

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Action: An Ordinance Providing for Withdrawal of Annexed Properties from the Santa Clara Fire District, the Santa Clara Water District, Lane Rural Fire Protection District, the Willakenzie Rural Fire Protection District, and the Zumwalt Rural Fire Protection District

Meeting Date: March 9, 2015
Department: Planning and Development
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Agenda Item Number: 4
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ISSUE STATEMENT

The City Council is scheduled to take action on this request to withdraw previously annexed properties from special districts.

BACKGROUND

The City Council held the required public hearing on this item on February 17, 2015. No public testimony was received at the public hearing. The purpose of the ordinance is to remove annexed properties from the tax rolls of special service districts, which in this case are the Santa Clara Fire District, the Santa Clara Water District, the Lane Rural Fire Protection District, the Willakenzie Rural Fire Protection District, and the Zumwalt Rural Fire Protection District.

Annexation of these properties was approved by the council in 2014, at the request of the property owners. The City is now providing urban services to these properties; however, they remain on the tax rolls of special service districts until withdrawn. These withdrawals come before the council on an annual basis. The 2014 batch contains the six annexations approved by the council in 2014 (for a total of 14 tax lots). Timing for adoption of the ordinance is critical. State statutes provide that any properties to be withdrawn must be withdrawn by March 31, 2015; otherwise those properties will remain on the tax rolls of special service districts until July 2016.

If the council finds that the withdrawals are in the City's best interest, the council is asked to adopt the attached ordinance, which provides for the withdrawal from special service districts of these annexed properties. Maps and legal descriptions of the properties to be withdrawn are provided as exhibits to the ordinance.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

The approval criterion for withdrawal from public service districts following annexation is contained in EC 9.7835, and corresponding statutory provisions at ORS 222.524, which require

the City Council to find that approval of the withdrawal is in the best interest of the City.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

The City Council may consider the following options:

1. Approve the withdrawals by ordinance;
2. Approve the withdrawals by ordinance with specific modifications as determined by the City Council;
3. Deny the withdrawals by ordinance.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends adoption of the ordinance as drafted, providing for withdrawal of all listed territories by March 31, 2015.

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move to adopt Council Bill 5138, withdrawing territories from the Santa Clara Fire District, the Santa Clara Water District, the Lane Rural Fire Protection District, the Willakenzie Rural Fire Protection District, and the Zumwalt Rural Fire Protection District.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Ordinance, including Exhibits A through F (legal descriptions and maps of properties).

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