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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

January 24, 2024

12:00 p.m. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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Meeting of January 24, 2024;
Her Honor Mayor Lucy Vinis Presiding

Councilors

Randy Groves, President	Matt Keating, Vice President
Lyndsie Leech	Emily Semple
Jennifer Yeh	Alan Zelenka
Mike Clark	Greg Evans

12:00 p.m. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

1. **WORK SESSION: Eugene Springfield Fire Update**

2. **WORK SESSION: City Manger Update: Storm Response**

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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Work Session: Eugene Springfield Fire Update

Meeting Date: January 24, 2024
Department: Eugene Springfield Fire
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 1
Staff Contact: Chief Caven
Contact Telephone Number: 541-682-7115

ISSUE STATEMENT

Eugene Springfield Fire (ESF) staff will provide updates on the following topics: Impacts and service coordination related to the University District Emergency Room closure, Mobile Crisis Response service planning, and ESF Governance Review Panel process and status.

BACKGROUND

The PeaceHealth University District Emergency Room closed on December 1, 2023. Prior to the closure ESF staff coordinated with PeaceHealth staff, state and local elected officials, and regional service partners to assess the short and long-term impacts related to delivery of patients in need of emergency room services. During the City Manager update on November 27, 2023, Council received an update on actions planned to mitigate immediate impacts to emergency service response, service system reliability and staff workload capacity. Staff will provide an update on the status of the service transition.

At the November 27, 2023 Work Session, Council also received an update on the long-term planning needs and legislative requests related to support alternative response programs. ESF staff shared the need for diversifying service delivery options to better assess and triage service response to include Nurse Navigation and Community Response Units (CRU). Funding to support pilot programs to test these alternative response approaches was approved by the Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Committee and is the top priority for State funding during the 2024 Legislative Session.

On October 9, 2023, Council received a Community Safety System update, with an emphasis on Community Payroll Tax service investments. At the work session ESF staff provided a brief update on the addition of an Alternative Service Response position and the transition of mobile crisis response services. Both changes were included in the biennial budget. ESF staff have been actively recruiting for the Alternative Response position. The position will monitor the Calls for Service Response System and service coordination for mental health crisis response. This role will reduce duplicated efforts, identify potential cost efficiencies, and provide education and communication to the community.

At the beginning of the 2023-2025 biennium, ESF became the lead department for managing and coordinating mobile crisis response services. ESF has had several meetings with service provider partners (White Bird, Lane County Behavioral Health) to discuss community and service delivery needs. Staff will provide a brief status update at the work session.

The Eugene Springfield Fire governance structure assessment continues to progress. The joint elected Fire Governance Review Panel, established in 2022, continued to meet the past year. They have spent time learning about the challenges and strengths of the current structural model and began comparing other structure options. In the fall of 2023, AP Triton, a consultant specializing in fire service, was hired to provide an assessment of the department and governance options. AP Triton provides consulting services to fire departments and has extensive background in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) optimization and feasibility studies, financial cost recovery, consolidations, fire station location and engineering studies, master plans, community risk assessments, standards of cover, and strategic plans. The Governance Review Panel will receive a progress update from AP Triton in late January. Council is scheduled to receive an overview of the feasibility study on February 26. For additional information related to the Governance Review Panel process please refer to the Governance Review Panel website.

RELATED CITY POLICIES
This work session relates to the 2023-2026 City of Eugene Strategic Plan focus area Urgent Community Needs and strategic goal to achieve a greater sense of safety.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION
October 9, 2023 Work Session
Update on the status of the Community Safety System specific to service delivery enhancements and Community Safety Payroll Tax investments.

November 27, 2023 Work Session
City Manager's update related the planned closure of the University District Emergency Room on December 1, 2023.

COUNCIL OPTIONS
None.

SUGGESTED MOTION
None.

ATTACHMENTS
None.

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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Work Session: City Manager Update: Storm Response

Meeting Date: January 24, 2024
Department: City Manager's Office
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 2
Staff Contact: Sarah Medary
Contact Telephone Number: 541-682-5010

ISSUE STATEMENT
This item is an opportunity for the City Manager to provide the Council with updates regarding emergent items.

BACKGROUND
As needed, the City Manager will routinely provide updates to the Council on items of interest.

SUGGESTED MOTION
None.

ATTACHMENTS
None.

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