

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: City Hall Update

Meeting Date: December 12, 2012
Department: Central Services
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Agenda Item Number: A
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ISSUE STATEMENT

The purpose of this work session is to provide the opportunity for the council to make a final site selection for continued City Hall planning.

BACKGROUND

In July 2012, the City Council heard information resulting from the City Hall Advisory Committee regarding strategies and discussion points that could assist staff and decision-makers when considering city hall options. The City Council appointed a council subcommittee to more fully consider that and other information to assist the full council in selecting the preferred option.

Five meetings of the City Council Subcommittee on City Hall were held between September 19 and November 19. The council received subcommittee updates in work sessions on October 22, November 14 and November 21. Councilors Clark, Pryor and Zelenka, and staff reported on subcommittee discussions and project process, and the council provided feedback and input regarding the subcommittee process. In these discussions the council expressed strong support for a public forum on the subject of a new city hall and identified the need for a council workshop on city hall planning, to provide for a fuller discussion among councilors on project values and options. There was general agreement that the subcommittee had finished its work.

A council workshop on city hall planning was held on December 4. Public open houses have been scheduled for December 7 and December 10, both from 4 - 6 p.m., in the Atrium building. A public forum at the regular City Council meeting on December 10 will provide an opportunity for members of the public to comment on city hall planning following the open houses. At the December 12 meeting, staff will report on the public feedback received at the open houses.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

- Option 1: Take no further action at this time.
- Option 2: Decide that city hall should continue to be located on the current site, and direct staff to report to the council with plans for the alternatives of rebuilding or replacing the existing structure.
- Option 3: Decide that city hall should be located at the Eugene Water & Electric Board site, and direct staff to report to the council with plans on how this can be implemented.

CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDATION

No City Manager recommendation. City staff believes all three options are viable and will work to ensure the success of the option chosen by the City Council.

SUGGESTED MOTION

No motions provided.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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