CITY OF CORVALLIS
COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES
October 5, 2015

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Information Only	Held for Further Review	Decisions/Recommendations
Proclamations 1. American Pharmacists Month 2. Fire Prevention Week 3. Recognition of Carl Gustafson Pages 380-381	 Yes Yes Yes		
Visitors' Propositions 1. Introduction of new Chamber of Commerce President Cooper Whitman (Wright) 2. Permanent homeless shelter (M. Blair, J. Blair, Napak) Page 381	 Yes Yes		
Consent Agenda Pages 381-382			• Adopted revised Consent Agenda passed U
Items Removed from the Consent Agenda 1. City Council Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2015 Page 382			• Approved corrected minutes passed U
USC – September 22, 2015 1. Corrections to minutes, if any 2. WMAB Annual Report 3. TSP Update: Goals and Objectives 4. Unimproved Street Policy discussion 5. CCAT IGA Pages 382-384	 Yes	 Yes Yes	 • Accepted Report passed U • ORDINANCE 2015-16 passed U • Accepted draft passed U
ASC – September 23, 2015 1. Corrections to minutes, if any 2. Arts Percentage for Municipal Building Construction 3. Livability Code Pages 384-386	 Yes	 Second reading 10/19 Yes	 • Ordinances passed 8-1
Mayor's Reports 1. CGTF Chairs meeting scheduled for October 13 Page 386	 Yes		
Council Reports 1. Climate Action Task Force (Baker) 2. Housing Development Task Force (Glassmire) 3. Sustainable Budget Task Force (Brauner) 4. Vision and Action Plan Task Force (York) 5. OSU-Related Plan Review Task Force (Hann) 6. LOC Conference lessons learned (Mayor and Councilors) 7. Property near NW Bunting Drive and City water service; street cats and dogs event (Hann)	 Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes		

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Council Reports, continued 8. Government Comment Corner (Brauner) 9. Councilor evaluation reminder (York) 10. Marijuana taxation (Hirsch) 11. KLAB events (Bull) Pages 386-388	 Yes Yes Yes Yes		
Staff Reports 1. Police Department Accreditation Manager position 2. Timberhill Fire Update 3. CRF (littering and temporary use permit for homeless shelter) Page 389	 Yes Yes Yes		
New Business 1. City Attorney's Office Transition Page 389			• Amended contract passed U

Glossary of Terms

ASC	Administrative Services Committee
CCAT	Corvallis Community Access Television
CGTF	Council Goals Task Force
CRF	Council Request Follow-up
IGA	Intergovernmental Agreement
KLAB	King Legacy Advisory Board
LOC	League of Oregon Cities
OSU	Oregon State University
TSP	Transportation System Plan
U	Unanimous
USC	Urban Services Committee
WMAB	Watershed Management Advisory Board

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Corvallis, Oregon was called to order at 6:30 pm on October 5, 2015 in the Downtown Fire Station, 400 NW Harrison Boulevard, Corvallis, Oregon, with Mayor Traber presiding.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Traber; Councilors Baker, Beilstein, Brauner, Bull, Glassmire, Hann, Hirsch, Hogg, York

Mayor Traber, the Council, staff, and others present observed a moment of silence for the victims, their families, and the Roseburg community as a whole in solemn recognition of the October 1, 2015 mass shooting tragedy at Umpqua Community College (UCC). Mayor Traber urged people to do whatever they could to avert future tragedies.

Councilor York said the tragedy was very personal to her, as she previously worked part-time at UCC. She and Councilor Beilstein serve on the Willamette Criminal Justice Council (WCJC), which was working with the schools and law enforcement to increase school safety.

Councilor Glassmire recognized Chris Mintz, who intervened to help the shooting victims, and he read from an essay by Portland, Oregon author Brian Doyle which acknowledged the heroism of two teachers, Dawn and Mary, who ran toward the person who perpetrated the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings.

Councilor Bull encouraged people to volunteer in the schools to help children. She said people who were not in crisis were less likely to act out.

Councilor Hann hoped people could ease the fears of children after such tragic events, and urged people to keep working to make Corvallis a place where families can raise their children safely.

Items at Councilors' places included emails from Julie Blair and Jan Napak concerning the proposed permanent homeless shelter (Attachments A and B, respectively).

IV. PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION

A. American Pharmacists Month

Mayor Traber read the proclamation, which was accepted by Daniel Breedlove President-Elect for the Oregon State University (OSU) student chapter of the American Pharmacists Association. Mr. Breedlove said pharmacists work to educate the community about what is safe and effective, and their goal was to treat illnesses as effectively and inexpensively as possible. Councilors recognized the rigorous study that is required to become a pharmacist. Mr. Breedlove noted practicing pharmacists in Oregon now have provider status and can invoice for services.

B. Fire Prevention Week

Mayor Traber said he would read the Fire Prevention Week proclamation at the October 10 Fire Department Open House. He encouraged everyone to test their smoke alarms. The proclamation was for information only.

C. Recognition of Carl Gustafson

Mayor Traber said he read a proclamation at the October 3 event recognizing Mr. Gustafson as a recipient of the French Legion of Honor for his service in World War II. The proclamation was for information only.

V. VISITORS' PROPOSITIONS

Curt Wright introduced new Chamber of Commerce President Cooper Whitman. Mr. Whitman looked forward to learning more about how the Chamber can serve the business community and the City.

Mike Blair read from prepared testimony opposing the proposed permanent homeless shelter (Attachment C). In response to Councilor Hogg's inquiry, Mr. Blair said the Avery Homestead Neighborhood Association would be discussing the proposed homeless shelter at their next meeting; and they hoped to incorporate with the Avery Helm Historic District.

Julie Blair read from prepared testimony opposing the proposed permanent homeless shelter (Attachment A). Councilor Bull thanked Ms. Blair for conveying her perspective to the Council.

Jan Napak referenced the email she sent to the Mayor and Council (Attachment B) and provided a copy of data related to the men's cold weather shelter (Attachment D). In response to Councilor York's inquiry, Ms. Napak said Benton County Commissioner Schuster was copied on her email, so she believed the instances of tuberculosis that she mentioned had been reported to the Benton County Health Department. In response to Councilor Hann's inquiry, Ms. Napak said United States government websites contained information about effectively providing services for the homeless.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Baker requested removal of the September 21, 2015 City Council meeting minutes (Item A.1.).

Councilors York and Hann, respectively, moved and seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as follows:

A. Reading of Minutes
   2. For Information and Filing (Draft minutes may return if changes are made by the Board or Commission)
      a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board – September 4, 2015
      b. Downtown Advisory Board – September 9, 2015
      c. Historic Resources Commission – September 8, 2015
      d. Planning Commission – September 2 and September 16, 2015

B. Approval of an application for a Limited On-Premises liquor license for Paul Pinion and Robert Van Vleet, owners of The Beaver Hut – Dam Growler LLC, 108 NW 16th Street (New Outlet)

C. Announcement of vacancy on the King Legacy Advisory Board (Ward-Satey)

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

A. Reading of Minutes
1. City Council Meeting – September 21, 2015

Councilor Baker requested a correction to the summary page of the minutes concerning the jail bond measure. The summary page reflected unanimous Council support for the measure; however, the vote was eight to one.

Councilors York and Hirsch, respectively, moved and seconded to approve the September 21, 2015 Council minutes as corrected.

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

IX. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND MOTIONS

A. Human Services Committee – None

B. Urban Services Committee – September 22, 2015

1. Corrections to USC minutes, if any

There were no corrections to the minutes. The item was for information only.

2. Watershed Management Advisory Board (WMAB) Annual Report

Councilors Baker and Hirsch, respectively, moved and seconded to accept the Watershed Management Advisory Board Annual Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Glassmire supported the Coast Range Association, a local group that works on forest management issues in the Coastal Cascades. In recent years, the Association emphasized pressure against a successful aquatic conservation strategy. In response to his request for the WMAB to consider that position, Councilor Hirsch, who is a Council Liaison to WMAB, offered to raise the topic at a future WMAB meeting.

Councilor Baker said the purpose of the ordinance was to update the WMAB's mission and to reflect their work to implement the Corvallis Forest Stewardship Plan.

City Attorney Fewel read an ordinance relating to the Watershed Management Advisory Board, amending Municipal Code Chapter 1.16, "Boards and Commissions," as amended.

ORDINANCE 2015-16 passed unanimously.

Councilor Baker said the WMAB offered to organize a Rock Creek Watershed tour for interested Councilors.

3. Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update: Goals and Objectives

Councilor Baker said development of the TSP was an iterative process and draft goals would be reviewed as the TSP update continued.

Councilors Baker and York, respectively, moved and seconded to accept the draft Transportation System Plan update and Transit System Development Plan Goals and Objectives.

Councilor Brauner hoped policies that came from the Climate Action Task Force might bring to a higher point some of the environmental issues within the TSP goals. He recognized that the goals were still in draft stage, so he did not propose amendments at this time. He hoped the final goals would emphasize a reduction in carbon-emitting vehicles and greenhouse gases.

Councilor Glassmire preferred to see priorities attached to the TSP goals. Mr. Shepard believed that would occur as the TSP update moved through the process. Council would make decisions about the priorities when it considered what it wished to fund.

Councilor Baker said in the draft document a small exercise to prioritize financial investments based on priorities of goals, which provided a sense of what the public would like to fund. His understood that the prioritization would be reviewed during the process.

Councilor Bull expressed support for coordinating land use with the TSP update to improve the efficiency of transportation infrastructure and the transportation system.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Unimproved Street Policy Discussion

Councilor Baker said USC began discussion on the complex issue of unimproved streets, including who would pay for improvements, how needs varied among neighborhoods, and what level of upgrades would be needed. USC members agreed a placeholder about unimproved streets should be included in the Sustainable Budget Task Force's (SBTF) discussion. To continue the discussion at a future USC meeting, members also requested information from staff, including the possible overall cost of upgrading unimproved streets, the potential for funding options to pay for the upgrades, the process for developing a policy on unimproved streets, and current policies and ordinances related to street improvements. It was anticipated the information would be provided to USC in November.

Councilor Brauner said the SBTF's October 28 agenda included a presentation from Public Works Department staff concerning road and street needs.

Councilor Hann wanted to ensure maintenance was considered in the unimproved streets discussion. He said the Skyline West neighborhood's concerns related to the City's role in maintaining the unimproved streets that had been in that area for decades. Councilor Baker said maintenance was part of USC's discussion and information about maintenance and improvement was included in USC's request to staff.

The item was for information only.

5. Corvallis Community Access Television (CCAT) Intergovernmental Agreement

Councilor Baker said during interim conversations with Corvallis School District 509J (509J) concerning a new draft Intergovernmental Agreement for CCAT, the City and 509J agreed to continue the existing IGA through June 2016. USC concurred with the approach, as the existing IGA addressed some of the concerns raised by the public. The item was for information only.

C. Administrative Services Committee (ASC) – September 23, 2015

1. Corrections to ASC minutes, if any

There were no corrections. The item was for information only.

2. Arts Percentage for Municipal Building Construction

Councilor Brauner said the request to include art funding as part of municipal construction came from the Arts and Culture Advisory Board (ACAB). The request was consistent with State and Federal requirements that stipulate one percent of construction costs funded through those agencies must be set aside for art.

Mr. Fewel read an ordinance amending Corvallis Municipal Code Chapter 1.04, "Purchasing," to include new provisions requiring one percent of the monies for construction or alteration of certain City buildings to be used for the acquisition and installation of art.

Councilors Hirsch and Beilstein, respectively, moved and seconded to amend the proposed ordinance to reflect appropriating two percent of the cost of construction for art and to apply the provision to projects with an estimated cost of $100,000 or more.

Councilor Hirsch said the arts were important to Corvallis and he believed the community would support the higher numbers.

Councilor York agreed that art was important; however, if more funding was required, the budget for other elements of the building would have to be reduced; therefore, she believed the ordinance as originally proposed was a reasonable place to start.

Councilor Brauner agreed with Councilor York's comments, noting the recommendation came from the ACAB, additional donations from the community were always welcome, and the amounts could be reviewed in the future.

Councilor Hann noted support for the arts was in the City's Vision 2020 Statement. In response to his inquiry, Mr. Shepard said the funding would apply to new buildings and major renovations, with some exemptions, such as for mechanical equipment.

Councilors Hogg and Bull supported what was proposed by the ACAB.

The amendment failed three to six on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Hirsch, Hann, Beilstein
Nays: Glassmire, Brauner, York, Hogg, Baker, Bull

Councilor Baker asked Councilors to consider a preference for local artists to reinvest in the local economy and to help local artists; however, he did not wish to reflect a preference via an ordinance. Rather, he believed it could be addressed through Council Policy 4.12, "Guidelines for Public Art Selection." Councilors agreed it was an action item for the Arts and Culture Advisory Board to consider.

Councilor Glassmire regretted that he could not support the ordinance. He said the City was "strapped for money," and he believed the City had higher priorities.

ORDINANCE 2015-17 passed eight to one, with Councilor Glassmire opposing.

The ordinance will be read a second time at the October 19 Council meeting.

Mr. Fewel read an ordinance amending Corvallis Municipal Code Chapter 2.10, Capital Investment Plan, to include new provisions requiring one percent of the monies for construction or alteration of certain City buildings to be used for the acquisition and installation of art.

ORDINANCE 2015-18 passed eight to one, with Councilor Glassmire opposing.

The ordinance will be read a second time at the October 19 Council meeting.

3. Livability Code

Councilor Brauner said ASC held several meetings to draft a Livability Code and the draft ordinance would be publicly available within one week. ASC planned to conduct a final review of the draft at their October 21 meeting and the proposed ordinance would then be forwarded to the full Council, possibly for consideration at the November 2 meeting.

Councilor Bull appreciated staff providing alternatives for ASC to consider and complimented their work.

Councilor Hogg said, due to the complexity of the issue, it would be helpful to have an overview by staff or a Councilor when the ordinance comes to the Council.

Councilor Brauner said ASC would discuss whether to hold a public hearing on the matter. He echoed the appreciation for staff's work and thanked the stakeholder groups for their participation.

Councilor Hann thanked ASC for their work as well, especially for including property owners and landlords in the notice process.

The item was for information only.

X. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Mayor's Reports

1. Mayor Traber said the Council Goals Task Force Chairs would meet on October 13 to begin discussions about outreach coordination among the Task Forces. Time lines for completing the Task Forces' work would also be discussed. He reminded Task Force Chairs to invite Vice-Chairs to the meeting.

B. Council Reports

1. Climate Action Task Force (CATF)

Councilor Baker said the next CATF meeting was scheduled for October 13. It would be the first meeting since Project Manager Susie Smith was hired. Ms. Smith will present her recommendations for helping the CATF move forward.

The item was for information only.

2. Housing Development Task Force (HDTF)

Councilor Beilstein said the HDTF continued to meet. Task Force members were reviewing current issues and exploring what other communities were doing to improve the availability of affordable housing.

The item was for information only.

3. Sustainable Budget Task Force (SBTF)

Councilor Brauner said the Parks and Recreation Department would present at the October 14 meeting and information about City streets would be presented by the Public Works Department at the October 28 meeting. The item was for information only.

4. Vision and Action Plan Task Force (VAPTF)

Councilor York said proposals for VAPTF consultant services were received and the City Manager was expected to make a selection by the end of the week.
The item was for information only.

5. OSU-Related Plan Review Task Force

Councilor Hann said Chair Gervais was writing a letter to the Mayor and Councilors to offer suggestions about how the Task Force's information could be most effectively presented. A November 12 Council work session was scheduled to receive the information. Councilor Bull requested that at the work session, Council also consider the larger picture about work that was needed for the Comprehensive Plan compared to the Land Development Code.

6. Other Council Reports

Mayor Traber encouraged Councilors to share their thoughts about lessons learned at the recent League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Conference. He attended the housing tour and learned that seed money played a critical role in initiating affordable housing projects. He said the crisis intervention training workshop raised his awareness about how communities in Eastern Oregon were addressing mental health issues. He noted Corvallis was providing some crisis intervention through the Willamette Criminal Justice Council and many Corvallis police officers had received crisis intervention training.

Councilor Hogg attended the workshop regarding the homeless. The purpose was to learn what strategies worked and what did not for other cities. One approach that did not work in the City of Eugene was having one large center for the homeless. Predators moved in and took advantage of vulnerable people. In response, Eugene limited the size of areas set aside for tents and car camping. Councilor Hogg toured new city parks in Bend and noted they were funded through a parks district that had been in place since the 1970s. Having a parks district meant that parks did not compete for property tax dollars.

Councilor Hann said residents were working to make routes to schools safer at the lower end of NW Arrowood Circle and NW Aspen Street. He said 41 acres of property at the top of Timberhill near NW Bunting Drive was for sale. The property, which is under Benton County's jurisdiction, is adjacent to the city limits, so the City water service ordinance that Council was considering could be applicable to that property. A street cats and dogs event was planned for October 17 in Avery Park to help provide veterinary services to the pets of homeless people. At the LOC Conference, he attended a workshop about outreach to the Latino population. He learned it was important to proactively seek members of that community so they could serve as future community leaders and City Councilors. He also toured the cities of Sisters and Redmond and noted that business license fees, parking fees, hotel taxes, and other funding sources contributed to renovation of the visitor's center in Sisters and other projects.

Councilor Brauner was pleased with the quality of the workshops at this year's LOC Conference. He attended workshops regarding tools for building an infrastructure, urban renewal, homeless nuisance abatement, future water supplies in Oregon, and housing issues. From the urban renewal workshop, he realized that urban renewal was not only a tool to stimulate business, but a way to obtain city amenities such as parks. He said Corvallis' draft livability code was far ahead of those in other cities. He hosted the October 3 Government Comment Corner and two people stopped by to speak about open space issues and development.

Councilor York reminded Councilors to submit their Councilor evaluation forms. She attended the urban renewal workshop and supported considering urban renewal as a tool to provide more thoughtful development in Corvallis. She also attended a workshop focused on land use, transportation, and community health, stressing the importance of connectivity in transportation systems, particularly for pedestrians and bicyclists. Another workshop concerned planning for resilience in emergencies and she learned how important it was for neighborhoods to work together. She noted it was an important component for the Community Involvement and Diversity Advisory Board when it becomes active.

Councilor Hirsch said at the LOC Conference, he learned that Corvallis voters would have to approve a marijuana tax and he asked Council to consider whether to place the matter on the ballot. He attended a workshop on franchises and he learned that customer service concerns could provide leverage during the City's franchise negotiations with Comcast.

Councilor Baker attended the mental health workshop where he learned about the City of Eugene's Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets (CAHOOTS) program. In addition to having police officers who are trained to address mental health issues, the CAHOOTS program uses a team of trained community volunteers to respond to someone having a mental health issue and help the person get into a treatment facility or detoxification center. Unfortunately, Eugene's mental health treatment facility was facing closure and alternatives were being explored. Mayor Traber noted the associated savings experienced by Eugene's Police Department and hospital emergency rooms. Councilor Baker said the City of Bend was also competing for the Georgetown University Energy Prize. He noted Corvallis' local team, Take Charge Corvallis, has been proactive in helping residents install energy-saving devices.

Councilor Bull appreciated learning more about the LOC and what other cities were doing. In the urban renewal workshop, the representative from the City of Redmond emphasized the importance of reporting back to the community about how urban renewal funds were being spent. She learned a great deal from a workshop about understanding Oregon's property tax system. At the transportation and growth management booth, she learned about no-cost programs that were available from the State to help cities, such as providing a parking consultant. The King Legacy Advisory Board was co-sponsoring a presentation of the film *White Like Me* by Tim Wise on October 11 at the Albany Public Library. Tim Wise will be speaking in Corvallis on October 14.

Councilor Glassmire said the Harding Neighborhood Association met on October 4. Community Livability Officer Thomas spoke to the group and explained that 80 percent of their time is spent on foot or on a bicycle to better interact with the community. Jonathan Stoll, Oregon State University's Director of Corvallis Community Outreach, also spoke at the meeting. Councilor Glassmire was impressed with the work of Mr. Stoll and his staff to address unacceptable behavior by students.

C. Staff Reports

1. Police Department Accreditation Manager Position

The item was for information only.

2. Timberhill Fire Update

The item was for information only.

3. Council Requests Follow-up Report

a. Littering fines collected

The item was for information only.

b. Temporary Use Permit for Homeless Shelter

The item was for information only.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. City Attorney's Office Transition

City Attorney Fewel thanked Council Leadership for its positive comments on the City Attorney's Office's (CAO) approach to the transition outlined in his September 28, 2015 memorandum to the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager. He was confident that the City was well served by Attorneys Brewer and Coulombe. Mr. Fewel recalled some of the City's significant legal successes, including prohibition of smoking in bars and passage of the City's sign code.

Councilors Brauner and Hirsch, respectively, moved and seconded to amend the contract with Fewel, Brewer & Coulombe, to change the designation of the City Attorney from Scott A. Fewel to James K. Brewer, with Scott A. Fewel, David E. Coulombe and Daniel W. Miller designated as Deputy City Attorneys, effective October 15, 2015.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor and Councilors provided individual comments of appreciation for Mr. Fewel's stellar work on behalf of the City and a brief PowerPoint photo presentation was shown (Attachment E).

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY RECORDER

From: Mayor (External Website Publishing)
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 4:29 PM
To: Holzworth, Carla
Subject: Fwd: Visitors Propositions October 5, 2015

Can you have copies at councilor's places tonight?
Thanks
Biff

From: "Mike Blair"
To: mayorandcitycouncil@council.corvallisoregon.gov
Cc: "Mike Blair"
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2015 4:22:22 PM
Subject: Visitors Propositions October 5, 2015

Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

I plan to speak at tonight's meeting during visitor propositions, and wanted to give you a copy of my statement.
Thank you for hearing my concerns.

I would like to clarify the conversation around Corvallis Housing First (CHF) and both the current Temporary Men's Winter Shelter they run, as well as their proposed "Mega Shelter" on 4th Street. Opposing the location does not mean being "anti homeless". Everyone can certainly agree that the issue of homelessness is one that we, as a community, need to address. Recent public meetings and letters to the editor have made it appear that those of us who oppose the shelter on 4th Street simply do not care about homelessness in general, or the chronic population which is currently served there during the winter months. I believe this is an unfair assumption. What we oppose is the location.

The Winter Shelter is run as a "damp" program, which means that while no alcohol or drugs is permitted inside the building, entrance is permitted to those who may be drunk or high. The shelter is only open from 7pm until 7am, and once inside you may not leave until the morning. The location is within a half block of a liquor store, a Dari-mart, and a Safeway. As a result, the historic neighborhood and the downtown area become a "party zone" before 7pm, and then, just as children are catching the bus or walking to school in the morning, they are often faced with displays of inappropriate behavior. This would only increase if the Mega Shelter should go in, especially if multiple services are combined in a single location.

While I believe that CHF's intentions to help the chronically homeless are commendable, I strongly believe that the only way this can be successful is in the proper location. If they truly want to help this fragile population, they should want to do that in a way that does not negatively impact the surrounding neighbors. Many other cities have dealt with this issue by making sure that the location of a shelter, especially a "damp" one, is in a light industrial zone, close to services yet away from residential neighborhoods and the downtown. I know that the city of Corvallis has the ability to work with CHF to find an appropriate solution, one that will not only serve those in need but will also keep our neighborhoods and downtown healthy and strong.

Julie Blair

Corvallis

From: Ward 2
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 4:46 PM
To: Holzworth, Carla
Subject: Fwd: Health and Safety

FYI ----- Forwarded Message -----
From: Jan Napack To: mayor@council.corvallisoregon.gov, anne schuster Cc: ward1@council.corvallisoregon.gov, ward2@council.corvallisoregon.gov
Sent: Mon, 05 Oct 2015 10:41:16 -0700 (PDT)
Subject: Health and Safety

While paying my bill at the Battery Exchange (516 SW 4th Street) this morning, 10/5/15, I asked about the 4-way CCTV monitor in their office. I was told they are aimed at the back of their building because the folks at the shelter next door poop at the base of their wall. I asked if they've contacted the police and they replied yes, but there is nothing they can do unless they catch someone in the act. So, they have installed flood lights, cameras facing north and south, and plan to have a third directed at the back of their building from across the ally. This conversation led to the related topic of the dangers of having to clean up the mess. The Battery Exchange employee told me that an individual who frequents the shelter relayed to him that he knew of four (4) instances where individuals were allowed to enter the shelter without their TB certification. He also heard that at least that many homeless in our city died last year due to TB. Obviously this information is second hand, but surely merits investigation by the County Health Department. Jan Napack

To: Corvallis City Council

October ~~September~~ 5, 2015

From: Jan Napack

Corvallis, OR 97333

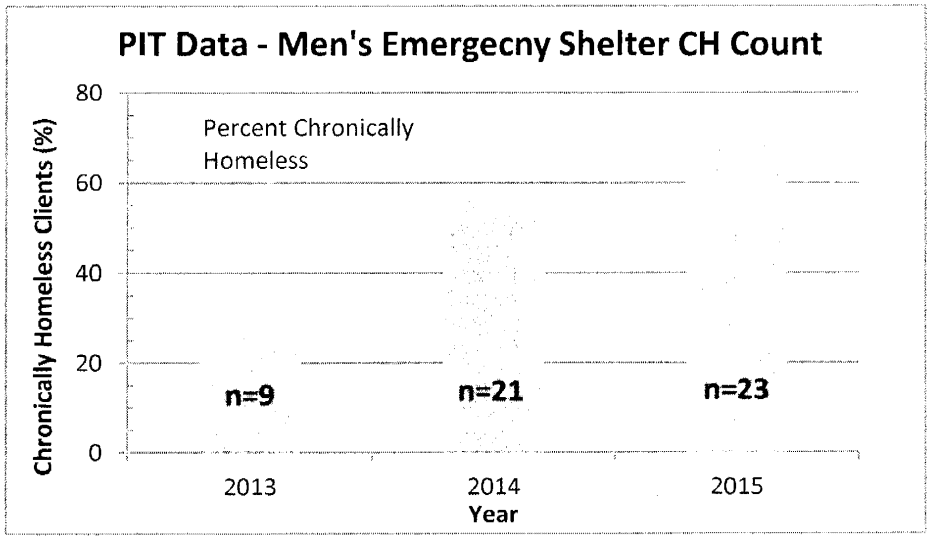
Subject: Evidence Based Policy Decision Making to Reduce Homelessness

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

On my last visit to the council I spoke of my hope that evidence be used to arrive at public policy in regard to reducing homelessness and siting shelters. Further analysis of the same Point-In-Time (PIT) data I presented on 9/8/2015 shows that the Men's Emergency Cold Weather Shelter has seen an increase in chronically homeless counts every year since 2013. Last year these individuals comprised 72% of the census, up from 30% two years prior.

Men's Emergency Cold Weather Shelter Point-In-Time Data [a]

Year	2013	2014	2015
Census	30	37	32
Chronically Homeless (CH)	9	21	23
CH Disabled	9	21	23
% CH	30%	57%	72%
% CH Disabled	100%	100%	100%



Note that 100% of these chronically homeless are designated as disabled, the majority due to substance abuse, mental illness, or both.

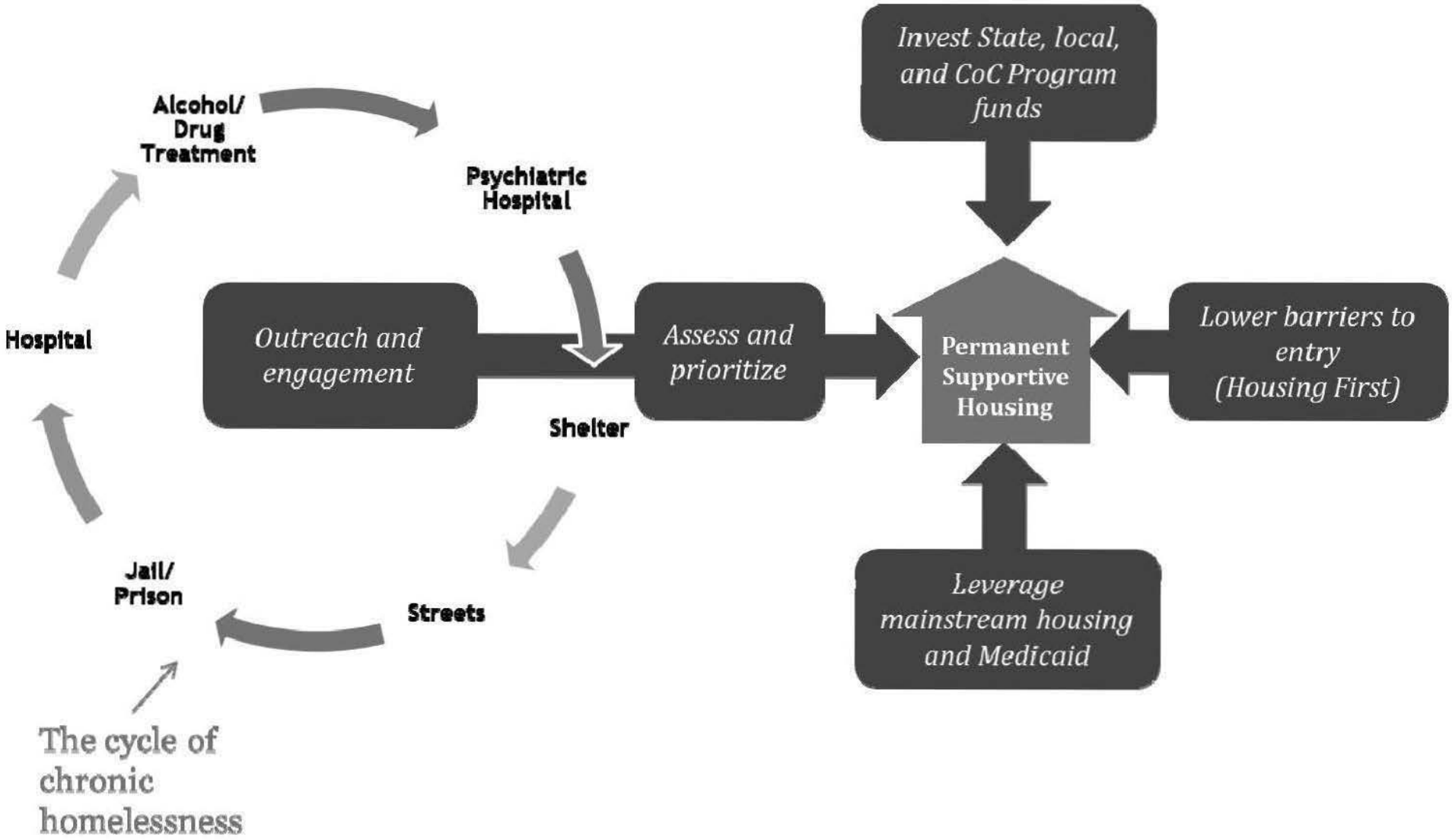
It may be reasonable to assume that individuals with untreated addictions or mental illness are prone to unpredictable behaviors. The occurrence of erratic, offensive, and sometimes dangerous behaviors has created concerns and reports by neighborhood residents and business owners. In all fairness however, correlation is not proof and we cannot outright assign blame to the shelter clients. But until it can be proved otherwise we can't logically go forward with plans to build a permanent and larger facility.

The chronically homeless are entrenched in the emergency shelter system. "Housing First" is, at this juncture, the gold standard at reducing homelessness. Corvallis Housing First's 'Partner's Place' is to be commended for its effectiveness. We need more! But increasing the number of chronically homeless for which we need to find supportive housing is simply filling the pipeline.

The interventions needed to "cure" these chronically homeless and disabled folks are expensive, intensive, long-term, and specialized. But it is a false charity to place them in emergency shelters year in and year out. It is a false charity to allow them to destroy themselves. It is a false charity to site a homeless shelter holding recovering alcoholics within a few blocks of a liquor store. It is a false charity to continue to increase the number of these types of shelter beds when our community has no viable long-term solution for dealing with their deeper problems.

Sincerely,

Jan Napack



http://usich.gov/population/chronic

Dear Mayor and Councilors:

Please find the following testimony, that I intend to give this evening at the Council Meeting during Visitor's Proposition.

"The Corvallis community cares about helping the homeless and, as a Citizen, I also care, and would like to see a successful program implemented. A successful program will take very careful planning, long range financing, and the correct location.

During CHF's September 23rd meeting at the library, it became readily apparent they have none of the above. Based on their "Temporary Mens' Shelter" track record over the past 3 years, their proposed Mega-Shelter at the 4th Street site would exponentially exacerbate negative impacts on the Historic Downtown Neighborhood and Businesses.

CHF espouses to be good neighbors, but they have never taken responsibility, or even reached out to their neighbors regarding the impacts created by their temporary program. Did you know that CHF has 13 board members and the closest member lives one mile away from the 4th Street site? The other 12 live quite a bit further away. What signal does that send?

Their intention to help the "chronic homeless" appears to be heartfelt. But if they truly want to serve these people successfully, they need to be open to doing so in an appropriate location. An appropriate location works hand-in-hand with achieving long range funding.

During their meeting, they said that a different location for the Mega-Shelter was considered, but was taken off the table because it could cost upwards to $100,000, and perhaps take up to a year. With their pursuit of the 4th Street location, they are willing to accept the collateral damage to the downtown businesses' and historical districts' property values. If their proposed Mega-Shelter is built, we are talking devaluation of at least $100,000 per property in the vicinity. THAT'S MILLIONS FOLKS—AND THAT'S ALSO A HUGE HIT ON CITY/COUNTY TAX REVENUE AND CORVALLIS LIVEABILITY! HOW CAN OUR CITY AND COUNTY "LEADERS" ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN?

CHF OFFERS A FLAWED PLAN WITH A FLAWED LOCATION."

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Blair

Thank you for your many years of service to the City, Scott!

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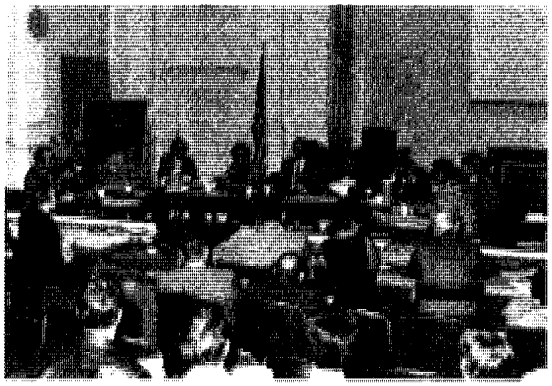

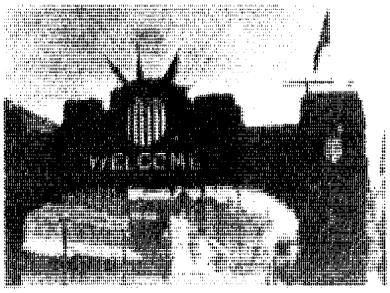

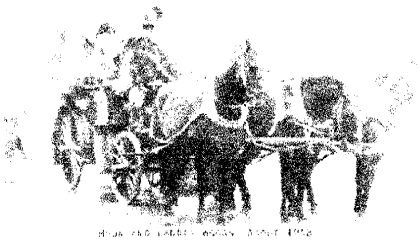

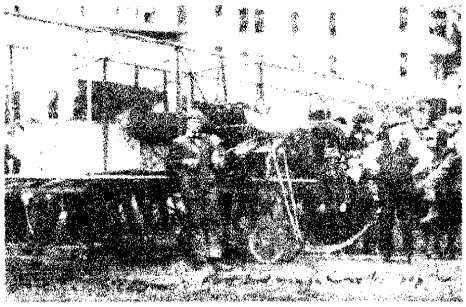

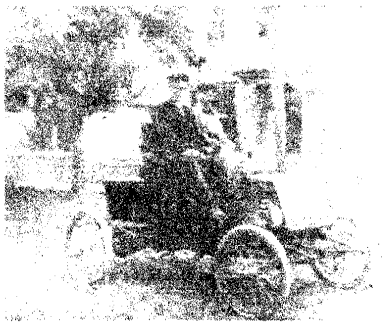

Plenty of time for golf, now!