

**CITY OF CORVALLIS
COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES
October 17, 2016**

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

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Community Comments 1. Imagine Corvallis 2040 Vision (Keith) Page 336	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIO
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Ordinances and Resolutions 1. Resolution accepting a donation for the Franklin Square Park Rehabilitation Project Page 340	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RESOLUTION 2016-36 <u>passed U</u>
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Glossary of Terms

FIO For information only
 U Unanimous

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Mayor Traber read a statement based upon Oregon law regarding executive sessions. The statement indicated that only representatives of the news media, designated staff, and other Council-designated persons were allowed to attend the executive session. News media representatives were directed not to report on any executive session discussions, except to state the general subject of the discussion, as previously announced. No decisions would be made during the executive session. He reminded Councilmembers and staff that the confidential executive session discussions belong to the Council as a body and should only be disclosed if the Council, as a body, approved disclosure. He suggested that any Council or staff member who may not be able to maintain the Council's confidences should leave the meeting room.

Council entered executive session at 5:16 pm under ORS 192.660(2)(i) (status of employment-related performance) to discuss the Municipal Judge and City Manager evaluations. The executive session adjourned at 6:17 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Traber; Councilors Baker (5:19 pm), Beilstein, Brauner, Bull, Glassmire (5:18 pm), Hann, Hirsch (5:29 pm), Hogg, York

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 17, 2016, 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

IV. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Claudia Keith, representing the League of Women Voters, read from prepared testimony concerning climate action as a focus of Imagine Corvallis 2040 Vision Statement (Attachment A). Councilor York noted that the focus areas in the draft Vision were not in priority order. All of the focus areas were interrelated and prioritization would eventually be decided by the Council.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Traber noted an administrative correction to the October 3, 2106, City Council meeting minutes. The introductory paragraph inadvertently reflected September 17, 2016, instead of October 3, 2016. The City Recorder will correct the minutes.

Councilor Bull requested removal of item A.3.e., minutes of the Economic Development Advisory Board – September 12, 2016.

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

- A. Reading of Minutes
 - 1. City Council Meeting – October 3, 2016
 - 2. City Council Work Session – October 4, 2016
 - 3. For Information and Filing (Draft minutes may return if changes are made by the Board or Commission)
 - a. Airport Advisory Board – September 13, 2016
 - b. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board – September 2, 2016
 - c. Downtown Advisory Board – May 11 and August 10, 2016
 - d. Downtown Parking Committee – September 13, 2016
 - f. Historic Resources Commission – September 13, 2016
 - g. Planning Commission – September 21, 2016
- B. Schedule an Executive Session at 5:30 pm on November 7, 2016, meeting under ORS 192.660(2) (i) (status of employment-related performance) (City Manager evaluation)
- C. Schedule a public hearing at 7:30 pm on November 21, 2016, to consider a Community Development Block Grant Action Plan Amendment
- D. Announcement of appointments to Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board (Horne); Community Involvement and Diversity Advisory Board (Ackroyd, Brown, Curwen, Sánchez-Aragón, Weinstein); Downtown Advisory Board (York); King Legacy Advisory Board (Harris); and Parks, Natural Areas, and Recreation Advisory Board (Gooch)

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Item A.3.e. Economic Development Advisory Board – September 12, 2016

Councilor Bull observed that the Economic Development Advisory Board discussed ballot measures at their September 12, 2016, meeting. In response to her inquiry, City Attorney Brewer said State election laws consider employees and volunteers to be the same in that they may not, while acting in the capacity, promote or oppose election petitions or ballot measures. The law does not restrict the right of board or commission members to express personal political views on their own time. The requirement becomes effective at the time a measure number is assigned. Elected officials are exempt from the requirement. Mr. Brewer noted that the City Recorder regularly provides notices about this requirement to employees, volunteers, and board and commission members.

Councilors Bull and Hirsch, respectively, moved and seconded to accept the Economic Development Advisory Board minutes for September 12, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Municipal Judge Contract

Councilor Brauner and York, respectively, moved and seconded to accept the Municipal Judge's evaluation summary sheet dated October 17, 2016 (Attachment B). The motion passed unanimously.

Councilors Brauner and Hann, respectively, moved and seconded to offer Municipal Judge Dunfield an extension of his current contract for two years, with annual increases equal to the cost-of-living percentage granted to exempt City employees, with the first increase being granted at the beginning of the contract, which commences January 1, 2017, based on what exempt staff received in July 2016. The motion passed 8 to 1, with Councilor Hirsch abstaining because he was not present during the evaluation on October 3, 2016.

Councilor Brauner noted that if Judge Dunfield did not accept the offer, the matter would need to return to the Council for further discussion.

B. Adoption of Findings related to incorporating the 2013 Airport Master Plan as a supporting document to the Comprehensive Plan

There were no new declarations of conflicts of interest. Councilor Brauner said he had to leave the October 3, 2016, Council meeting before the matter was discussed; however, he reviewed the record and was prepared to vote on the issue.

Councilors Hann and Hirsch, respectively, moved and seconded to adopt the Formal Findings and Conclusions presented in the October 11, 2016, memorandum from the Community Development Director to the Mayor and City Council, in support of the City Council's decision to approve CPA15-3 to incorporate the 2013 Airport Master Plan as a supporting document to the Comprehensive Plan, and to amend Article 11 of the Comprehensive Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney Brewer read a special ordinance incorporating the 2013 Airport Master Plan as a supporting document to the Comprehensive Plan.

ORDINANCE 2016-15 passed unanimously.

Mayor Traber announced that any participant not satisfied with the decision could appeal to the State Land Use Board of Appeals within 21 days.

B. Acceptance of Housing Development Task Force recommendations

Housing and Neighborhood Services (HNS) Manager Weiss reviewed the staff report.

Staff provided the following responses to Councilors' questions:

1. Affordable housing has been a Council goal for at least six years.

2. Should it be adopted by the Council, implementation of the construction excise tax would be coordinated through the Community Development Department.
3. As proposed, accessory dwelling units (ADUs) would be allowed where permitted by the City's Land Development Code (LDC), regardless of neighborhood association covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CCRs). If members of a neighborhood had a concern about an ADU that was in conflict with their CCRs, it would have to be raised with their neighborhood association. Approval of LDC text amendments to permit ADUs would require public hearings at both the Planning Commission and Council.
4. An example of a Major Neighborhood Center (MNC) is the auction yard in South Corvallis. MNCs have the components of both commercial and residential development from higher density to lower density. The goal was currently non-specific, so staff believed that the old Denson's building could be an MNC. Staff in both the Planning and HNS Divisions of the Community Development Department, as well as the Housing and Community Development Advisory Board, would work together to bring forward concept proposals.
5. An example of Special Needs Housing would be a structure built specifically for people with disabilities. Flexibility in some requirements, such as parking, could be granted for someone who was not able to drive a vehicle due to his/her disability.
6. The Task Force did not discuss providing annual reports to the Council.

Councilor Bull requested that ADUs be included in the Buildable Lands Inventory discussion related to densities.

Councilors considered whether the recommendations should be accepted or adopted. Councilor Beilstein said the HDTF preferred adoption, as they wanted to be sure the Council would act on their recommendations. The HDTF especially wanted immediate action on the Construction Excise Tax (CET). It was understood that other recommendations, such as ADUs and changes to System Development Charges as an incentive to assist in the development of affordable housing, were longer-term efforts. He was satisfied that the Council was committed to moving forward with the CET and the other the recommendations would be carefully considered by the next Council. Councilors Glassmire and Hann agreed with Councilor Beilstein's comments and noted the HDTF felt a sense of urgency to act given that affordable housing had been discussed for many years without much progress.

Councilors Beilstein and Brauner, respectively, moved and seconded to accept the final report of the Housing Development Task Force and charge the Housing and Community Development Advisory Board to provide the Council with periodic reports of status of the recommendations and, when appropriate, with suggested strategies for implementation. Housing and Community Development Advisory Board shall provide reports annually and when needed for timely action.

Councilors York and Beilstein clarified that the CET was the only recommendation that was ready for action, and consideration was expected at the November 7, 2016, Council meeting.

Councilor Hogg was fine with accepting the report; however, he was concerned about ADUs. He recalled testimony to the Council a few years ago from residents who were negatively impacted by infill development in neighborhoods around Oregon State University. He cautioned that additional study and careful consideration of ADUs would be needed and wanted to ensure the integrity of neighborhoods throughout Corvallis were protected.

Councilor Glassmire requested that Mr. Weiss encourage the Housing and Community Development Advisory Board to take note of Councilors' concerns and obtain input from Councilors and others.

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilors Brauner and Beilstein, respectively, moved and seconded to direct staff to prepare an ordinance related to adoption of a Construction Excise Tax for Council's consideration at the earliest possible Council meeting.

Councilors agreed that, while it was not required, a public hearing on the CET was preferred.

Councilors Brauner and Beilstein were amenable to a friendly amendment that included holding a public hearing before deliberating on a proposed ordinance.

Mr. Shepard said staff anticipated the CET public hearing would be scheduled for the November 7, 2016, Council meeting.

The motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. A resolution accepting a donation from Friends of Corvallis Parks and Recreation for the Franklin Square Park Rehabilitation Project

Mr. Brewer read the resolution.

Councilors Hirsch and York, respectively moved and seconded to adopt the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2016-36 passed unanimously.

Mayor Traber recessed the meeting from 7:26 pm to 7:31 pm.

X. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Oregon State University-Related Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Mayor Traber read the order of proceedings, noting that persons testifying either orally or in writing could request a continuance or request the record be held open, and that such requests should be included in the person's testimony. He opened the legislative public hearing at 7:34 pm.

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest, rebuttals or objections on jurisdictional grounds.

Mayor Traber said land use decisions such as the case under consideration were evaluated under applicable Statewide land use planning goals and guidelines and criteria from the Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan as presented in the staff report.

Community Development Director Bilotta provided an overview of the process and Senior Planner Johnson reviewed the staff report that was included in the Council meeting packet.

Mr. Brewer reminded those testifying that they should direct their testimony toward the applicable criteria of the case or other criteria in the Municipal Code, Comprehensive Plan, or Land Development Code which they believed applied to the decision. Failure to raise an issue, accompanied by statements or evidence sufficient to afford the City or other parties the opportunity to respond to the issue, precluded appeals to the State Land Use Board of Appeals based on that issue.

Public Testimony

Ron Adams, Oregon State University (OSU) Interim Provost and Executive Vice President, said OSU's understanding of the housing-related policies was that the City was encouraging OSU to facilitate development of sufficient housing to address OSU-identified student demand, which in turn would help mitigate affordable housing impacts on the broader community. OSU did not object to this general principle. In response to Councilor Beilstein's inquiry, Mr. Adams said OSU was seeking ways to encourage more upper-division students to live on campus; however, they had not established a specific goal.

Christe White, OSU's outside land use counsel, addressed parking and process. She said OSU concurred with the recommendations related to parking policies. Regarding process, she noted the proposed amendments relate to how OSU land use applications would be processed and regulated in the future. OSU concurred with the Planning Commission's effort to strike a balance between certainty, transparency, and monitoring. She noted that some programs might be best monitored annually, while others may be more appropriately monitored over a longer period of time. Ms. White concurred with the benefits of Transportation Demand Management and agreed it would be helpful for the City to have transportation data from OSU. Neighborhood parking utilization studies were being conducted to better understand demand for parking by commuters/residents compared to OSU students. Ms. White and Councilors discussed master plans. Ms. White noted that other jurisdictions' codes have a conditional use master plan approval, so the document matches the code. She believed there were opportunities for the City and OSU to more clearly communicate the provision associated with the new master plan, including streamlined use of terminology.

Charlyn Ellis spoke from prepared testimony generally supporting the proposed amendments (Attachment C). In response to Councilor York's inquiry, Ms. Ellis said she believed the policy document should be specific about what is meant by the term "near" to avoid differing interpretations and that it should specify that faculty and staff should be

near campus and students should be on campus. Councilor Bull was interested in understanding the specific geographic boundaries associated with the new Plan.

Jeff Hess commented on 9.7.k, which states that off-campus housing pays property taxes and on-campus housing does not. He stated that residential housing did not pay for itself. Rather, those costs are subsidized by businesses, and the revenue generated by those businesses would occur regardless of whether students lived on or off campus. In addition, housing students off-campus requires livability police officers provided by the City; on-campus safety and livability needs become an expense for the State to manage. He said students housed on campus also have higher graduation rates. He preferred that off-campus land was preserved for developing the types of housing that would support industry. He asked that the amendment be removed from the Plan. In response to Councilors' inquiries, Mr. Hess said he was emphasizing the contrast between off-campus and on-campus housing, not addressing the benefits of public/private partnerships as noted in the last sentence of 9.7.k. He believed if it was left for others to interpret, they would see it in many different ways that serve their interests. He agreed it would be appropriate for the document to recognize that data shows residential housing does not generate sufficient property tax revenue to pay for its share of City services.

Shelly Murphy from the League of Women Voters (LWV) referred to the letter her organization provided in the Council meeting packet. LWV appreciated the thorough work to produce the proposed amendments and complimented the Planning Commission on its thorough review. LWV strongly supported housing for students and staff on the OSU campus. It also hoped transit policy 11.7.8 would lead to inclusion of bus service between Linn-Benton Community College's Benton Center and the OSU campus to serve dual-enrollment students. LWV also supported policies surrounding monitoring and transparency. In response to Councilor Baker's inquiry, Ms. Murphy recalled that the previous policy defined "near" as being within one-half mile. LWV wanted to ensure the updated policies were similarly specific.

Dan Brown believed the process to develop the recommendations was both thorough and fair. He referred to 11.4.10.c, which reads *The parking fee system should be self-supporting and can provide additional resources for transit and transportation improvements*. He said such a policy would reverse a long-standing City policy that parking fees were only used to support the parking program, not transit and transportation improvements. He said such a change would place unfair costs on a limited number of people in Corvallis and he believed the policy should be eliminated. Councilor Beilstein supported 11.4.10.c because Corvallis' parking fees were well below market rate and he believed the City should charge more to support alternative transportation and discourage single occupancy vehicle use. Mr. Brown was more concerned about residential parking districts where people are parking cars near their homes on a long-term basis. He said charging everyone in the city to park in front of their homes would be a more equitable way to support transit. In response to Councilor Baker's inquiry, Mr. Brown viewed revenue from parking meters as a separate issue. Councilor Hogg shared Mr. Brown's concerns. In response to his inquiry about how he interpreted 11.4.10.d, which reads *Parking fees can be considered as an effective mechanism for allocating scarce parking resources and improving livability*, Mr. Brown said he was not able to answer without more thought.

Mayor Traber closed the public hearing at 8:29 pm. Councilors agreed with his proposal to hold the record open for one week to give the public an opportunity to respond to the

discussion that occurred during the public hearing. The deadline was set for 5:00 pm on October 24, 2016.

Questions of staff

Councilor York appreciated OSU's letter; however, she wanted staff to analyze it. She wondered if language could be crafted to clarify areas where interpretation was uncertain. Regarding 11.4.10, she requested staff's analysis of alternative language or, instead, eliminating specifying that automobile parking is a public resource that should be managed for the public good.

Councilor Hogg requested more information on the impact if policy 11.4.10 was eliminated. Regarding policy 9.7.3, he asked how "near" campus was defined.

Councilor Baker asked staff to provide a mock-up of an alternative definition/description of "master plan." Regarding 9.7.k, he also asked staff to propose language changes that would address concerns raised earlier by Mr. Hess.

Councilor Bull wanted to know legally, what the process would be if the Council voted on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment, and then as it was working on LDC updates, if additional clean up in the Comprehensive Plan was needed, could that work be completed so the City would only have to provide one submission to the State. She also wanted to know the geographic boundaries for the Plan, and whether specific boundaries were necessary. She expected that defining a geographic boundary would be a Comprehensive Plan issue and wondered what related implementation tools would be needed. She wanted more clarity about non-City master plans and what tools would be used in the implementation phase that would inform actions at the policy level.

Councilor Hann asked that the policies recognize that parking was linked to traffic and traffic control.

Mayor Traber announced that deliberations would be held at the November 7, 2016, Council meeting.

XI. MAYOR, COUNCILOR, AND CITY MANAGER REPORTS

A. Mayor's Reports

Mayor Traber distributed copies of a card he received from the Raging Grannies (Attachment D). He noted adjustments to Council work sessions, including that, time permitting, community comments would be accepted on any subject, not just what was on the agenda.

B. Councilor Reports

1. Task Force Updates

Councilor Baker said the Climate Action Task Force would meet on October 25 to continue work on recommendations it will present to the Council at a future work session. The item was for information only.

2. City Council Three-Month Schedule

The item was for information only.

3. Other Councilor Reports

Councilor York reminded Councilors that Council self-evaluations were due to Human Resources Director Altmann Hughes on October 20.

Councilor Hann thanked Public Works staff for responding quickly to his call regarding a clogged catch basin and announced a fundraiser coordinated by OSU freshman students to provide feminine hygiene products to women in need.

Councilor Bull reported that she spoke to residents at Samaritan Village about what the City has been working on, noting it was a good example of how Councilors can connect with constituents outside of Council meetings and work sessions. Mayor Traber agreed and encouraged Councilors to participate in similar events.

C. City Manager Reports

1. City Manager's Report – September 2016

The item was for information only.

2. Council goals update

The item was for information only.

3. Other

The three-month calendar will be updated to reflect a public hearing on November 7, 2016, related to consideration of a Construction Excise Tax. A public hearing related to the appeal of the Timberhill Replat and Conceptual Development Plan Modification was being scheduled for November 21, 2016. A final decision was required by January 3, 2017. Staff will send out notices about the hearing at the end of October.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY RECORDER



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Date: October 11, 2016

To: Imagine Corvallis 2040 Vision Committee, Corvallis Mayor and City Council

From: League of Women Voters of Corvallis, Laura Evenson, President

Re: Focus of Imagine Corvallis 2040 Vision Statements

The League of Women Voters of the United States supports aggressive efforts to restore balance to the planet's climate systems by reducing atmospheric carbon dioxide to 350 parts per million (ppm), the upper safe limit.

Aligned with this position, the League of Women Voters of Corvallis is pleased that climate change is included in the *Imagine Corvallis 2040 Vision Statements*. We are also gratified that the Corvallis City Council is working toward adoption of a Climate Action Plan. Recent scientific articles have shown climate change to be the overarching environmental challenge of our planet, one that threatens our very life-support system. Indeed, scientific measurements reported this summer indicate that the impacts of climate change are happening much more rapidly than had been anticipated.

Because we believe that climate change must be addressed at all levels—individual, corporate and government, we ask that you restructure the order and hierarchy of the *Imagine Corvallis 2040 Vision Statements*. Currently, climate change appears as a subheading in the last section, *Steward and Sustain*. We strongly recommend that you place *Steward and Sustain* at the beginning of the document, not at the end, and that you elevate climate change and all related declarations and actions to the top of the section.

We feel that the subservient placement of climate change at the end of this important document was inadvertent, and that it must be changed in order to fulfill the current City Council goals and the expectations of the citizens of Corvallis. For many people, the prospects of the effects of climate change are terrifying. A forward-looking city such as Corvallis can and should do much to assure the safety and well-being of its residents by doing all in its power to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change. Seeing climate change at the top of our priorities for the next 20 years is critical.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.



Municipal Judge Evaluation Summary

By: Mayor/City Council

Municipal Judge: Chris Dunfield

Date: October 17, 2016

Note: The content above the red dotted line is for public release.

Strengths: Identified strong points.

- Fair, Respectful and Patient

Areas for development:

- Additional data is needed by the Council to have needed insight into the Court.
- Concerns raised about if Court is seen as too lenient, more accountability needed for second time offenders.
- Improvement in communication to reduce the inherent conflict between the bench and the more procedural workings of City staff is needed.

Goals: Review of prior year's goals and other accomplishments

1. Work still needed on aligning policy direction of the Council with regard to repeat offenders.
2. Continued work needed on communication with City Manager and Mayor/Council President on Council Policy changes.
3. Created a Community Services Court.

Goals: Agreed upon goals for upcoming review period.

1. Meet with City Manager. In meeting with CM, discuss the need to arrange meetings with the Police Chief as well as the Finance Director and Municipal Court Supervisor a minimum of two times each year to foster better collaborative communication.
2. Provide Council data on a quarterly basis (the specific data will be recommended by the City Manager to the City Council).

Overall Assessment:

Performance is acceptable. Areas for development identified.

First, I want to thank everyone who has spent countless hours on this document. It has been a very thoughtful and serious process. I am impressed. And I agree (or can live with) with every word in the document—except for one. Finding 9.7.3 reads “The City and Oregon State University shall work toward the goal of housing faculty, staff, and students who work and attend regular classes, or work, on campus in dwelling units on or near campus.” My one word of concern—“NEAR.” If “near” remains in the document, you have provided a loophole large enough to drive a demolition truck through and it is headed right for my neighborhood.

As you know, the neighborhoods around the university have already suffered from the rapid influx of students over the past ten years. We have seen over 70 houses, as well as at least two affordable housing complexes, demolished and replaced by out of scale student housing. We have been working for years to change the code to limit these demolitions—and progress has been made—but, as long as we state that students will live “near” campus, these demolitions will continue despite constantly massaging the code. Housing is like parking—if we do not draw clear, strong lines, it will expand into the nearby neighborhoods. If there is an area of town that is both “near” campus and not near already established neighborhoods, I would be willing to reconsider my concerns.

One of the arguments for having students live near campus is to eliminate car trips to and from campus. Although I see the logic of this argument, I would like to refute it. I am fifty-five years old and I can travel from my house to anywhere in Corvallis, by bike or foot, in less than half an hour, day and night, winter and summer. Corvallis is not a big town. The university is in the middle of town—it can be accessed by foot, bike, and public transport from anywhere in town very easily. We should save the central area of our town, where the Senior Center, many churches, the public library, and other services are located, for our long term residents—both older adults, who can face mobility challenges, and young families, who may be interested in limiting their car use—who will benefit from the location for longer periods of time.

Corvallis is a city with a university, not a university with a bit of a town around it. We must consider our needs first. We must protect our neighborhoods, our residents, our visions of the future. OSU will not do this for us. If we leave the word “near” in these changes to the code, we are failing to do this work.

October 16, 2016

Dear Mayor + City Council;

Please accept our thanks for allowing us our "singing" testimony on Monday night in support of the Dakota Resolution. The international group of Grannies has been looking at ways we can support and aid in this struggle; as we know it could affect millions of citizens who count on the Missouri for a source of water. Our news photo seemed to move quickly to North Carolina - with a request for a copy of the resolution as a model for their community.

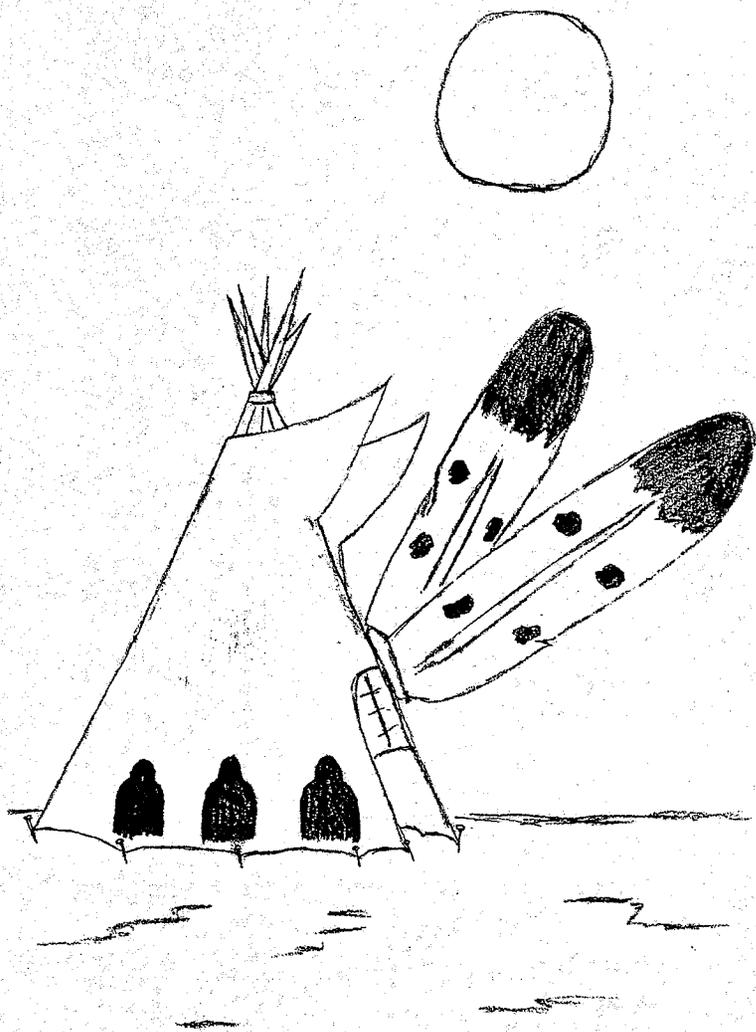
It is strictly believed and understood by the Sioux that a child is the greatest gift from Wakan Tanka, in response to many devout prayers, sacrifices, and promises.

- Robert High eagle, Teton Sioux

We are happy to know our city council is aware of what could happen to the source of our water should similar events take place here. I know it has been a

Very long time - but
the Ragging Grannies
have sung
at the city council
before - quite a few years
ago. Thanks again
for the opportunity to
participate. Peace to all!
Valerie White
Corvallis Ragging Grannies

Artwork created by
elementary school students on the
Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Montana.



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