

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: City Hall Rebuild Update

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ISSUE STATEMENT

The purpose of this work session is to present to the council the final concept design and site framework for the City Hall Rebuild project in order to elicit input for the design team and the staff project team before proceeding with detailed design work.

BACKGROUND

At the February 10, 2014, work session, the council considered design options for City Hall that focused on the feasibility of incorporating the existing Council Chamber into the design concept and how parking should be considered as a valuable resource for the site and its immediate surroundings. Public art was also identified as an important issue in discussions with community members, both with the existing artwork as a means of connecting to history and with new art opportunities as a means of reinforcing community connection and cultural accessibility. The goal was to remake City Hall into a welcoming place that reaches out to the community and honors both the city's history and future.

Subsequently, the City began discussions with Lane County about a possible partnership and land exchange that could provide a permanent site for the Lane County Farmers' Market, secure a close and prominent location for a future County courthouse, provide more clarity for Phase One of Eugene City Hall, and strengthen the connections between downtown and the river along 8th Avenue. At its April 28 work session, the council directed the City Manager to work with the County to develop a proposed process, timeline and deal points that (a) would enable the preservation and future development of the Lane County Farmers' Market on the Butterfly Lot and (b) would identify property for the future courthouse development on the City Hall lot.

The final concept design for City Hall to be presented at the July 14 work session responds to input previously received from the council and from community stakeholder groups, and reflects the results of the design team's exploration of a site framework that would support the option of building a County Courthouse on the eastern half of the City Hall site.

Project Budget

The council established a budget of \$15 million for the project, which includes approximately \$11 million for construction and \$4 million for soft costs such as architectural design work, engineer-

ing, staff project management, permits, furnishings, and other related project costs. The council has appropriated a total of \$15 million for this project consisting of the balance in the Facility Reserve, \$2 million from the Telecom Fund to pay for related project costs, and \$2.44 million that is expected to come from future capital project and budget allocations. The council accepted the funding plan for City Hall at the June 18 work session and approved an appropriation of \$750,000 on supplemental budget in June 2013 and \$14.25 million on supplemental budget in June 2014.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

The City Hall planning process relates to the council goals of an effective, accountable municipal government, a safe community, and sustainable community growth and change.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

The council is asked to provide feedback on the information presented at this work session.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

There are no specific recommendations at this time.

SUGGESTED MOTION

None at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this Agenda Item Summary.

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