

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Action: Homeless Rest Stop Site Recommendation

Meeting Date: October 28, 2013
Department: Planning & Development
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Agenda Item Number: 4
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ISSUE STATEMENT

The purpose of this action item is to present the council with the City Manager's recommendation of a site for a pilot rest stop.

BACKGROUND

On September 23, 2013, the council approved the establishment of a rest stop pilot program that will create one or more sites to accommodate up to 15 homeless individuals per site. This program limits sites to those either owned or leased by the City, a religious institution, a non-profit, or a business and prohibits areas located in residential areas or near a school. Further, supervision and sanitation are to be provided by an independent service provider at no cost to the City.

Additionally, the council must approve each site for inclusion into the program. City staff composed a list of potential City-owned pilot sites (Attachment A) that met criteria previously set by the council. The list is composed of the following sites:

- 1) 8th/Mill - 0.3 acres
- 2) Broadway/Hilyard - 0.3 acres
- 3) NW Expressway/Chambers - 1.1 acres
- 4) Roosevelt, west of Garfield - 0.2 acres
- 5) Willow Creek - 2.8 acres

NEXT STEPS

After the council approves one or more sites, staff will continue working to identify and select the provider(s) and to finish preparing the site use agreement (as outlined in Ordinance 20517, Attachment B) that a provider will need to sign. The site-use agreement will outline the expectations and requirements for a site, such as supervision, selection of individuals who may stay at the site, hours the individuals can be at the site, the number of continuous days that an individual may stay at the site, and the provision of waste and toilet facilities.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

- Eugene City Code provisions related to overnight camping (Eugene Code Chapter 4).
- 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.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. Approve the site recommendation from the City Manager that will be presented at the City Council meeting on Monday.
2. Reject the Manager's recommendation for a site and direct the Manager to return with a different recommendation.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager's recommendation for a particular site will be presented on Monday.

SUGGESTED MOTION

A suggested motion will be provided with the City Manager's recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Memo on Updated List of Potential Homeless Camping Sites and Related Criteria
- B. Ordinance 20517 Concerning Permitted Overnight Sleeping

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