammitt
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ISSUE STATEMENT

Current Police Chief Pete Kerns announced his retirement in March 2017. As a result, the City Manager is launching an engagement and recruitment effort to hire a chief that reflects the needs of Eugene. This work session is an opportunity for Council to receive an update on the process.

BACKGROUND

Recognizing the important leadership role the Police Chief plays in the organization and community, the City Manager is working on a recruitment process that incorporates Police Department feedback and community input. The overarching goal is to have an inclusive and transparent recruitment process that instills organization and community confidence and pride in police leadership. In order to do this the process incorporates three key phases:

Listen – An outreach and engagement process to gather input from the community at large, community organizations, boards and commissions, and staff to inform the recruitment process. This work will wrap up by early fall 2017.

Recruit – Select a national recruiter with extensive experience and demonstrated success working in partnership with municipalities to recruit for the position of Police Chief. The national recruiter will provide input to inform recruitment process, with a Police Chief posting to be finalized and recruitment to begin in late fall/winter 2017.

Hire – Through an interview process involving staff and community held over the winter, the City Manager will make the final decision on the hiring of the new Police Chief to be sworn in during spring/summer of 2018.

Components and strategies for each of these phases will be further detailed at the Council work session.

The City's website includes a page dedicated to the Police Chief recruitment and will serve as a resource throughout the process. <https://www.eugene-or.gov/3585/Police-Chief-Recruitment> In addition, Council will receive regular updates throughout the process.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

1. Eugene Charter Chapter IV, Section 16
2. Council goal for a Safe Community: A community where all people are safe, valued and welcome.
3. Council goal for 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.
4. Council goal for Effective, Accountable Municipal Government: A government that works openly, collaboratively, and fairly with the community to achieve measurable and positive outcomes and provide effective, efficient services.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Discussion only. The City Manager does not have a recommendation at this time.

SUGGESTED MOTION

There are no suggested motions at this time.

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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: Downtown Parking

Meeting Date: July 24, 2017
Department: Planning and Development
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: B
Staff Contact: Lori Kievith
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ISSUE STATEMENT

In support of downtown revitalization efforts, Council directed staff to implement a two-year on-street, free parking program in 2010 that would sunset in 2012. The City Manager has extended the free parking administrative action through this year to continue the downtown revitalization momentum. Due to the success of several downtown strategies, there are now more businesses and people downtown. This work session will review the outcomes of the downtown free parking pilot program and provide an opportunity for Council to discuss its sunset this fall.

BACKGROUND

Over the last several years, the City has developed strategies to foster a vibrant downtown that focuses on jobs and redevelopment, public safety, attractions and amenities, and parking. The work has led to more than \$250 million in private and public investments across our city's center. Parking continues to play a critical role in the revitalization of our downtown. Our goals have been to support downtown redevelopment and to make City of Eugene Parking Services easier to recognize and use. Since 2010, Parking Services has implemented a number of strategies to help meet these goals:

- Rebranded the program to Epark Eugene. The website www.eparkeugene.com redirects parking customers to the City of Eugene's parking services program website. It is consistently one of the most viewed destinations for City website visitors.
- Implemented easier payment options. Parking added a pay by cell phone app in downtown parking garages and surface lots and installed credit card accepting meters on campus and many downtown locations to make paying for parking easier.
- Invested in downtown public safety. Parking redirected its annual debt service payment from the Broadway Parking Garages debt to the General Fund to support enhanced downtown Eugene Police Services. In FY 2018, the Parking Fund will transfer \$838,350 to the General Fund for downtown police services.
- Removed 288 parking meters from twelve downtown blocks of parking, providing free two-hour parking to encourage people to rediscover Eugene's downtown and remove

perceived barriers to visiting the area. The program launched in October 2010 and includes the on-street parking from 7th Avenue to 11th avenue from Lincoln Street to Willamette Street.

Today, there are more buildings, more businesses, and more people downtown. It is a strong indicator of the success of all of our downtown efforts that the demand for parking has increased significantly over the last several years. With the sale and redevelopment of many downtown surface parking lots, on-street parking is in much higher demand and we are hearing more requests from businesses to remove the free parking in order to support turn-over of the spaces and make them available for downtown visitors. The number one complaint of the free parking program is that downtown employees use the spaces and move their vehicles around every few hours – limiting access for downtown customers and visitors.

The free parking program was intended to be a temporary pilot. As part of the FY17 adopted budget, Council approved the allocation of funding to purchase credit card meters in anticipation of ending the pilot program this year. We have also heard from customers, visitors, and downtown merchants that they endorse the sunset of the program and feel it will support efforts to create a more accessible downtown.

The FY 2018 budget anticipates \$350,000 in meter revenue from the re-installation of parking meters. This funding will not only pay for the meters themselves, but could be used to address over \$11 million dollars of deferred garage maintenance and be reinvested in the downtown core for projects such as the 20x21 murals, ongoing downtown activities and programming, the downtown wayfinding project. The reinvestment strategy aligns with the Parking Services program goals to Encourage Economic Development, Enhance Neighborhood Livability, and Reinvest Parking Resources Where its Collected.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

Improvements to downtown parking are supported by:

City Council Goals

Sustainable Development

- Increased downtown development
- Support for small and local business
- Decision-making that weighs economic, social equity and environmental (triple bottom line) effects

Safe Community

- Greater sense of safety (especially downtown)

Envision Eugene Pillars

- Promote compact urban development and efficient transportation options.

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

- Facilitate dense development in the courthouse area and other sites between the core of downtown and the river.
- Downtown development shall support the urban qualities of density, vitality, livability and diversity to create a downtown, urban environment.
- Actively pursue public/private development opportunities to achieve the vision for an active, vital, growing downtown.
- Use downtown development tools and incentives to encourage development that provides character and density downtown.

Eugene City Code 9.6410 (4) – Downtown Parking Exempt Zone

COUNCIL OPTIONS

This is a work session item for discussion.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION AND SUGGESTED MOTION

No motion proposed at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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