

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



City Hall Project

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ISSUE STATEMENT

The purpose of this work session is to fulfill the council's request for an opportunity to clarify council direction related to City Hall. This work session accompanies the September 22 work session on technical aspects of the project.

BACKGROUND

At the September 8, 2014, work session, the council passed a motion to pause the work of the City Hall project in order to clarify council direction relative to this project at the September 24, 2014, work session. To prepare for the September 24 work session, on September 22, the council received financial and other background information on the development of the final concept design and site framework for the project.

The September 24 work session will provide the council an opportunity to clarify direction and prior decisions on City Hall. The council will be provided with a series of questions to confirm their direction. A complete history of actions dating back to 2001 is included in Attachment A. Below is a short summary of recent City Hall-related discussions and actions.

March 2011 – The council directed staff to develop and implement a transition plan for moving all remaining City services out of City Hall by June 30, 2012, and to develop a phased approach to building a new City Hall at the current site utilizing available resources. The council also directed staff to return with a funding plan for the project.

June 2011 – The City Manager established the City Hall Advisory Committee (CHAC) to evaluate site options (new construction versus renovation) with respect to values. Feedback from the CHAC suggested two overarching conclusions: 1) either the new building or major remodel option could probably be successful, depending on what the City wanted to accomplish, and, 2) a great deal more analysis was needed to flesh out the opportunities, challenges, benefits, and risks of the options.

July 2012 – The council created a City Council Subcommittee and directed the committee to return with rebuild/build new options for City Hall.

December 2012 – Following five meetings of the Council Subcommittee on City Hall, three council work sessions, a council workshop, and two public open houses between September and December, the council voted to complete analysis for the rebuild (i.e., major renovation) and build new options for City Hall on the current City Hall site. At this point, the Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) site was removed from further consideration.

January 2013 – At the January 23, 2013, work session, the council voted to pursue a City Hall design on the current site with the goal of retaining the Council Chamber, existing parking (to the extent possible) and public art, as well as any other components that make sense from an operational or design standpoint.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Council Action History Related to City Hall

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