

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Public Hearing: Civic Stadium

Meeting Date: April 25, 2011
Department: Central Services
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Agenda Item Number: 4
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ISSUE STATEMENT

The public hearing provides an opportunity for community members and others to offer input on the future of Civic Stadium, including the potential roles for the Eugene City Council and City of Eugene.

BACKGROUND

A majority of the council on March 16, 2011, adopted a motion to explore providing input to the Eugene 4J School District on disposition of the Civic Stadium property. Specifically, the council directed the City Manager to ask whether 4J would accept input on the Civic Stadium site and asked the Mayor to convene a committee to develop a recommendation. The council motion included the following language: *The council recognizes the value that historic properties contribute to community character and livability and is aware of the needs of the 4J School District. The committee would explore a possible public/private/nonprofit collaboration for the repair and repurposing of Civic Stadium and the redevelopment of the rest of the site.*

An ad hoc committee met on April 8. Among those joining Mayor Kitty Piercy and Councilors George Brown and Alan Zelenka were representatives from the Save Civic Stadium group, Master Development LLC, the Eugene YMCA, and Friendly Area Neighbors. A recommendation for a public/private/nonprofit collaboration did not emerge in the meeting.

The council held a work session on April 13, at which Councilors Zelenka and Brown presented more detailed information about the proposal from the Save Civic Stadium group. The council agreed to conduct a public hearing and schedule a follow-up work session to discuss a potential recommendation to 4J.

The Eugene 4J School Board is expected to hold regular and executive meetings in April and May, leading to possible selection of a finalist for acquisition of Civic Stadium properties.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

- Growth Management Policies
- 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.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

The council may provide input and direction for staff follow-up. A work session tentatively is set for May 9.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager makes no recommendation at this time; the public hearing is an opportunity for public comment.

SUGGESTED MOTION

No motion is offered.

ATTACHMENTS

None are provided.

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