



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Albany Boys & Girls Club
1215 Hill Street SE
Monday, September 8, 2008
4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 4:00 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER**
- 4:00 p.m. **ROLL CALL**
- 4:00 p.m. **FACILITY TOUR** – Ryan Graves
- 4:20 p.m. **REALIGNING AN ACCESS EASEMENT TO THE OLD NORTH ALBANY SEWER TREATMENT PROPERTY** – Gordon Steffensmeier
Action Requested: Information, direction.
- 4:30 p.m. **WATER SERVICE OUTSIDE THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY** – Jeff Blaine
Action Requested: Discussion; decision.
- 4:50 p.m. **CALAPOOIA BREWING COMPANY REQUEST FOR HILL STREET** – Ron Irish
Action Requested: Information, direction.
- 5:00 p.m. **EAST THORNTON LAKE NATURAL AREA PROJECT** – Ed Hodney
Action Requested: Information, discussion; direction.
- 5:30 p.m. **DOWNTOWN PARKING REGULATION MODIFICATION** – Ron Irish
Action Requested: Information; discussion; decision.
- 5:40 p.m. **KNOX BUTTE SIGNAL REQUEST** – Ron Irish
Action Requested: Information.
- 5:45 p.m. **COUNCILOR COMMENTS**
- 5:55 p.m. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**
1. Oregon Sesquicentennial Celebration
- 6:00 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**

RES. NO. _____

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TO: Albany City Council

VIA: Wes Hare, City Manager
Diane Taniguchi-Dennis, PE, Public Works Director *DSTD*

FROM: Mark Shepard, PE, City Engineer *MWS*
Jeff Blaine, PE, CWRE, Assistant City Engineer *JB*
Gordon Steffensmeier, PE, PLS, Civil Engineer III *G.S.*

DATE: August 28, 2008, for the September 8, 2008, City Council Work Session

SUBJECT: Realigning an Access Easement to the Old North Albany Sewer Treatment Property

RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN THEME: • Great Neighborhoods

Action Requested:

Council direction concerning a citizen request to realign the City's access easement to the old North Albany sewer treatment property. Realigning the easement will allow the placement of a horse barn and maintenance shed within the old easement area.

Discussion:

The City of Albany obtained an access easement from Violet Avenue to the old North Albany County Service District sewer treatment site when Covey Run subdivision was developed. As shown on the attached map labeled Attachment A, the old sewer treatment site lies outside of City limits. A portion of the original large parcel that became Covey Run subdivision also lies outside of City limits. The developer of Covey Run subdivision retained that "remainder" parcel and recently sold it to Ralph and Diane Nauman. The City's access easement lies across this remainder parcel.

The Naumans live inside of Albany City Limits at 2304 Violet Avenue NW, across the street from the remainder parcel (see attachment B). They have submitted a request to realign the City's access easement to allow the placement of a horse barn and maintenance shed within the existing easement area (see attached August 12, 2008, letter and map). Attachment C shows the Naumans' proposal in relation to neighboring properties.

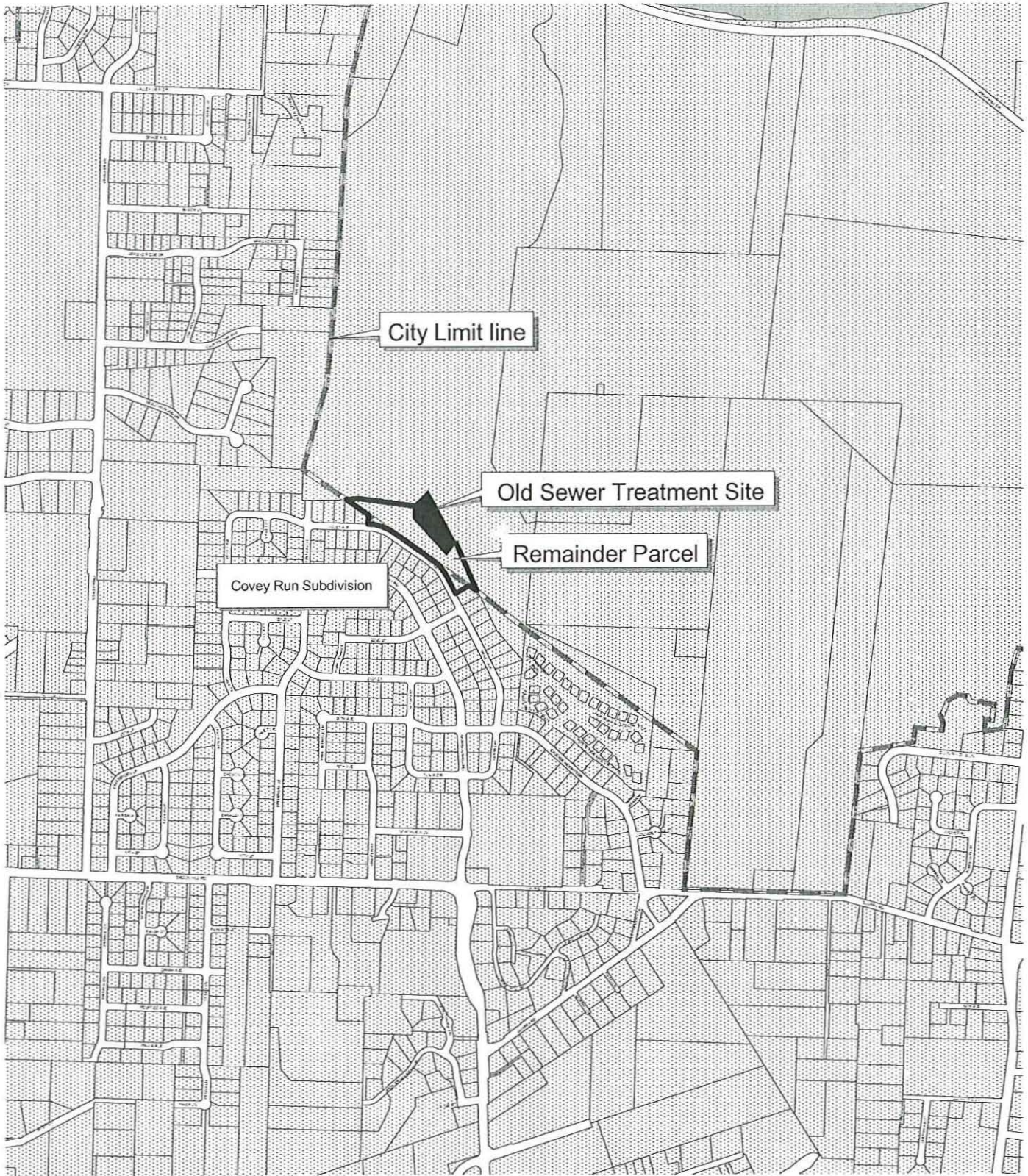
Two of the Naumans' neighbors, the Galkins and the Marshalls, have in the past expressed concerns about the placement of the horse barn. A letter from the Marshalls is attached. The Naumans have reported that they have met with both neighbors recently and both neighbors are satisfied with the proposed placement of the horse barn and shed. Both the Marshalls and the Galkins have been invited to this City Council work session.

Staff believes that the proposed new easement alignment will continue to provide the City with adequate access to the old sewer treatment plant property.

Budget Impact:

None.

GS:kw
Attachments 6



Attachment A - Vicinity Map



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Gordon Steffensmeier

Aug 28, 2008

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Attachment B



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Gordon Steffensmeier

Aug 28, 2008

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Ralph Nauman
2304 Violet Avenue NW
Albany, OR 97321
541.401.1724

12 August 2008

Gordon Steffensmeier
Public Works Department
333 Broadalbin Street SW
P.O. Box 490
Albany, OR 97321-0144

Dear Gordon,

We would like to ask the City of Albany to vacate its existing easement on our property (tax lots 10S04W36 00400 and 00403 in Benton County). To ensure that the City of Albany retains access to the ground served by this easement (tax lot 10S04W36 00402), we offer a new easement. The attached site plan for our agricultural building shows the existing easement, and where we propose to put the new easement.

Our proposed new easement starts at the same place and ends at the same place as the City's existing easement. It simply takes a different path across our property.

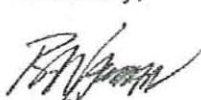
We would like the City to make this change out of consideration for our neighbors, Al and Dianne Galkin. Referring to the attached site map, you can find their property directly to the west of our planned agricultural building. We can fit our barn and shed behind their house without moving the City of Albany easement, but this would deprive them of their territorial view to the north. Furthermore, this location would put the horses right over their fence, which would change the character of their backyard.

If the City of Albany agrees to move the easement, then we can build to the attached site plan. This plan puts our structure to the east of the Galkins (where they have no windows, and no view to preserve). It preserves the character of their north view, and of their backyard. This plan puts the animals at the furthest practical distance from the Galkin's house on tax lot 400. It also puts the horses and building directly across the street from our house, so only our view to the north would change

In short, this action would help preserve the harmony of the neighborhood, while preserving the City's access to tax lot 402.

Thank you for considering this change.

Sincerely,



Ralph Nauman



Diane Nauman

We concur with this request.



Al Galkin



Dianne Galkin

Barnhisel, Willis, Barlow & Stephens, P.C. RECEIVED

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August 11, 2008

Diane Taniguchi-Dennis
Public Works Director
City of Albany
333 Broadalbin Street
Albany, OR 97321

RE: RALPH AND DIANE NAUMAN

Dear Ms. Taniguchi-Dennis:

Our office represents Ken and Karen Marshall of 2335 Violet Avenue N.W., Albany, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are aware of plans being proposed by their neighbors, Ralph and Diane Nauman, for a horse breeding facility. As part of this plan, they understand the Naumans are requesting that the City of Albany agree to move an easement it has from its current location. My clients have not yet seen a site plan for their neighbors' project, but they understand that moving the easement will require review by the City Council my clients have an interest in seeing that any easement relocation be done in a manner that benefits all parties concerned, including the neighboring property owners within the Albany City Limits. Please notify my office of any Council meeting scheduled or other public hearing that will be conducted in this matter.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Cary B. Stephens

CBS:bp

cc: Albany Planning Department
Ken and Karen Marshall



TO: Albany City Council

VIA: Wes Hare, City Manager
Diane Taniguchi-Dennis, P.E., Public Works Director *FOR MWS*

FROM: Mark Shepard, P.E., Assistant Public Works Director / City Engineer *MWS*
Jeff Blaine, P.E., C.W.R.E., Assistant City Engineer *JB*

DATE: September 2, 2008, for the September 8, 2008, City Council Work Session

SUBJECT: Water Service Outside the Urban Growth Boundary

RELATES TO: • An Effective Government

Action Requested:

This memo is in response to the City Council's request to consider potential policies for water service outside the urban growth boundary (UGB) at the September 8, 2008, Council work session.

Discussion:

At the August 25, 2008, Council Work Session, Council reviewed current policies for providing water service outside the UGB and considered the benefits and consequences of potential policy changes. Council requested the item be tabled until the September 8, 2008, Work Session to allow Council time to consider the different policy options. The following paragraphs summarize the policy changes Council is considering. If Council chooses to modify current policies, staff will bring either a revised resolution, or an ordinance codifying the policy, to a future Council meeting. Whether the policy remains in resolution format or becomes part of the Albany Municipal Code is a Council decision.

Staff has proposed two policies and four additional criteria for Council to consider for providing water service to properties outside the urban growth boundary.

1. The first policy option would be to simply codify the language contained in Resolution 3363.
2. The second policy would allow one service for a parcel adjacent to an existing waterline and not be limited by further subdivisions or partitions. The obvious benefit to allowing additional connections is an increase in revenue. Some of the potential problems include:
 - Inequities between Benton County and Linn County residents given the existing differences in policies (i.e., Linn County prohibits connection to City water).
 - Inefficient development patterns.
 - Reliance on county government to restrain rural growth.

Regardless of what restrictions Council wants to place on who is eligible to connect to City water outside the UGB, Council may want to consider additional criteria in allowing these properties to connect to water. The proposed criteria presented by staff were:

1. Property owners must consent to annexation and UGB extensions.
2. Property owners must pay all customary SDCs and service and meter installation costs.

3. Property owners will be charged a special connection charge. Previous suggestions from Council were \$10,000. These funds could be dedicated to replacing pipes outside the urban growth boundary.
4. Water connections must meet current City standards.

Staff does not recommend extending new public lines to serve new individual customers; primarily because of the amount of pipe necessary to serve rural-sized parcels. However, staff would recommend the City continue to consider partnering opportunities with other cities and water districts to provide wholesale water services.

Staff recommends some public outreach if Council chooses to include special connection fees or require annexation or UGB expansion agreements as a condition of connection to City water. Outreach is recommended to allow a grace period in which people can connect under the existing policy and before the new policy would take effect. Additionally, staff recommends that Council authorize staff to initiate discussions with Benton County for the dissolution of the NACSD following final payment of the Farmers Home Administration loan next spring.

Budget Impact:

None.

JJB:prj

Attachments

- c: Greg Byrne, Community Development Director
Mike Wolski, Assistant Public Works Director/ Operations Manager
Jim Young, Water Superintendent
Chris Goins, Engineering Associate
North Albany Neighborhood Association



TO: Albany City Council

VIA: Wes Hare, City Manager
Diane Taniguchi-Dennis, P.E., Public Works Director *DSTD*

FROM: Mark Shepard, P.E., Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer *MWS*
Ron Irish, Transportation Systems Analyst *R.I.*

DATE: August 5, 2008, for the September 8, 2008 , City Council Work Session

SUBJECT: Calapooia Brewing Company Request for Hill Street

RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN THEME: • A Healthy Economy

Action Requested:

Staff requests that Council provide direction regarding whether or not the block of Hill Street between 1st Avenue and Water Avenue should be changed to a one-way street (northbound) with diagonal parking along the west side.

Discussion:

Calapooia Brewing Company is located on the southwest corner of Hill Street and Water Avenue. The site lacks on-site parking, and the available on-street parking along Water Avenue and Hill Street is limited. For the past several years, Calapooia had an agreement to use an unpaved parking lot just north of Water Avenue. That lot has recently been sold and will be the site of future development by RCM Homes. As a result, the parking shortage faced by Calapooia Brewing Company will soon become more severe.

Ms. Laura Bryngelson, owner of Calapooia Brewing Company, approached staff in April 2008 and asked if there were any options available to increase the amount of on-street parking in the area. Staff identified one option – changing Hill Street between 1st Avenue and Water Avenue to a one-way street in the northbound direction, and adding diagonal parking along the west side of the street (plan attached). Parallel parking would still be allowed along the east side of the street. The change would add between 12 and 14 on-street parking spaces to the block, and could initially be accomplished through striping changes and the addition of traffic control signs. Ms. Bryngelson has submitted a request (attached) that the City implement the plan to turn this block of Hill Street into a one-way street with diagonal parking along the west side.

Calapooia Brewing Company is one of four lots with frontage on this portion of Hill Street. All are corner lots. Staff has sent a sketch of the proposal for Hill Street to the owners of the lots, notified them of the date of this meeting, and offered to discuss the concept in greater detail if they had questions. No response had yet been received at the date of the writing of this memo.

If Council chooses to implement the changes to Hill Street, a determination will need to be made regarding whether the City makes the striping and sign changes, or whether the responsibility for making the changes will fall to Calapooia Brewing Company. The cost of the striping changes and sign installation is not expected to exceed \$3,000.

Budget Impact:

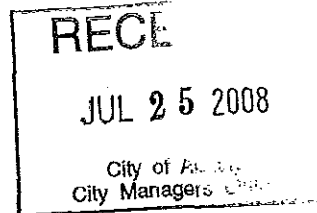
If Council chooses to implement and fund the changes, the total cost is not expected to exceed \$3,000.

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Attachment(s)



Zone 7, Inc.
Calapooia Brewing Co.
140 Hill St. NE
Albany, Oregon 97321

Laura Bryngelson – President
Mark Martin – Brewer



July 24, 2008

Wes Hare
City Manager
City of Albany
P.O. Box 490
Albany, OR 97321-0144

RE: Parking for Calapooia Brewing Co.

Dear Mr. Hare,

As a growing business in the Hackleman District, Calapooia Brewing Co. (on the corner of Hill St. and Water Ave. NE) is facing some challenges as a result of our growth, and the expected development scheduled to occur in our neighborhood. The most pressing challenge at this time is the parking issue. There is very little in the way of on-street parking within a two-block radius of our business. For the past several years, the parking pressure has been alleviated by the use of the unpaved parking lot across Water Ave. With the RCM development about to begin, that space will no longer be available to us. Thanks to creative thinking by Ron Irish and Kate Porsche, we think we have a low-cost, low-impact solution that will increase the parking for our growing operations. Our proposal is to turn Hill St. into a one-way street from 1st Ave. to Water Ave. with traffic moving north (towards the river). By turning Hill St. into a one-way, one lane road, we could then have head-in parking on our side of the street, increasing our parking capacity by up to 14 spaces. This change will directly affect three other property owners on Hill, so we know this proposal must be approved by the City Council. We look forward to being on the agenda in the near future, so that we may further discuss the plan, and how it would be a great boost for our business.

Cheers!

Laura Bryngelson
Owner
Calapooia Brewing Co.
140 Hill St. NE
Albany, OR 97321
541-740-6339
www.calapooiabrewing.com

WATER AVE.

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Apr 29, 2008

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TO: Albany City Council
VIA: Wes Hare, City Manager
FROM: Greg Byrne, Director of Community Development
Ed Hodney, Director of Parks and Recreation *EJ*
DATE: September 3, 2008, for the September 8, 2008 City Council Work Session
SUBJECT: East Thornton Lake Natural Area

RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN THEME: ● Great Neighborhoods

Action Requested:

Receive a briefing from City staff and community volunteers regarding the possibility of establishing a nature area adjacent to East Thornton Lake; provide direction to staff regarding the City's participation in this project.

Discussion:

Earlier this year, several residents of North Albany and other interested parties pitched to City staff a proposal to acquire the property currently known as the East Thornton Lake Estates residential project, establishing a publicly owned conservation or natural area. It is important to note that the current property owner and developer has been a part of talks from the very beginning and is aware of today's briefing of the Council.

Since the initial meeting, considerable research into the history and environmental value of the property has been conducted by these community volunteers, led by Mark Azevedo and Annette Higginbotham. Their research and conversation with many experts suggests that the property is of environmental, historical, and cultural value significant enough to interest State agencies, including the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), in assisting and perhaps funding the acquisition and preservation of the site. The attached four-page synopsis shares some of this research.

As previously stated, OWEB is a potentially significant funding source for the acquisition. To access this funding (up to 75% of the total fair market land value), an application must be completed and submitted to OWEB no later than October 20, 2008. The application must address the probable sources for the non-OWEB project costs.

The attached outline will guide a brief presentation to the City Council. Staff would like to know if this proposed project is of interest to the Council and if you wish the staff to work in support of the application to OWEB and other funding entities.

Budget Impact:

No expenditures are required at this time.

Attachments: Briefing outline
Synopsis of East Thornton Lake Natural Area Project

**East Thornton Lake Natural Area Project
Albany City Council Presentation Outline
9-8-08**

1. Purpose of Council briefing (Ed)
 - a. Describe East Thornton Lake Natural Area project objectives, approach
 - b. Determine the interest of the City Council in the project
2. Participants involved in discussion, to date (Mark)
 - a. Local interests
 - b. Public agencies
 - c. Current landowner
3. Description of proposed project (Mark)
 - a. Objectives
 - i. Acquire and manage land for the following purposes:
 1. <see document entitled, *East Thornton Lake Natural Area*—attached>
 - b. Project elements
 - i. 24 acres acquired for conservation, resource enhancement
 - ii. Water quality measures
 - iii. Possible City park as an element of the project
 - iv. Relationship to other local water quality, wetland, and resource conservation efforts
4. Approach and funding
 - a. Researched the historical, cultural, environmental of the project site (Mark)
 - b. Determined willingness of seller (Ed)
 - c. Buy a purchase option (Ed)
 - i. Determine fair market value
 - ii. Freeze land value with purchase option until project funds are secured
 1. Role of land trusts (TPL, others)
 - d. City ownership of land (Ed)
 - i. Management by others?
 - ii. Management by City?
 - e. Apply/secure OWEB grant (Ed)
 - i. Application due October 20th
 - ii. Up to 75% of the land price
 - iii. Requires at least 25% matching funds from other sources
 - iv. Significant portion of the match must come from City of Albany (may result from grants and/or other sources)

- f. Other possible sources of funding (Ed)
 - i. State Parks funding
 - ii. Other agencies
 - 1. City funds?
 - a. Parks SDCs
 - b. Proceeds from the sale of park land
 - i. North Pointe property
 - c. Other City funds
 - iii. Private funds
- 5. City Council discussion (Ed)
 - a. Is there Council support for this project?
 - b. Does the Council wish staff to assist in this project?
 - c. Does the Council support discussions and negotiations between City staff, the Trust for Public Lands, the property owner and other interested parties to determine funding options for the project so that the OWEB acquisition grant can be completed and submitted on or before the October 20, 2008 deadline?

East Thornton Lake Natural Area

Site location- The proposed East Thornton Lake Natural Area is located within the city limits of Albany, Oregon in Benton County. The site consists of two tax lots (Benton County Tax Assessor's Map 11S-4W-1AA Tax Lot 2100 (21.10 acres) and Map 11S-3W-6BB Tax Lot 1400 (3.07 acres)) totaling 24.2 acres. Tax lot 2100 extends about half-way into the lake. These two tax lots are continuous with each other and are located between North Albany Road on the West, rural residential housing to the East, Thornton Lake to the North and Southern Pacific railroad tracks and easement to the South (map attached).

The lake is situated ½ mile to the North of the Willamette River directly across from the confluence of the Calapooia and Willamette rivers. Thornton Lake is the remnant of an oxbow of the Willamette River and has a seasonal channel running from the Willamette into the extreme West end of the lake. The lake extends from the Southwest to the Northeast and is about 1 mile long and 0.1 miles wide at its widest point.

Cultural history- The lake is an old oxbow of the Willamette River and is continuous with the river during heavy runoff in the winter. The area is rich with wildlife including river otters, migratory birds and as habitat for breeding populations of both the western pond and painted turtles. The rich plant and wildlife diversity combined with the close proximity to the confluence of the Willamette and Calapooia rivers attracted early Native American activity as noted by Dr. Dennis Griffin (SHPO State Archaeologist); "Given that the lakes are the remains of an old channel of the Willamette River, the potential for buried cultural remains are quite high. A prehistoric burial has been reported near the current Willamette River directly to the south of your area. It is highly likely that burials, village sites and associated prehistoric camps were once located along the old river channel and may still remain intact within the Thornton Lake area."

The site is part of the original Jesse Quinn Thornton Land Claim of the Donation Act of 1850. Jesse Quinn Thornton came to Oregon on the Oregon Trail in 1846, wrote two volumes about his experiences ("[Oregon and California in 1848](#)"), was a Supreme Court Judge before Oregon became a Territory, traveled to Washington D.C. by sailing ship to lobby the U.S. Congress to make Oregon a Territory, was responsible for Oregon becoming an anti-slavery Territory, named Pacific University in Forest Grove, was on the board of trustees for Willamette University, was a Benton County Legislator, was the first practicing attorney in Albany and coined the state's motto; "She Flies with Her Own Wings"

(see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jesse_Quinn_Thornton). The original Thornton home and barn sites have been located on a nearby property (on West Thornton Lake Road) using the original 1850 handwritten survey notes (attached).

The Plan- The East Thornton Lake Natural Area plan is divided into four separate phases:

Phase one is to secure the necessary funding to purchase the site, thereby protecting it from imminent subdivision development. The property owner is in favor of protecting the site assuming that adequate funding can be secured for its purchase.

Phase two is to evaluate each of the three distinct habitat types that exist on the site (see below) and develop management goals and objectives for each habitat type.

Phase three is to put the management goals into practice, particularly the restoration goals.

Phase four is to manage the site in a manner which maintains and enhances the completed restoration management goals and to provide educational benefits to regional schools and communities including outdoor environmental education, volunteer and restoration group activities.

Habitat types- The site falls into three distinct but continuous habitat types: 1- wetland (aquatic) lake site, 2- adjacent bottomland hardwood/softwood riparian zone along the lake bank giving way to 3- fallow farm land which was described as an oak savanna in the original 1850 land donation survey (attached). All three of these habitat types (wetland, bottomland hardwood forests and oak savanna) have been identified as broad-scale conservation priorities by the Oregon Biodiversity Project.

Priority Ecological Systems- The site contains the following Willamette Valley Priority Ecological Systems as identified by O.W.E.B.:

Freshwater aquatic beds, Riparian forest and shrub land, Western Oregon upland prairie and oak savanna (to be restored), and Western Oregon wet prairie (to be restored).

Rare or at risk plant communities- The site contains or could be restored to contain the following rare or at risk plant communities:

White oak/poison oak/blue wildrye, Oregon ash/Dewey sedge-stinging nettle, Pacific willow/stinging nettle, Dense sedge-tufted hairgrass prairie, Tufted hairgrass-California oatgrass valley prairie, Lobb buttercup aquatic bed.

Priority Species- The following priority species are found on the site: Painted turtle, Western Pond turtle, Red-legged frog, Western grey squirrel and Acorn woodpecker. The following priority species may be found seasonally on the site: Short-eared owl roosting habitat, American bittern, Chipping sparrow, Dusky Canada goose, White breasted Nuthatch, Western meadowlark. Historically, juvenile salmonoids existed in this Willamette river oxbow. Minor alterations to the Willamette river seasonal channel to the lake, combined with onsite restoration efforts, could increase water quality and provide habitat complexity for the reintroduction of juvenile salmonoids into Thornton Lake.

**The primary goals for the Acquisition of East Thornton Lake
Natural Area is as follows:**

1. *Reduce human impacts and inputs into the lake and watershed which will occur if proposed imminent subdivision development occurs.*
2. *Protect/Restore the site's known habitat for sensitive species including Thornton Lake's rare combination of native Western pond and painted turtles, amphibians, fish, acorn woodpecker, Western grey squirrel, native plants, butterflies, songbirds, raptors (which utilize snags on site), and many migratory bird species.*
3. *Protect/Restore land as historical riparian and upland prairie/oak savanna habitat. (Volunteer Oregon white oak seedlings have already begun to regenerate on the edge of the riparian buffer).*
4. *Restore/Enhance water quality, connectivity of lake to improve aquatic habitat and increase native turtle, fish and amphibian populations.*
5. *Provide educational benefits to regional schools and communities including outdoor environmental education, volunteer and restoration group activities (Watershed/Historical/Native American/Life Sciences); Provide on site interpretive kiosk and soft trail for wildlife viewing.*

Cooperation- The following groups and organizations have been consulted with and are in favor of protecting and restoring this site (Working Group Contact List Attached). Additional educational and community partnerships will be developed as the project develops:

Benton County Water and Soil Conservation Service District Fish Passage Program
Calapooia Watershed Council
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Friends of East Thornton Lake
Friends of Mature Albany Trees (F.O.M.A.T.)
The Greenbelt Land Trust
Lukiamute Watershed Council
Oregon Wildlife Institute
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department
Oregon State University (Botany and Plant Pathology Dept. and Graduate program in Environmental Sciences)
Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
Staff, City of Albany

The Trust for Public Lands
The Turtle Conservancy

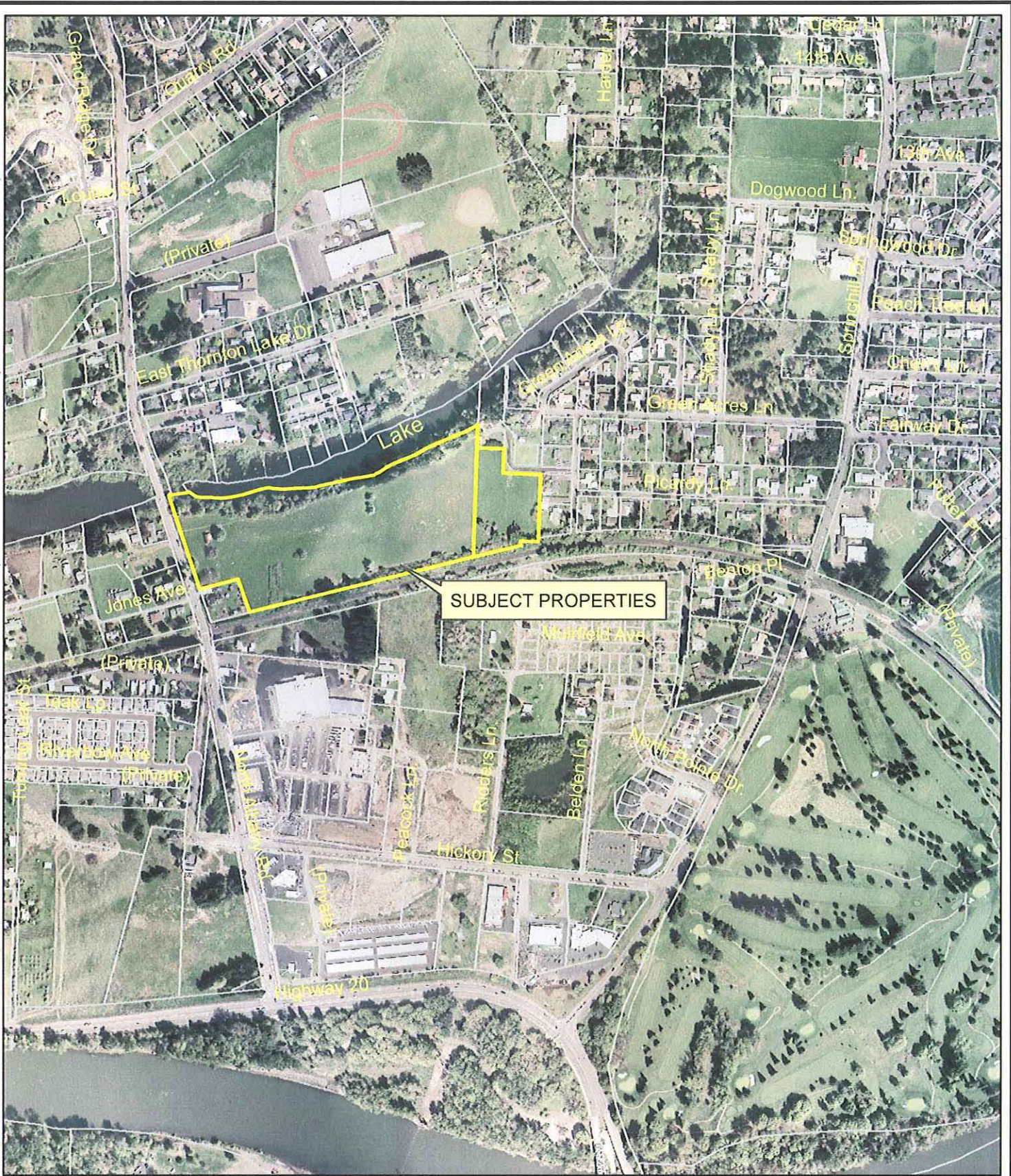
DRAFT COVER LETTER

Hello,

This letter is a follow up requesting a letter of support from you for the proposed East Thornton Lake Natural Area acquisition grant. Fall is here and the **October 20, 2008 deadline** approaches for the Land Acquisition Grant through the Oregon Water Enhancement Board (OWEB). We're happy to report that the long term preservation of this unique and diverse lakeside habitat through land acquisition and restoration is moving forward. The City of Albany has hosted a successful series of meetings and fieldtrips over the summer with interested individuals and potential partners including: local Watershed Councils, Land Trusts, turtle & fishery biologists, educators and the Cultural Specialist from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. The grant application to OWEB is being prepared with guidance from natural resource specialists, Grande Ronde tribal cultural specialists and educators from local schools and universities. It includes plans for both habitat protection and environmental education. A brief overview of the project with supporting maps and photographs is enclosed.

At your earliest convenience, please compose a letter of your support for this important project. It is imperative to mention the key components of the project which are outlined in the attached overview. The East Thornton Lake Natural Area proposal fulfills many of OWEB's conservation directives by containing multiple priority species and priority habitats and by providing wildlife/watershed connectivity to the Willamette River system. It is a habitat preservation and restoration jewel for the Mid-Willamette Valley. Letters should be sent to _____ no latter than _____ to insure that they can be included in the grant application.

Thank you for your continued support.

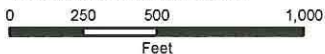


SUBJECT PROPERTIES

THORNTON LAKE ESTATES PROJECT



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TO: Albany City Council

VIA: Wes Hare, City Manager
Diane Taniguchi-Dennis, P.E., Public Works Director

FROM: Mark W. Shepard, P.E., Assistant Public Works Director / City Engineer
Ronald G. Irish, Transportation Systems Analyst *RGI*

DATE: July 30, 2008, for the September 8, 2008, City Council Work Session

SUBJECT: Downtown Parking Regulation Modification

RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN THEME: • A Healthy Economy

Action Requested:

Staff recommends Council approve, by resolution, the following modification to downtown parking restrictions:

- Designate the last three spaces on the south side of 2nd Avenue west of Montgomery Street as "30-Minute Customer Only" parking.

Discussion:

The Albany Downtown Association has recommended Council consider a modification to the on-street parking restrictions in the downtown area. The request is to change three spaces on the south side of 2nd Avenue in front of Davis Glass from "All Day Customer – Employee Permit" to "30-minute" parking. The owners of Davis Glass requested the change in order to provide on-street spaces for their customers in front of their business. Many of the on-street spaces along this portion of 2nd Avenue are currently being used by employees and customers of the Department of Human Services. Placing a 30-minute limit on the spaces will allow them to be used by short-term customers of both Davis Glass and the Department of Human Services.

Budget Impact:

None.

RGI:kw

Attachments

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THAT AREA OF DOWNTOWN ALBANY WHERE PARKING ON PUBLIC STREETS IS ENFORCED AND MANAGED BY THE ALBANY DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, the Albany Downtown Association has been authorized by the City to provide management and enforcement services for parking in the downtown area of the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Downtown Association has requested certain modifications to parking restrictions in order to provide a more efficient utilization of parking resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby authorize the following parking restrictions:

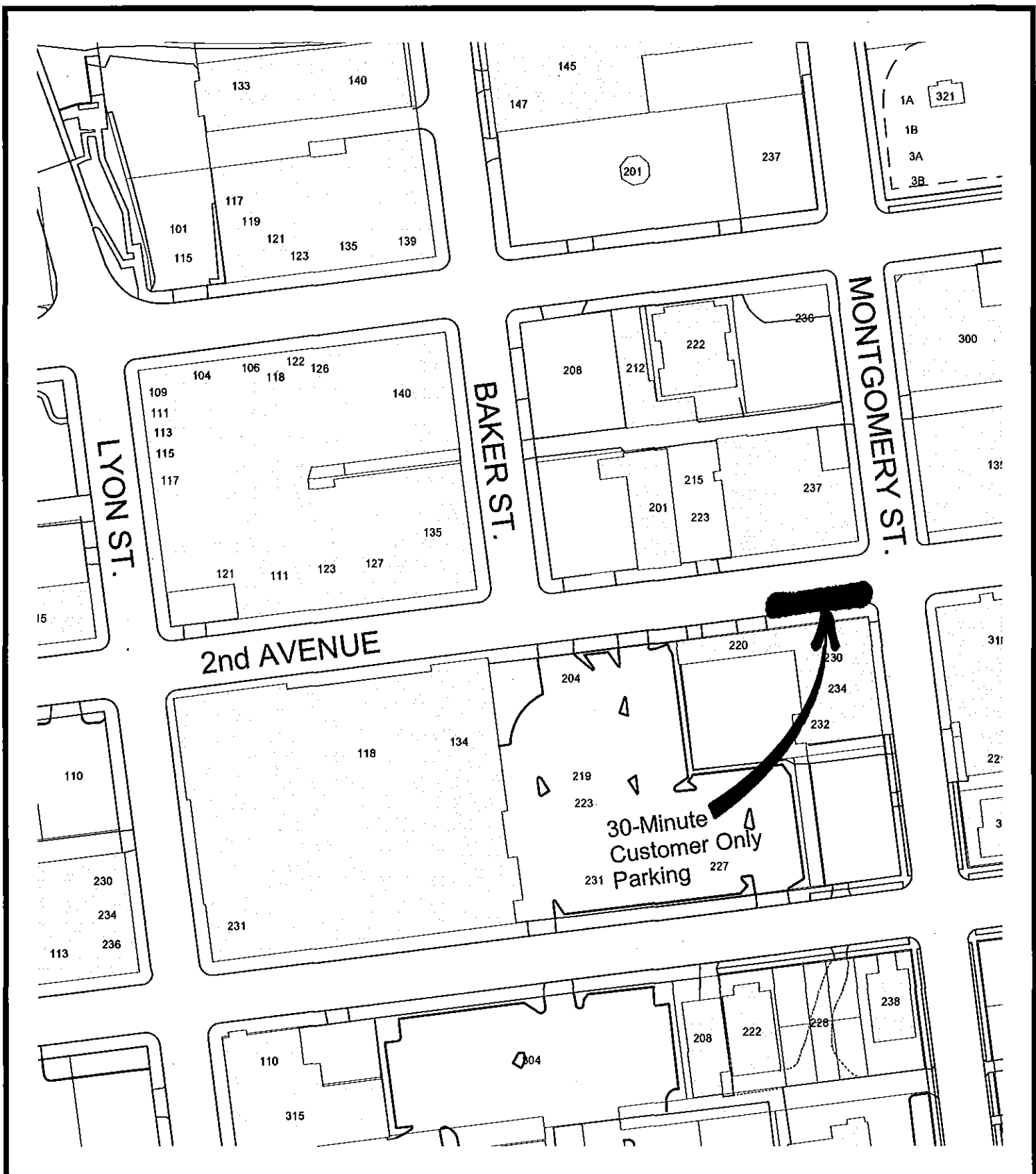
1. Designate the last three parking spaces on the south side of 2nd Avenue west of Montgomery as "30-Minute Customer Only" parking.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2008.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk



2nd Avenue



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Jul 30, 2008

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Diane Taniguchi-Dennis, P.E., Public Works Director *DSTD*

FROM: Mark Shepard, P.E., Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer *MWS*
Ron Irish, Transportation Systems Analyst *RI*

DATE: August 29, 2008, for the September 8, 2008 , City Council Work Session

SUBJECT: Knox Butte Signal Request

RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN THEME: • Great Neighborhoods

Action Requested:

None. For information only.

Discussion:

At the Council's work session on July 21, 2008, Jerry Wolcott from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) presented an overview of a planned project to lower the I-5 roadway at the Highway 20 interchange to provide additional clearance for large trucks on the freeway. The northbound off-ramp would need to be closed for approximately one month during project construction, and traffic detoured to the Knox Butte off-ramp. Council supported the project and detour route, but requested that ODOT evaluate the possibility of installing a traffic signal at the Knox Butte/Century Drive intersection instead of a temporary all-way stop.

ODOT evaluated the Council's request for installing a traffic signal at the intersection and concluded they did not support signal installation at this time. The attached memo from ODOT outlines why ODOT does not support installation of a signal. ODOT based this decision on their determination that a temporary signal would be too costly to install with the project and could not be left in place at project completion. ODOT also concluded that while a permanent signal installation might be possible, at the present time there is insufficient analysis available to verify signal installation is warranted now or that a signal is the best treatment for the intersection. ODOT did indicate they are open to the concept of a traffic signal at this location and would welcome City participation in the analysis and construction necessary for installation.

ODOT indicated they would be willing to provide the City with intersection data they collect as part of the I-5 Interchange project they are working on at this time. ODOT indicated this data would be shared with the City as their contribution toward the City's traffic signal study at the off-ramp.

If Council chooses to pursue the installation of a traffic signal at the Knox Butte/Century Drive intersection independent of ODOT and their project to lower I-5, it is unlikely that the required studies and approvals could be completed in time to have the signal in place prior to ODOT's closure of the north-bound off-ramp at Santiam Highway.

Budget Impact:

If Council chooses to pursue installation of a traffic signal at the Knox Butte/Century Drive intersection now, funding would need to be identified for participation in a traffic analysis of the intersection as well as the design and construction cost of the improvement.

RGI:prj
Attachment

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August 14, 2008

TO: Albany City Council

FROM: Jerry O. Wolcott, Project Leader

RE: Request for Temporary Signal at Knox Butte Exit

At the Council's Working Session on July 21st, I presented information regarding ODOT's project to lower the I5 roadway at exit 233 in the summer of 2009. At that time, we discussed the short term closure of the NB off ramp at Santiam Highway, and subsequent detour route through the Knox Butte off ramp. The Council passed a resolution in support of the project and detour route, with the caveat that ODOT evaluate the possibility of installing a temporary signal at the Knox Butte intersection. It was requested that this temporary signal would be used for the duration of the project, and then left in place until the interchange is rebuilt. This memo is in response to the Council's request.

The request to install a temporary signal for the duration of the Santiam off ramp closure triggers a cost/benefit analysis for the project. From that perspective, a signal is significantly more expensive than an intersection that is controlled by stop signs, or even by flaggers that are on site 24/7. So strictly from a cost/benefit analysis, the temporary signal is not a wise use of taxpayer dollars.

Beyond the cost/benefit, it's important to note that ODOT does not support a temporary signal that is left in place after a project has ended. Isolated situations have, in the past, been allowed, and as a result have lowered the quality, effectiveness, and public perception of our transportation infrastructure.

The City also suggested that they could offer financial support toward the installation of the signal. This would be a welcome contribution. It could be used toward the analysis, development, and installation of a project to improve operations at the intersection. The need for a permanent signal would be analyzed independent of the future reconstruction of the interchange. That is, if the intersection warrants, and needs, a change in traffic control now, there is no need to wait for the reconstruction of the interchange.

In order for that to happen, ODOT would want the conditions at the intersection evaluated to more fully understand the problems that are present. This is first to evaluate if some sort of traffic design change is needed and warranted. Beyond traffic volume data, such analysis needs to also document what is actually occurring in the field. That is, what kind of operational issues need to be addressed? Examples could be:

- limited sight distance,

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Willamette & Pacific Railroad
Key #12665

- single lanes meeting each other,
- left turn queues,
- etc.

When the problems are better understood, solutions become more obvious, and expenditures easier to justify.

The second part of the analysis would look at what kind of traffic control device could be used to solve the documented problems. This could range from a traffic signal to a better roadway or lane design that would improve sight distance.

The final part of the analysis would be to determine the appropriate lane configuration and queuing (or storage) that is anticipated and/or needed. It may be that in order for the new traffic control device to operate well, longer storage or more lanes may be needed.

City staff has noted that the review by Kittleson and Associates supports a warrant for a traffic signal. However, our Traffic section will not support the analysis until it is updated with more recent traffic data. ODOT supports this additional analysis, and would need to be part of the scoping effort and subsequent review.

This may sound like a long road to an agreed upon solution. But it's important to know what the problems are before jumping into a specific solution. If the Council is still interested in having the intersection analyzed for a more permanent traffic control solution, it would need to come in the form of a formal request from the City. ODOT will help scope and review the analysis. And, funding being as tight as it is, a concrete proposal for the City's contribution would be needed.

As always, I'm happy to meet with City staff and Council to discuss this, or any other transportation topics.