

NOTICE FOR THE EUGENE REGISTER-GUARD

On Monday, September 21, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., the Eugene City Council will conduct a public hearing on the following ordinances:

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING DIGITAL SIGN CODE, AMENDING SECTIONS 9.0500, 9.6610, 9.6615, 9.6620, 9.6630, 9.6635, 9.6640, 9.6645, 9.6650, 9.6655, 9.6660, 9.6665, 9.6670, 9.6675, AND 9.6680 OF THE EUGENE CODE, 1971, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EUGENE-SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN AREA GENERAL PLAN DIAGRAM AND THE WILLAKENZIE PLAN DIAGRAM TO REDESIGNATE THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS ASSESSOR'S MAP 17-03-16-41, TAX LOTS 201, 300 AND 400 AND ASSESSOR'S MAP 17-09-16-44, TAX LOTS 400 AND 800 FROM CAMPUS INDUSTRIAL TO LIGHT MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL AND REZONE THE PROPERTY FROM E-1 CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT TO E-2 MIXED USE EMPLOYMENT.

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TERM OF ORDINANCE NO. 20170 GRANTING TO NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY, A CORPORATION, A NON-EXCLUSIVE NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE, TO MAY 11, 2021.

Due to Governor Kate Brown's Stay Home, Save Lives Executive Order to combat the spread of Covid-19, this public hearing will be held remotely using virtual meeting technology. Information about online or other options for participation will be available by 5 p.m. on September 21, 2020, at <https://www.eugene-or.gov/3360/Webcasts-and-Meeting-Materials>. Written testimony may be sent to mayorcouncilandcitymanager@eugene-or.gov or to 125 E. 8th Avenue, 2nd floor, Eugene, OR 97401. Written testimony must be received by Monday, September 21, 2020, at 5 p.m.

These ordinances are posted on the City of Eugene website at <http://www.eugene-or.gov> and are also available by calling the City Manager's Office at 541-682-5010.

Notice posted on Thursday, September 3, 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TERM OF ORDINANCE NO. 20170 GRANTING TO NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY, A CORPORATION, A NON-EXCLUSIVE NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE, TO MAY 11, 2021.

The City Council of the City of Eugene finds that:

A. On October 11, 1999, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 20170 granting to Northwest Natural Gas Company (“NWNG”) a twenty-year non-exclusive right and franchise to lay, maintain and operate facilities in and under the public ways within the City of Eugene, Oregon. The Franchise was set to expire on November 11, 2019.

B. On July 22, 2019, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 20620 granting to NWNG a franchise extension up to and through May 11, 2020. On April 8, 2020, the City Council adopted Ordinance 20627 granting to NWNG another franchise extension up to and through November 11, 2020.

C. The City of Eugene and NWNG have been negotiating in good faith since Fall 2019 regarding franchise renewal and potential franchise terms. Despite the parties’ diligence, due to the number of potential franchise terms and relevant issues, many of which are novel for franchise negotiations, the parties have not yet concluded their franchise negotiations. Additionally, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, temporarily stalled negotiations.

D. Extending the term of the Franchise for six months would allow time for the City of Eugene and NWNG to complete franchise renewal negotiations.

E. The City of Eugene has determined that it serves the public welfare to extend the term of the current franchise up to and through May 11, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF EUGENE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The franchise granted to NWNG in Ordinance No. 20170 shall be extended up to and through May 11, 2021. This extension shall be effective upon NWNG’s written acceptance.

Section 2. Other than the duration of the franchise set forth in this Ordinance, all other terms and conditions of Ordinance No. 20170 shall continue in full force and effect.

Passed by the City Council this

Approved by the Mayor this

_____ day of September, 2020

_____ day of _____, 2020

City Recorder

Mayor