

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: Homelessness Policy Framework

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Department: Planning & Development
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ISSUE STATEMENT

This work session provides an opportunity for staff to update the City Council regarding recent efforts to address homelessness. It is also an opportunity to begin discussions about future efforts to address homelessness and to discuss the components of a successful approach.

BACKGROUND

The City of Eugene has a long history of developing and managing quality services and policies related to addressing homelessness in the community. The past few years have seen an increased emphasis on addressing the needs of the homeless community, challenging both City Council and staff to address homelessness through both conventional means, such as supporting and funding affordable housing and services, and less conventional means, such as one-time funding for increased services and developing homeless rest stops.

With a variety of different efforts that have been recently completed or are underway, both by the City as well as multiple regional partners, it is timely to engage in a discussion about how to proactively focus council and staff efforts toward the most effective outcomes.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

Council goal for a safe community: A community where all people are safe, valued and welcome, including desired outcomes for decreased property crime, a greater sense of safety, visible and accessible police presence, and better police/community relations

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

No recommendation is necessary as this is an informational item.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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