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CITY OF EUGENE
WORK SESSION
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>> THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2025

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN THIS VIRTUAL MEETING FORMAT. FOR WORK SESSIONS LIKE THIS ONE THERE IS NO OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. THOSE WISHING TO ACCESS THE MEETING CAN DO SO BY WATCHING THE LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE, THE BROADCAST ON COMCAST, CHANNEL 21, OR BY CALLING INTO ONE OF THE PHONE NUMBERS LISTED FOR THIS MEETING ON THE PUBLIC WEBCASTS AND MEETING MATERIALS PAGE OF THE CITY OF

EUGENE'S WEBSITE. THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR JOINING US TODAY.

I NOW CALL THE SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2025 WORK SESSION OF THE EUGENE CITY COUNCIL TO ORDER. AND I WILL TURN IT OVER TO THE CITY MANAGER TO INTRODUCE OR FIRST TOPIC, WHICH IS A WORK SESSION ON THE UNLAWFUL TRANSFER ON VEHICULAR PORTION ON THE RIGHT OF WAY.

>> THANK YOU MAYOR. I AM JOINED TODAY BY OUR POLICE CHIEF,

CHRIS SKINNER, WHO IS LEADING THIS PRESENTATION, I AM JUST GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO CHRIS.

>> THANK YOU, SARAH AND GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

MY NAME IS CHRIS SKINNER AND FOR THE RECORD, I AM YOUR POLICE CHIEF.

UM, AND TODAY WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A GOOD CONVERSATION ABOUT THE CONTINUATION OF A WORK SESSION

THAT WE HAD ON APRIL 23RD IN 2025 WHERE COUNCIL DIRECTED THE CITY MANAGER TO COME BACK IN THE WORK SESSION WITH A

SAMPLE ORDINANCE FOR THE UNLAWFUL TRANSFER OF PROPERTY FROM MOTOR VEHICLE.

IF YOU REMEMBER BACK IN APRIL OF 2025, THAT WORK SESSION WAS

ACTUALLY -- THIS WAS ONE OF

THREE TOPICS ON THAT PARTICULAR

DAY.

IT WAS AN UPDATE ON THE STATE OF

OUR METAL THEFT, AND ISSUES OF

METAL THEFT IN THE COMMUNITY, AS

WELL AS POTENTIAL ORDINANCE

CHANGES AROUND LEGISLATING

SHOPPING CARTS IN PUBLIC SPACE.

IT CONCLUDED WITH THE UNLAWFUL

TRANSFER.

I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A

WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO DIVE

INTO THE FIRST FEW TOPICS, SO WE

CAN KIND OF CLOSE THE LOOP ON

THAT.

WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE WORK WE

SEE, WE HAVE SEEN A DRASTIC

DECREASE IN THE METAL THEFT IN
OUR COMMUNITY.

ONE OF THE REALLY GOOD BELL
WEATHER BUSINESSES FOR US IS
LUMEN, THAT TECHNOLOGY COMPANY
UTILIZES TYPE II COPPER WIRE AND
A LOT OF THEIR WORKINGS, AND
WHAT WE'RE SEEING IS FOR THE
HARVESTING OF DOLLARS OF COPPER
WIRE, WAS COSTING THOSE
BUSINESSES, SPECIFICALLY THAT
BUSINESS THOUSANDS IN DAMAGE TO
HAD REPLACE.

AND I'M HAPPY TO REPORT LUMEN
HAS NOT HAD A THEFT IN MONTHS OF
COPPER WIRE.

THAT'S NOT TO SAY THAT THAT
METAL THEFT IS ERADICATED IN OUR
CITY BY NO STRETCH OF THE
IMAGINATION.

IT HAS DEFINITELY, BEEN TRENDING
IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

THAT'S A RESULT OF US REALLY

HAVING THE FOCUS TO APPROACH ON
OUR METAL THEFT.

AND HAVING DETECTIVES TO BUILD
THIS ISSUE AND RELATIONSHIPS
WITH OUR REPRESENTATIVES.

WE HAVE SOME REALLY REPUTABLE
METAL RECYCLERS AND REALLY
REPUTABLE PEOPLE RECYCLING, WE
DON'T WANT TO IMPACT THEM,
THEY'RE DOING IT IN THE CORRECT
WAY.

WE HAVE SUBSTANTIAL LAWS AROUND
METAL THEFT, ONCE WE EDUCATED
THEM, AND THEY WANTED TO BE
REALLY GOOD PARTNERS HERE IN THE
COMMUNITY.

WE SAW A TREMENDOUS DECREASE IN
OUR METAL THEFT, AND SO FOR
INSTANCE.

JUST AS A NEW ANSWER, ONE OF THE
THINGS THAT THE LAW SPECIFICALLY
STATES, RECYCLERS CANNOT ACCEPT
BURNT METAL.

WHAT WE WERE SEEING WITH THE
COPPER, IT WAS ENCASED IN A
SHEATHING AND THEY WOULD BURN
THE SHEATHING OFF THE COPPER,
AND BRING IT IN FOR RECYCLING.
IT'S OBVIOUS THE COPPER HAS BEEN
BURNT.

SO EDUCATING THEM, THEY STOPPED
RECEIVING BURNT COPPER.

THE TYPES OF MODES OF
TRANSPORTATION THAT PEOPLE WERE
BIG IN METAL TO RECYCLE.

VERY REPUTABLE BUSINESSES HAVE
VEHICLES THEY BRING IN FOR
RECYCLING.

THEY WERE BEING MINDFUL OF KIND
OF UNDERSTANDING WHERE THE METAL
WAS COMING FROM, AND MAKING
DIFFERENT DECISIONS.

ALONG WITH MAKING SURE WE WERE
COLLECTING I.D.s, PLATES OF
VEHICLES INVOLVED IN METAL
RECYCLING, SO WE CAN ENFORCE

THAT IN THE WAY IT'S LAWFUL.

WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE KEY
ARRESTS IN METAL THEFT.

ONE SIGNIFICANT KEY ARREST AS A
RESULT OF INFORMANT INFORMATION
THAT HAS POSITIVELY IMPACTED OUR
COMMUNITY IN THAT WAY.

GOOD NEWS ON THE METAL THEFT
FRONT.

THE SECOND THING I'LL UPDATE ON
IS SHOPPING CARTS.

IF YOU REMEMBER CORRECTLY, I
ASKED FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO
EXERCISE THE EXISTING LAWS
AROUND THE POSSESSION OF WHAT
COULD BE RECEIVED AND SUSPECTED
AS STOLEN PROPERTY.

AND RETURNING CARTS TO THEIR
RIGHTFUL OWNER.

WE HAVE LEANED INTO THAT WORK,
AND REMOVED HUNDREDS OF SHOPPING
CARTS FROM OUR RIGHT-OF-WAY AND
COMMUNITY OVER THE LAST SEVERAL

MONTHS, FOR INSTANCE A SPECIFIC
TARGETED ENFORCEMENT UP ON 99 W,
WITH A VARIETY OF THINGS, UP TO
AND INCLUDING TRAFFIC
ENFORCEMENT.

WE WERE ABLE TO RETURN AS MANY
AS 20 SHOPPING CARTS IN AN
AFTERNOON ON THAT PARTICULAR
DAY.

A REALLY GOOD BELLWETHER FOR
THAT IS CARTS IN OPEN SPACES AND
SHOPPING CARTS THAT ARE BEING
CONFISCATED AND RETURNED.

WE STARTED TRACKING THIS IN
APRIL, SO IT'S NOT A FULL MONTHS
WORTH OF DATA.

WE HAD 9 SUCH RETURNS AND
CONFISCATIONS IN APRIL, AND THEN
WE SAW MAY HAD 182 SHOPPING
CARTS TAKEN OFF THE STREETS.

JUNE 153, JULY, 184.

AUGUST 133 AND SEPTEMBER SO FAR
IS 65.

WE'RE HOPING WE'RE TRENDING IN
THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND DOING
THAT.

WE'RE DEFINITELY SEEING THAT
WE'RE MOVING ALONG WITH THAT,
AND I APPRECIATE COUNCIL
ALLOWING US TO LEVERAGE
RESOURCES AND MAKE A POSITIVE
IMPACT WITHOUT NEW MANDATES FOR
US.

MORE TO COME ON THAT AND WE'LL
CONTINUE TO DO THAT WORK.

TODAY WE'RE HERE TO FINISH THE
THIRD PART OF THAT, WHICH IS
BACK ON APRIL 23rd, 2025,
COUNCIL ASKED THE CITY MANAGER
TO COME BACK WITH AN ORDINANCE
FOR UNLAWFUL TRANSFER FOR
VEHICLES ON THE PUBLIC
RIGHT-OF-WAY.

YOU'LL SEE A SAMPLE ORDINANCE IN
YOUR PACKET, AND THAT'S WHAT
WE'RE HERE TO TALK ABOUT.

ONE THING THAT I WOULD SHARE IS
THAT I HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY
TO GET TO UNDERSTAND OR BETTER
UNDERSTAND SPRINGFIELD'S
EXPERIENCE IN THIS SPACE, FROM
2016, WHEN THEIR ORDINANCE WAS
PASSED.

THEY UNDERWENT WHAT WE WOULD
TYPICALLY UNDERGO, IN TIME WE DO
ANYTHING NEW LIKE THIS, WHICH IS
A VERY COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION
CAMPAIGN, AROUND WHAT THE
ORDINANCE IS THAT IS PLACED.

IN TALKING WITH LEADERSHIP IN
SPRINGFIELD AS WELL AS ALBANY
AND ROSE BERG, WHO HAVE SIMILAR
ORDINANCES.

THERE'S VERY LITTLE ENFORCEMENT
THAT HAPPENS AS A RESULT OF
THIS.

WHEN I SAY ENFORCEMENT, I WOULD
SAY THAT'S CONTEXTUAL IN THE
WORK WE DO.

IN THIS CASE, WOULD BE CITATION ONLY.

WE OFTEN FEEL LIKE OUR ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES ARE JUST MERE CONTACTS WITH PEOPLE.

WHAT THEY'VE SEEN IN SPRINGFIELD IS THE ABILITY TO HAVE A REALLY GOOD COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN AND EDUCATION.

IN THE INSTANCES THAT THE OFFICER SEES THE VIOLATION.

WE'RE ABLE TO CHANGE BEHAVIOR WITH A SIMPLE CONVERSATION.

I THINK SPRINGFIELD HAS ENJOYED, AT LEAST FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE, DECREASE IN WHAT THEY'VE SEEN AROUND THE UN LAWFUL TRANSFER, AND POSITIVE INTERACTIONS WITH EDUCATING PEOPLE.

ABOUT THE NEW ORDINANCE.

AS I STATED, EDUCATION IS KEY.

IF COUNCIL DECIDES TO TAKE A DIRECTION ON THIS, OR WANTS TO

MOVE FORWARD WITH DIRECTION, AND
YOU'LL SEE THAT THERE'S A
VARIETY OF RECOMMENDATIONS OR
COUNCIL OPTIONS ON THIS.

WHETHER WE SEND THE PROPOSED
ORDINANCE TO A PUBLIC HEARING,
REQUEST THE CHANGES TO THE
PROPOSED ORDINANCE YOU HAVE IN
YOUR PACKET OR REQUEST ANOTHER
WORK SESSION, IF WE END UP
GETTING TO A PLACE WHERE THIS IS
SOMETHING THAT WE FEEL LIKE
SHOULD BE, WOULD BE GOOD FOR OUR
COMMUNITY.

I WILL HAVE AN ENTIRE GAME PLAN
ON HOW WE'RE DOING THIS WITH THE
PUBLIC.

APRIL 15th I HAD BEEN YOUR
POLICE CHIEF FOR MERELY A YEAR,
AND CERTAINLY WAS NOT DEEPLY
ENTRENCHED IN THE COMMUNITY AS I
AM NOW, I'M NOT IN THE COMMUNITY
EVERY SINGLE DAY.

DRIVING BETWEEN MEETINGS AND
MEETING WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

AND OVER THE LAST SEVEN YEARS,
I'VE BEEN OUT IN THE COMMUNITY,
I NOTICED THINGS THAT MANY
PEOPLE STAND ON THE CORNER OR
PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, ENCOURAGING
PEOPLE TO PASS THINGS OUT OF THE
WINDOW OF THEIR CAR.

WE HAVE SEVERAL NEAR MISSES AS I
WATCHED PEOPLE WALK INTO
TRAFFIC.

I'VE SEEN SEVERAL PEOPLE CROSS
AT LEAST ONE LANE OF TRAFFIC TO
GET TO AN INSIDE LANE TO RECEIVE
MATERIAL OUT OF AN OPEN WINDOW
OF AN OPEN VEHICLE.

AS I THINK ABOUT COMMUNITY
SAFETY.

ANY TIME I SEE PEDESTRIANS
VEHICLE CONFLICT, OR THE
POSSIBILITY OF PEDESTRIANS
VEHICLE CONFLICT IT CONCERNS ME.

ESPECIALLY WHEN WE THINK ABOUT
THE NUMBER OF PEDESTRIANS THAT
HAD LOST THEIR LIVES FOR A
VARIETY OF REASONS CROSSING AND
HAVING CONFLICT WITH OUR
VEHICLES.

I SEE THAT OVER AND OVER AND
OVER AGAIN.

I SEE PEOPLE STANDING
DANGEROUSLY CLOSE ON THE
VERTICAL CURVE TO THE PUBLIC
RIGHT-OF-WAY, ALL IT TAKES IN MY
MIND IS A SINGLE DISTRACTED
DRIVER TO CHANGE AND ALTER THE
COURSE OF A LIFE.

AND THAT CONCERNS ME.

SO WHEN I THINK ABOUT DOING
ANYTHING OR PROPOSING ANYTHING
TO COUNCIL THAT IS CERTAINLY
GARNERING AS MUCH INTEREST AS
THIS IS, I WOULD SAY IT'S DEEPLY
ROOTED IN MAKING SURE THAT IT'S
SOMETHING I FEEL ENHANCES PUBLIC

SAFETY.

AND THIS IS ONE OF THOSE
INSTANCES THAT I THINK WE CAN
REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF CONFLICT
BETWEEN VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS
BY ENTERTAINING AN ORDINANCE OF
THIS TYPE.

WITH THAT, I AM GOING TO STOP
THERE.

YOU HAVE ALL OF THE
COMPLIMENTARY PIECES OF
INFORMATION IN YOUR PACKET.

I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY
QUESTIONS THAT I MAY BE ABLE TO
ANSWER, AND I WILL TURN IT BACK
OVER TO YOU, MAYOR.

>> THANK YOU, CHIEF.

THANK YOU FOR THAT UPDATE ON A
COUPLE OF DIFFERENT TOPICS.
AND PRESENTATION.

I WILL NOW OPEN THE FLOOR TO
COUNCIL DISCUSSION.

I SEE WE HAVE COUNCILOR CLARK UP

FIRST.

>> CLARK: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

I WILL SUPPORT THIS.

I HOPE WE CAN MAINTAIN COUNCILOR
KEATING ON THE LINE TODAY TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING.

IF WE'RE GOING TO VOTE AND TAKE
ACTION ON THIS, I SUPPORT DOING
SO WITH EVERYBODY HERE.

THE FIRST THING I WOULD SAY IS
WE JUST FINISHED IN OUR LAST
MEETING, I THINK LEARNING ABOUT
THE VERY VERY INDEPTH COMMUNITY
SURVEY THAT WAS DONE.

AND WHAT I DEFINITELY TOOK FROM
THAT WAS, THAT THE GENERAL
PUBLIC IN EUGENE THINKS THE MOST
IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT WE CAN BE
DEALING WITH IS DOING SOMETHING
ABOUT THE UNHOUSED.

NUMBER TWO, THAT THEY THINK THE
CITY'S HEADING IN THE WRONG
DIRECTION, AND WE OUGHT TO BE

TRYING SOME NEW THINGS.

AND I SUPPORT US TRYING THIS IF,

IN FACT, THERE'S A PAGE OR THE

TO MOVE IT TO A PUBLIC HEARING.

WE SHOULD BE BRINGING NEW IDEAS

OF THINGS WE MIGHT DO TO THE

COMMUNITY IN SUCH CASES AFTER

SUCH CLEAR FEEDBACK FROM THE

COMMUNITY SURVEY THAT WE DID.

BUT FOR ME, THIS PARTICULAR

ISSUE IS MOST IMPORTANTLY, TWO

FOLD.

NUMBER ONE, I'M IN FAVOR OF IT,

BECAUSE HANDING MONEY AND OTHER

ITEMS OUT OF THE WINDOW OF A

MOVING CAR IS TRAFFIC SAFETY

ISSUE, AS THE CHIEF HAS

ELOQUENTLY SPOKEN TO.

WE SPEND MILLIONS AND MILLIONS

OF DOLLARS TRYING TO REDESIGN

THE ROADWAY AND BUILDING THEM

DIFFERENT IN ORDER TO KEEP

PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS

SEPARATE FROM TRAVEL LANES,
INTENTIONALLY.

AND WHY WE WOULDN'T HAVE AN
ORDINANCE THAT SAYS, HEY, IT'S
NOT A GOOD IDEA TO WALK INTO A
TRAVEL LANE EVER IS BEYOND ME.
BUT ON THE SECOND NOTE, I DON'T
THINK THERE'S ANYTHING
COMPASSIONATE ABOUT THE ACTIVITY
AT ALL.

IT IS THE HEIGHT OF A LACK OF
COMPASSION TO KEEP PEOPLE
TRAPPED IN THE CYCLE OF
DEPENDENCY.

AND I ABSOLUTELY AGREE THAT
THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF FOLKS
DOING FANTASTIC WORK IN OUR
COMMUNITY TO HELP FOLKS IN NEED.
AND THEY SHOULD.

BUT ENABLING PEOPLE TO STAY
STUCK BY GIVING THEM MONEY OUT
THE WINDOW OF A CAR SEEMS LIKE A
REALLY BAD IDEA.

AND AS I SAY, I DON'T SEE
ANYTHING COMPASSIONATE ABOUT IT
AT ALL.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: COUNCILOR GROVES?

>> GROVES: I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS
MATTER.

I SUPPORT ON IMPORTANT ISSUES
LIKE THIS, THAT WE ALL BE ABLE
TO WEIGH-IN ON THEM, AND IF
THERE'S A VOTE, WE ALL BE ABLE
TO VOTE ON THEM.

GETTING INTO THE SPECIFIC ISSUE
OF TRANSFER OF MONEY AND GOODS
ON A VEHICLE TO A TRAVEL LANE TO
A PEDESTRIANS, I WANT TO
UNCOUPLE THIS FROM OUR UNHOUSED
ISSUE.

THEY'RE REALLY TWO SEPARATE
THINGS IN MY BOOK.

10 YEARS AGO, A PIECE OF
HISTORY, I WAS STILL FIRE CHIEF.

OUR FIREFIGHTERS WHO FOR YEARS
HAD DONE, FILL THE BOOT
CAMPAIGNS, AND ONE OF THE
STATE'S LARGEST CONTRIBUTORS TO
9 MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
ASSOCIATION.

WE'RE TOLD BY THIS CITY, THEY
COULD NO LONGER STEP INTO
TRAFFIC LANES TO FILL THE BOOT.
BASED ON SAFETY.

NOW, KEEP IN MIND, THIS IS A
GROUP OF FIT SITUATIONALLY AWARE
PEOPLE IN BRIGHT CLOTHING, THAT
ARE USED TO WORKING IN VEHICULAR
LANES ON CAR WRECKS, PEDESTRIANS
VEHICLE ACCIDENTS.

VEHICULAR BICYCLE ACCIDENTS.

AND THEY WERE TOLD IT'S UNSAFE
TO BE DOING THAT.

YET, HERE WE ALLOW OTHER PEOPLE
COLLECTING FOR VARIOUS CAUSES,
YOU KNOW, WHETHER IT'S THE
CANCER SOCIETY, WHICH I

CERTAINLY SUPPORT, WHETHER IT'S
PEOPLE -- WHATEVER THE PURPOSE,
IT JUST SEEMS LIKE A FUNDAMENTAL
DISCONNECT.

IF IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR
FIREFIGHTERS TO STEP INTO OUR
STREET.

IT SHOULD BE TOO DANGEROUS FOR
THE LAY PUBLIC TO BE DOING THE
SAME THING.

THERE'S NOTHING ABOUT THIS
PROPOSAL THAT PRECLUDES SOMEBODY
IN A MOTOR VEHICLE SHOULD THEY
SO DESIRE TO DONATE, TRANSFER,
WHATEVER, TO PULL OFF THE
ROADWAY, GET OUT OF THE TRAVEL
LANE AND MAKE THE EXCHANGE.

BUT RIGHT NOW, THAT'S NOT WHAT'S
HAPPENING, AND LIKE CHIEF
SKINNER, I HAVE PERSONALLY
WITNESSED TOO MANY CLOSE CALLS
TO BE COMFORTABLE WITH THIS.

AND, YOU KNOW, THIS IS AN ISSUE,

AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE CAN
DO SOMETHING ABOUT.

I'M CERTAINLY NOT LOOKING FOR A
HEAVY HANDED APPROACH TO IT, I
LIKE WHAT THE CHIEF SAID ABOUT
USE IT AS AN EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITY.

IN SOME CITIES, THEY PUT UP
SIGNS, HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH
CERTAIN CAUSES THROUGH DONATIONS
FROM ANOTHER AVENUE.

SO ANYWAY, THOSE ARE MY OPENING
COMMENTS.

WE'LL SEE WHERE THE CONVERSATION
GOES FROM THERE.

AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
BRINGING THIS BACK ON TO THE
AGENDA.

>> MAYOR: COUNCILOR KASHINSKY?

>> KASHINSKY: THANK YOU.

I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW MUCH
THIS WILL COST.

ARE THERE COSTS ON ADVERTISING,
ANY SORT OF EDUCATIONAL
CAMPAIGN.

IF IT DOES PASS FOR THERE TO BE
MORE THAN WORDS ON A PIECE OF
PAPER.

COST RELATED COMMUNICATIONS AND
ENFORCEMENT, CREATING AND
INSTALLING SIGNS.

DO WE KNOW HOW MUCH THAT WILL
BE?

BALLPARK IS FINE.

>> YES, COUNCILOR, THANK YOU FOR
THE QUESTION.

PROBABLY NOT GOING TO HAVE A
HARD NUMBER FOR YOU.

CERTAINLY I'M NOT GOING TO BE
ABLE TO ESTIMATE IN THE EVENT
SIGNS WERE ERECTED, HOW THAT
WOULD COST.

THAT WOULD COME OUT OF THE
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND NOT
THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHAT I CAN SAY, WE HAVE A BUDGET
THAT ACCOMPLISHES -- ENCOMPASSES
ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH,
WHETHER IT'S FOR THE HOLIDAY, OR
SHOPPING SEASON COMING UP, HOW
TO HARDEN THE TARGET, NOT TO BE
A VICTIM OF THEFT FROM YOUR
VEHICLES.

THAT'S STUFF WE ENGAGE IN ALL
THE TIME, EVERY YEAR.

WE WOULD FOLD THAT INTO OUR
ROBUST COMMUNITY, EDUCATION
CAMPAIGN WE HAVE HERE.

THE ONE THING I WOULD SAY, JUST
AS A CLARIFIER, AS YOU ASK THAT
QUESTION, IT REMINDED ME THAT
THIS PARTICULAR -- IF THIS WAS
AN ORDINANCE IN OUR CITY, THIS
PARTICULAR ORDINANCE WOULD HAVE
TO BE WITNESSED BY A POLICE
OFFICER TO BE ENFORCEABLE.
WE HAVE TO HAVE PROBABLE CAUSE
THAT THE VIOLATION EXISTS.

IT'S IMPORTANT FOR OUR LISTENING
PUBLIC TO KNOW, THAT IF THE
ORDINANCE WERE TO BE ENACTED, IF
THEY CALLED IN VIOLATIONS THAT
THEY SAW, WE WOULD TAKE NOTE OF
AN AREA THAT NEEDED SOME SPECIAL
ATTENTION BY US.

BUT IT WOULDN'T RESULT IN ACTION
BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BASED
ON SOMEBODY ELSE'S VIOLATION --
OR WITNESSING OF THE VIOLATION,
WE WOULD ONLY ACT WHEN WE
WITNESS THE VIOLATION WITH
MOSTLY -- IF THE VEHICLE IS
DRIVING AROUND THE TRAFFIC STOP.

I CAN'T SPEAK TO THE COST OF AS
COUNCIL GROSS MENTIONED,
ERECTING SIGNS AND ARTICULATING
THE ORDINANCE.

>> KASHINSKY: REGARDLESS, IT'S
NOT FREE.

THERE ARE COSTS.

>> YES, I WOULD CLASSIFY IT AS A

CLASSIC OPPORTUNITY COST.

WE WOULD BE DOING THAT WORK, AND
LUMPING IT IN WITH THE OTHER
WORK.

YOU COULD MAKE THE CASE FOR
SAYING, IF WE AREN'T DOING THIS
WORK, WHAT ARE WE DOING.

IT WOULD BE A PART OF THE
COMMUNICATIONS FUNCTION WE HAVE
HERE WITHIN THE EUGENE POLICE
DEPARTMENT.

>> KASHINSKY: SO I'M NOT IN
SUPPORT OF MOVING THIS TO A
PUBLIC HEARING.

WE HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF
CRITICAL PRIORITIES WE NEED TO
ADDRESS.

AND I DON'T SEE THIS AS BEING A
VERY EFFECTIVE TOOL OR THE MOST
EFFECTIVE TOOL TO FURTHER THE
PRIORITIES.

WE TALKED ABOUT THE SAFETY
ELEMENT OF THIS, AND WE DO HAVE

URGENT NEEDS TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC
SAFETY, AS WE ARE SEEING RISES
IN FATAL AND SERIOUS INJURY
CRASHES.

BUT THE DATA THAT WE HAVE, IF
YOU LOOK AT OUR CRASH REPORTS,
SHOWS THE MAIN DRIVERS
SURROUNDING THAT IS SPEEDING AND
DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED.

OUR MOST RECENT RECORDING DOES
NOT MENTION TRANSFER OF ITEMS
FROM CARS AS A SIGNIFICANT
FACTOR.

IT'S ACTION IS NOT INCLUDED, ANY
OF OUR PLANS FOR HOW WE ADDRESS
THIS.

THE TRULY DANGEROUS ACTIONS THAT
MIGHT CORRELATE WITH
TRANSFERRING ITEMS, SUCH AS
STEPPING OUT INTO TRAFFIC OR
IMPEDING TRAFFIC OR ILLEGALLY
STOPPING ARE ALL ALREADY CLASS D
TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

WITH FINES ASSOCIATED.

IF THIS WAS REALLY ABOUT TRAFFIC
SAFETY, THEN I WOULD MUCH RATHER
SEE US DOING MORE ENFORCEMENT OF
THE TRAFFIC LAWS THAT WE ALREADY
HAVE, RATHER THAN PASSING NEW
ONES.

I FEEL LIKE THIS ORDINANCE IS
REALLY ABOUT HOMELESSNESS, AND
PEOPLE NOT WANTING TO SEE
PANHANDLERS ON STREET CORNERS.

I DON'T BELIEVE IT'S GOING TO BE
AS SUCCESSFUL AT ADDRESSING
THOSE CONCERNS EITHER.

THE AMOUNT OF EDUCATION OR
ENFORCEMENT OR FINDING SOMEONE
FOR TAKING THIS ACTION THAT
WOULD NEED TO HAPPEN, TO CHANGE
ENOUGH BEHAVIOR FOR THIS TO
ACTUALLY HAVE A REAL VISIBLE
IMPACT, IT'S GOING TO BE A
REALLY SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF
CHANGE THERE, AND I THINK THERE

ARE MUCH MORE IMPACTFUL THINGS
WE COULD BE USING OUR TIME AND
RESOURCES FOR.

THINGS THAT WILL REDUCE
HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY
AND ADDRESS SAFETY.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: COUNCILOR ZELENKA?

>> ZELENKA: THE SHOPPING CARTS
IS A GOOD OUTCOME.

I AGREE, THE SURVEY WAS VERY
CLEAR, HOMELESSNESS IS A HIGH
PRIORITY FOR ME AND THIS WHOLE
COUNCIL.

I'M WONDERING, HOW IT IS THAT WE
WERE TELLING THE FIREFIGHTERS
THAT IT WAS ILLEGAL.

WHAT COUNCILOR KASHINSKY SAID,
ISN'T IT ALREADY ILLEGAL TO STEP
OUT INTO A LANE?

DON'T WE HAVE AN ORDINANCE THAT
PROHIBITS THAT?

>> I CAN'T SPEAK TO THE DECISION

ABOUT THE FILL THE BOOT

CAMPAIGN.

I HAD MY OWN FILL THE BOOT

EXPERIENCES IN RICHMOND BEFORE I
CAME TO YOU.

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE ORS OR
THE CHAPTER 800 TRAFFIC LAWS
WITHIN ORS.

THE STEPPING OUT INTO TRAFFIC IS
GENERALLY BUNDLED UNDER OUR
DISORDERLY CONDUCT STATUTE.

AND THE PERSON THAT WE ENFORCE
THAT ON, OR THE PEOPLE WE
ENFORCE THAT ON ARE THE ONES
CREATING THE TRAFFIC HAZARD.

IT WOULD BE -- ENFORCING THAT
WOULD MEAN THAT WE'RE TAKING
ENFORCEMENT ACTION ON THE PEOPLE
THAT ARE ASKING FOR THE MATERIAL
OR SOLICITING THE MATERIAL, AND
NOT THE MOTORISTS.

SO, YES, WE DO HAVE LAWS ON THE
BOOK, SPECIFICALLY AROUND DESCON

AND OUR TRAFFIC FLOW.

SORRY, DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND
OUR TRAFFIC FLOW, I CAN'T SPEAK
HOW IT CAME TO FRUITION ON THE
FILL THE BOOT CAMPAIGN.

>> WE SWITCH THE PROSECUTION TO
THE VEHICLE OWNER HANDING OUT
THE MONEY TO THE HOMELESS
PERSON.

I GET IT.

BUT THEY'RE ALREADY LEGAL FOR A
HOMELESS PERSON TO STEP OUT IN
THE STREET.

SO I'VE SPOKEN TO -- I THINK
THIS IS BLATANTLY
CONSTITUTIONAL.

I HAVE A QUESTION FOR THE CITY
ATTORNEY.

IF A HOMELESS PERSON WERE TO
STOP SOMEONE AT A LIGHT, AND
SAY, I'M A HOMELESS PERSON, I'M
REALLY HAVING A HARD TIME.

HOW IS THAT NOT REGULATING

SPEECH AND CONTENT?

>> WELL, SPEAKING OF THIS
PROPOSED ORDINANCE, BECAUSE THE
PERSON IN YOUR SCENARIO, NOTHING
PREVENTS THE PERSON FROM SAYING
WHAT THEY HAVE SAID.

THEIR SPEECH IS NOT BEING
RESTRICTED IN ANYWAY SHAPE OR
FORM.

THE PERSON THAT'S VIOLATING THIS
ORDINANCE IS THE OCCUPANT OF THE
VEHICLE.

AND THE OCCUPANT OF THE VEHICLE
IS PROHIBITED FROM HANDING
SOMETHING OUT OF THE CAR.

THERE IS NO RESTRICTION ON
ANYTHING BEING SAID IN YOUR
SCENARIO, THE UNHOUSED PERSON
ASKING FOR THAT.

THERE'S -- AND THERE ARE ANY
NUMBER OF PANHANDLING
REGULATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN
DEEMED UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN DIRECTED
AT YOUR SCENARIO, THE PERSON
DOING THE SOLICITING.

THE 2009 MEDFORD CASE IS A
PERFECT EXAMPLE OF THAT.

IT SPOKE TO THE SPEECH OF THE
PERSON.

IN THIS ORDINANCE IT'S A TRAFFIC
REGULATION THAT'S REGULATING THE
OCCUPANTS OF A VEHICLE AND THEIR
ACTIVITIES.

NOT THE SPEECH OF THE VEHICLE.

>> IT'S THE SAME THING, I THINK
THIS IS REGULATING SPEECH AND
CONTENT.

IT'S A PUBLIC ISSUE THAT CAN BE
DEALT IN DIFFERENT WAYS.

I'M WONDERING IF THIS IS NOT THE
ONLY THING THAT HOMELESS PEOPLE
DO THAT MIGHT APPEAR TO BE
UNSAFE.

IS THERE OTHER IDEAS ABOUT
REGULATING THEIR CONVENT THAT I

HAVEN'T HEARD ABOUT?

I WOULD REQUEST THAT WE CONSIDER
DOING AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION
WITHIN THE FIRST MONTH, SO IT
COULD BE LEGALLY CHALLENGED.
IF WE'RE CONFIDENT ABOUT THIS,
WE SHOULDN'T BE AFRAID TO MOVE
ON THIS.

I THINK WE SHOULD DO A WORK
SESSION HOW TO PROMOTE PUBLIC
SAFETY AND HOMELESSNESS.

I DON'T KNOW THAT WE NEED AN
ORDINANCE TO DO THIS EDUCATION
CAMPAIGN.

WE COULD DO IT RIGHT NOW.

IF A POLICE OFFICER SEES A
HOMELESS PERSON STEP OUT INTO
THE STREET TO GRAB SOMETHING OUT
OF A CAR.

MONEY OR A BAG OF FOOD FROM
McDONALD'S.

YOU COULD PULL THEM OVER AND DO
AN EDUCATION CAMPAIGN RIGHT NOW.

BECAUSE IT'S ILLEGAL TO STEP
INTO THE STREET TO THE HOMELESS
PERSON, BUT NOT TO THE PERSON IN
THE CAR.

>> THAT WOULD BE CORRECT.

WHAT WE WOULD DO IS ENGAGE THE
UNHOUSED PERSON THAT STEPPED IN
THE STREET AND ASK THEM TO NEVER
DO THAT AGAIN WE WOULD NOT HAVE
PROBABLE CAUSE TO STOP THE
VEHICLE, BECAUSE AT THAT MOMENT
THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY
VIOLATION.

>> SO IN THIS EDUCATION
CAMPAIGN, YOU WOULD BE PUTTING
ON THE SIRENS, PULL OVER THE CAR
THAT DID THAT ACT AS A REQUEST
FROM THE HOMELESS PERSON AND
EDUCATE THAT PERSON IN THE CAR,
THAT'S THE CAMPAIGN?

>> IF THE ORDINANCE WOULD PASS,
WE WOULD HAVE PROBABLE CAUSE TO
MAKE THE TRAFFIC STOP, IT WOULD

BE AN ACTUAL VIOLATION, JUST
LIKE MANY OF YOUR OTHERS, AND
LIKE ANY OF OUR TRAFFIC STOPS WE
MAKE, WE HAVE EXCLUSIVE
DISCRETION ON WHETHER OR NOT WE
ISSUE A CITATION OR WARNING.

IN THIS CASE, I FEEL LIKE WITH
THOSE TRAFFIC STOPS, THE
WARNINGS CHANGE BEHAVIOR MUCH
BETTER THAN A CITATION.

>> THANKS.

I'M NOT IN FAVOR OF THIS
ORDINANCE EITHER.

>> MAYOR: COUNCILOR YEH.

>> YEH: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

I APPRECIATE YOU CIRCLING THE
LOOP ON THOSE OTHER ITEMS, IT'S
BEEN A WHILE AND IT'S NICE TO
HAVE A CONCLUSION TO A
CONVERSATION.

I APPRECIATE THAT.

I DID HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS
ABOUT HOW THIS WOULD WORK.

WOULD ENFORCEMENT FALL ON OUR
OFFICERS THAT ARE DRIVING THE
MOTORCYCLES OR TRAFFIC FOLK.

>> THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION.

THE ENFORCEMENT WOULD FALL ON
ALL OF US.

MUCH TO YOUR CHAGRIN, YOU MAY OR
MAY NOT WANT TO KNOW I MAKE
TRAFFIC STOPS IN THIS COMMUNITY.
ALL OF US AS SWORN POLICE
OFFICERS, WE ARE SWORN TO MAKE
THOSE STOPS.

>> YEH: I APOLOGIZE, I DON'T
REMEMBER THE OFFICER'S NAME.
THEY WERE WITH THE MOTOR VEHICLE
TRAFFIC, THE FOLKS WHO DO
ENFORCEMENT ON TRAFFIC LAWS, I
KNOW THAT FOLKS IN OUR COMMUNITY
ARE CONCERNED ABOUT RUNNING RED
LIGHTS, STOP SIGNS, HIGH SPEEDS
AND THERE'S NOT ENOUGH OFFICERS
TO REALLY COVER ALL OF THAT.

HE WAS EXPRESSING THAT OTHER

OFFICERS DON'T HAVE A LOT OF
TIME TO DO TRAFFIC STOPS.
SO I GUESS MY CONCERN IS JUST,
HOW MUCH TIME WOULD WE HAVE TO
BE SPENDING ON THIS WHEN RUNNING
A RED LIGHT OR SPEEDING SEEMS
MORE DANGEROUS TO ME THAN
PASSING SOMETHING FROM YOUR
VEHICLE.

>> WELL, CERTAINLY WE CAN
DISCUSS DEGREES OF SAFETY BASED
ON TRAFFIC, BEHAVIORS, I MEAN,
THERE'S A WHOLE CONTINUUM OF
WHAT WE SEE AS BEING SAFE OR
UNSAFE AROUND THE COMMUNITY.
UNLIKE WHAT WE'VE SEEN AROUND
SPEEDING AND RUNNING OF RED
LIGHTS, THERE'S NO AMOUNT OF
ENFORCEMENT THAT WE'RE GOING TO
DO TO COMPLETELY ELIMINATE THAT.
THERE'S NO SHORTAGE OF WORK WHEN
IT COMES TO SPEEDING.
WHAT MY HOPE WOULD BE, IF WE

HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO SOMETHING
LIKE THIS, YOU WOULD SEE US
BEING FULLY ENGAGED IN THE EARLY
STAGES OF THIS, AND YOU WOULD
SEE US TRENDING IN THE RIGHT
DIRECTION.

YOU WOULD SEE FEWER PEOPLE
ENGAGING IN THIS BEHAVIOR.

THAT IS CERTAINLY THE GOAL.

WHETHER THAT IS A REALISTIC GOAL
OR NOT, I'LL LOVE THAT UP FOR
YOU TO DETERMINE I SEE THOSE
BEING A LITTLE DIFFERENT IN THE
OUTCOMES WE'RE TRYING TO
ACCOMPLISH.

AND THE TRENDS WE WOULD HOPE TO
ACCOMPLISH THROUGH EDUCATION AND
ENFORCEMENT.

>> YEH: YEAH, I THINK THAT'S
FAIR.

I WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE A
CONVERSATION WITH EPD AND MAYBE
OUR TRANSPORTATION FOLKS ABOUT

TRAFFIC SAFETY.

WHERE ARE THE RISKS, WHAT ARE
THE THINGS THAT ARE THE MOST
DANGEROUS IN THE COMMUNITY.
AND HOW MIGHT WE MOVE THE NEEDLE
IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION.

I CAN'T COUNT THE NUMBER OF
TIMES I'VE ALMOST BEEN HIT, I'M
NOT PAN HANDLING, I'M JUST
WALKING.

THE STREETS ARE DANGEROUS.
THAT IS A CONVERSATION TO HAVE
WITH TRANSPORTATION PEOPLE AND
FOLKS THAT ARE EXPERTS ON THAT
AND TALKING ABOUT OUR RISKS AND
DETERMINING WHERE THOSE
PRIORITIES ARE, RATHER THAN
TAKING THEM AS ONE OFFS.

I WOULD RATHER HAVE THAT
CONVERSATION, WHERE WE'RE
CENTERING IT AROUND TRAFFIC
SAFETY.

THIS SEEMS TO BE CENTERED AROUND

DOING SOMETHING ABOUT THE
UNHOUSED RATHER THAN DOING
SOMETHING AROUND TRAFFIC SAFETY.
THAT MAKES ME UNCOMFORTABLE.
WE ARE -- I THINK THE IDEA THAT
THIS TYPE OF BEHAVIOR IS
ENABLING SOMEONE IS A VERY -- A
MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE FOLKS
IN OUR AREA WHO ARE EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS.

WE HAVE HUGE WAITING LISTS,
THERE ARE MANY THAT WOULD LIKE
SOME HELP.

I WILL HAVE TO TAKE A SECOND
ROUND.

I'LL LEAVE IT THERE FOR NOW.

>> MAYOR: COUNCILOR CLARK?

>> CLARK: I APPRECIATE MY FRIEND
JENNIFER'S COMMENTS.

AND WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A
CONVERSATION WITH HER, IT
DOESN'T HAVE TO BE DURING THIS
MEETING WHEN EVERYONE ELSE HAS

TO LISTEN.

ABOUT WHY I THINK THERE'S
NOTHING COMPASSIONATE ABOUT
DOING THAT.

I'D LOVE TO HAVE THAT
CONVERSATION WITH YOU
PERSONALLY.

I HAVE -- I SEE BOTH IN COMMENTS
AND TEXT, AND ONLINE HERE THAT
COUNCILOR KEATING HAS LOST HIS
CONNECTION TO OUR MEETING.

AND HE HAD REQUESTED THAT WE NOT
TAKE A VOTE UNTIL HE'S PRESENT.

IF WE DO BRING THIS TO A VOTE, I
WILL MAKE A MOTION TO POSTPONE.

MY QUESTION IS FOR CATHERINE.

I APPRECIATE, AND I DON'T AGREE
WITH MY FRIEND COUNSELLOR
ZELENKA ON THIS ISSUE.

MY QUESTION IS ABOUT AN EMAIL HE
SENT US.

AND I'M HOPING CATHERINE THAT
YOU CAN HELP ME, REMIND ME WITH

SOME INFORMATION VIA EMAIL

LATER.

HIS EMAIL TO US WAS A POINT

BLANK STATEMENT THAT THIS WAS

UNCONSTITUTIONAL, I KNOW YOU'VE

MENTIONED MANY TIMES THAT THIS

ORDINANCE IS NOT IN ANYWAY

QUESTIONABLY CONSTITUTIONAL,

IT'S COMPLETELY FINE.

YOU'VE MADE THAT POINT

EXCEPTIONALLY CLEAR, I THINK.

AND I DON'T KNOW WHY HE SENT

THAT EMAIL TO US.

MY QUESTION IS AROUND PUBLIC

MEETINGS LAW, AND IF YOU WILL

REMIND ME AT SOME FUTURE POINT,

THE STATUTE SPECIFICS THAT DEAL

WITH US TRYING TO -- WHAT'S THE

RIGHT WORD.

FOR US TO TRY TO PERSUADE ONE

ANOTHER OUTSIDE OF THE PUBLIC

MEETING, VIA EMAIL OR OTHERWISE,

ON AN ISSUE THAT'S UPCOMING ON

AN AGENDA, AND HOW THAT RELATES
TO ANY POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS OF
PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW, IF YOU
COULD PLEASE SEND ME A COPY OF
THAT STATUTE, I'D APPRECIATE IT.
THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: COUNSELLOR EVANS?

>> EVANS: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

I WAS RUNNING LATE TO THE
MEETING, I MAY HAVE MISSED A
PORTION OF THE PRESENTATION ON
THIS.

IF THE QUESTION I'M ASKING HAS
BEEN ANSWERED ALREADY, THAT'S
FINE.

SO DO WE HAVE ANY KIND OF DATA
ON OTHER MUNICIPALITIES, I.E.,
SPRINGFIELD THAT HAVE INSTITUTED
THIS KIND OF NO PANHANDLING
ORDINANCE.

AND WHAT HAS THAT DATA RESULTED
IN AND SHOWN IN TERMS OF
EFFECTIVENESS IN DISCOURAGING

THIS KIND OF BEHAVIOR OR
ADDRESSING THE BEHAVIOR IN A
MORE PROACTIVE WAY.

>> THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION,
COUNCILOR EVANS.

IN MY INTERACTIONS WITH
SPRINGFIELD, THEY DON'T
NECESSARILY -- AS FAR AS I CAN
TELL, THEY DON'T COLLECT DATA
WITH RESPECT TO INSTANCES OF THE
NUMBERS OF PEOPLE THAT ARE ON
THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY,
SOLICITING DONATIONS.

THE DATA THAT THEY WOULD COLLECT
WOULD BE AROUND NUMBER OF
TRAFFIC STOPS, AND NUMBER OF
CITATIONS, AND MY LAST -- WHEN I
HAD MY CONVERSATION WITH THEM TO
GET A BETTER SENSE OF HOW THIS
SHOWS UP IN THEIR COMMUNITY,
THEY ARTICULATED TO ME, THEY'VE
NOT HAD TO WRITE A CITATION, BUT
THEY'VE HAD -- THEY SUSPECT

BECAUSE THE REASON FOR TRAFFIC
STOPS IS NOT ALWAYS A PIECE OF
DATA THAT WE COLLECT.

THAT'S THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS
AND THOUSANDS OF DATA POINTS.

THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO SAY THEIR
OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN
TRAFFIC STOPS OR THEY SEE THE
VIOLATION OCCURRING, EDUCATE THE
DRIVER, ASK THEM TO FIND ANOTHER
WAY TO DONATE, AND WE'RE
SUCCESSFUL WITH THAT WITHOUT
HAVING TO ISSUE CITATION.

NO DATA TO SUGGEST WHETHER THIS
IS TRENDING UP OR DOWN, OTHER
THAN ANECDOTALLY, HEARING FROM
THEM, THAT THEY STATED, IN THEIR
WORDS, NOT MINE, THAT IT'S MADE
A DIFFERENCE.

THAT'S THE CLOSEST I CAN GIVE
YOU FOR THAT DATA RESPONSE ON
THAT PARTICULAR QUESTION.

>> EVANS: AND SO IN TERMS OF

THAT THIS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN
MOST KINDS OF TRAFFIC STOPS AND
THAT KIND OF THING FOR PUBLIC
SAFETY AND THOSE KINDS OF
ISSUES, SO ISSUING A WARNING,
ISN'T THAT SOMETHING WE WOULD DO
ANYWAY ON OUR SIDE OF THE LINE.
SAYING, THIS IS NOT A GOOD
PRACTICE, IT'S NOT SAFE, AND YOU
SHOULD FIND ANOTHER WAY TO
DONATE.

DO OUR OFFICERS DO THAT
CURRENTLY?

>> WELL, WE CERTAINLY CAN ISSUE
A WARNING BASED ON WHAT WE
BELIEVE IS A SAFE OR UNSAFE
PRACTICE.

THE KEY TO THIS IS HAVING THE
AUTHORITY TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A
TRAFFIC STOP.

IT'S A SEIZURE UNDER OUR FOURTH
AMENDMENT.

WE HAVE TO HAVE PROBABLE CAUSE

TO BELIEVE THAT A VIOLATION HAS
OCCURRED OR REASONABLE SUSPICION
THAT A CRIME IS OCCURRING.

IN MANY OF THESE CASES, THE STOP
TO EDUCATE AND WARN THEM ABOUT
PASSING SOMETHING OUT OF THEIR
VEHICLE, THE PREDICATE EVENT TO
THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE SOME OTHER
VIOLATION.

WHETHER IT'S SPEEDING OR
UNLAWFUL TURN OR SOMETHING LIKE
THAT.

THE ORDINANCE ALLOWS FOR STOPS
SPECIFICALLY FOR THAT AS A
VIOLATION, SO WE COULD HAVE THAT
CONVERSATION.

>> THAT'S VERY HELPFUL, CHIEF,
IF YOU GATHER ANY OTHER DATA,
FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AND
COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE INSTITUTED
THIS KIND OF ORDINANCE, THAT
WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US AS WELL,
BECAUSE I'M REALLY RETICENT TO

BEING INVOLVED IN OVER
REGULATION, WHEN IT'S NOT
NECESSARY.

BUT IF WE HAVE A ORDINANCE ON
THE BOOKS THAT WILL ADDRESS SOME
OF THESE ISSUES.

THE BIGGEST ISSUE I HAVE AS FAR
AS TRAFFIC SAFETY IS CONCERNED,
COMING DOWN HIGHWAY 99 AT NIGHT
OR IN THE DAYTIME, AND PEOPLE
JUST STRAIGHT UP JAY WALK IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE STREET.

AND WE HAVE HAD PEOPLE KILLED ON
HIGHWAY 99 FOR THAT.

THEY'RE NOT ASKING FOR HANDOUTS,
NOT ANYTHING -- THEY'RE JUST IN
THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY'RE
GOING, WHAT THEY'RE DOING.

THEY MAY HAVE MENTAL HEALTH OR
DRUG ISSUES.

WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE, IT'S
NOT ANYTHING RELATED TO

PANHANDLING.

SPECIFICALLY

>> MAYOR: COUNCILOR LEECH?

>> LEECH: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

WE DON'T ALWAYS NEED NEW
REGULATION OR NEW TOOLS TO
ADDRESS SOME OF THESE ISSUES,
AND IN THIS CASE, YOU KNOW, I DO
AGREE WITH COUNCILOR YEH, IS
THAT, WHAT IS THE PROBLEM WE'RE
TRYING TO ADDRESS.

I THINK WE ASKED THE QUESTION IN
APRIL OF MORE STATISTICS IN HOW
MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INJURED
THROUGH THIS ACTIVITY.

I -- WE GOT SOME ANECDOTAL
STORIES FROM YOU AND COUNCILOR
GROVES TODAY, BUT I HAVEN'T
HEARD THE BREADTH OF THE ISSUE
WE'RE TRYING TO ADDRESS.

I CAN ALSO GIVE ANECDOTAL THINGS
ABOUT WHEN I'M DRIVING AROUND
OUR COMMUNITY AND ALL THE

DANGEROUS STUFF WE'RE SEEING,
IT'S VERY RARELY BECAUSE SOMEONE
IS OPENING THEIR WINDOW AND
HANDING SOMETHING OUT.

I SEE A LOT OF OTHER -- MOSTLY
BECAUSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVERS.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE US
LOOKING AT THIS AS A MUCH
BROADER ISSUE, IN TRYING TO GET
THE MOST BANG FOR OUR BUCK IF WE
ARE GOING TO IMPLEMENT AN
ORDINANCE THAT'S GOING TO
REGULATE BEHAVIOR OF DRIVERS.

SO THAT'S WHERE I STAND TODAY.
IT SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE NOT GOING
TO MAKE A VOTE TODAY, SO WE CAN
CONTINUE THIS CONVERSATION AT
ANOTHER TIME.

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE WORK
FOR THIS TOPIC.

AND ALL OF THE WORK TO MAKE OUR
COMMUNITY A SAFE PLACE

>> MAYOR: COUNCILOR YEH?

>> YEH: YES, THANKS, MAYOR.

I'LL TRY TO GET THROUGH ALL MY
STUFF P.M. I'M GLAD COUNCILOR
CLARK TALKED ABOUT COMPASSION.
WHEN WE APPROACH ANY SITUATION,
WE NEED TO APPROACH IT WITH
EMPATHY, AND WE NEED TO THINK
ABOUT THE COMPLEXITIES AND THE
INDIVIDUAL STORIES THAT FOLKS
THAT ARE EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS ARE COMING TO US
WITH.

IT'S NOT A MONOLITH.

GIVING MONEY TO FOLKS WHO ARE
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IS A
WAY FOR THEM TO SUPPORT THEIR
IMMEDIATE NEEDS.

IN FACT, THERE'S QUITE A BIT OF
RESEARCH OUT THERE ON
PANHANDLING.

THIS MAY BE SURPRISING TO FOLKS.
THERE HAVE BEEN MANY RESEARCH
STUDIES DONE ON PANHANDLING AND

THE EFFECTS, AND WAYS TO
MITIGATE IT, HOW PEOPLE ARE
USING THE MONEY.

AND RESEARCH SHOWS THE VAST
MAJORITY OF CASES, PEOPLE ARE
USING IT TO ADDRESS THEIR
IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF FOOD AND
SHELTER.

THERE'S CERTAINLY A PERCENTAGE
OF THE POPULATION OF FOLKS WHO
ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
WHO HAVE ADDICTION ISSUES.

BUT IT'S NOT EVERYONE.

AND IT'S NOT EVEN THE MAJORITY
OF FOLKS THAT ARE -- AT LEAST --

I WORK IN THIS INDUSTRY, SO I
SEE THE DATA WHEN I HAVE TO
WRITE GRANTS EVERY DAY.

FOLKS ARE STRUGGLING WITH LOTS
OF DIFFERENT THINGS.

THAT DOESN'T MEAN IF SOMEONE
GIVES THEM MONEY, THEY'RE USING
IT TO BUY DRUGS.

THAT'S OFTEN THE CONVERSATION
I'M HEARING IN THIS COMMUNITY.
WE'RE GIVING PEOPLE A CHANCE TO
MAKE A CHOICE ABOUT THEIR
SPENDING.

IT OFFERS DIGNITY AND CONTROL IN
THEIR LIVES, WHICH IS SOMETHING
THAT FOLKS WHO ARE LIVING ON THE
STREETS OFTEN DO NOT HAVE.

AND THE TRUTH IS, THERE ARE LONG
WAITING LISTS IN THIS COMMUNITY
FOR FOLKS WHO ARE ANXIOUS TO GET
HELP, WHO ARE READY TO MAKE
CHANGES IN THEIR LIVES.

THEY JUST NEED A LITTLE SUPPORT
TO GET OFF THE STREET.

THE IDEA THAT GIVING SOMEONE
FIVE DOLLARS OR A BAG OF FOOD
FROM A RESTAURANT IS ENABLING
THEIR BEHAVIORS TO JUST -- AND
THEY DON'T CARE, AND THEY DON'T
WANT TO DO ANYTHING IS JUST
COMPLETELY RIDICULOUS, AND

DOESN'T STAND UP TO THE DATA IN
OUR COMMUNITY AND THE RESEARCH
THAT'S BEEN DONE.

I WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT I'M 100%
HERE FOR A CONVERSATION ABOUT
TRAFFIC SAFETY.

OUR TRAFFIC SAFETY IS A SERIOUS
ISSUE.

AND THINGS ARE GETTING WORSE.

DATA SHOWS THAT PEDESTRIANS
DEATHS ARE INCREASING.

PEOPLE ARE DISTRACTED, THEY'RE
ON THEIR PHONES, THEY'RE NOT
DOING WHAT THEY NEED TO DO.

IF WE WANT TO HAVE A
CONVERSATION ABOUT THAT,ING AND
REALLY DRILL DOWN ABOUT WHAT WE
CAN DO IN OUR COMMUNITY TO
IMPROVE THAT.

I'M 100% HERE FOR IT.

I THINK ALL OF US WOULD BE.

PICKING OUT ONE TINY LITTLE
THING FROM THAT CONVERSATION,

AND PRETENDING THAT WE'RE NOT TRYING TO MAKE OURSELVES MORE COMFORTABLE, BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO SEE HOMELESS PEOPLE STANDING ON THE CORNER IS NOT THE SOLUTION TO TRAFFIC SAFETY. UNLESS SOMETHING NEW HAPPENS BETWEEN NOW AND OUR FINAL CONVERSATION, I DON'T THINK I COULD SUPPORT THIS.

>> MAYOR: COUNCILOR GROVES.

>> GROVES: THANK YOU, MAYOR, AND I'LL TRY TO BE BRIEF.

THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS DISCUSSION AND THE PROPOSAL THAT SAYS PEOPLE CANNOT DONATE MONEY OR GOODS TO PEOPLE, WHETHER IT'S FOR A CAUSE OR AN INDIVIDUAL'S SITUATION OR WHATEVER.

IT'S JUST SAYING, NOT FROM A TRAVEL LANE.

IF SOMEONE WANTS TO PULL OUT OF THE TRAVEL LANE, GET OFF THE

STREET AND EXCHANGE MONEY OR
GOODS, THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS
PROPOSAL THAT SAYS YOU CAN'T DO
THAT.

IT'S JUST SAYING WHERE -- A
PLACE, AND THAT'S IN A TRAVEL
LANE THAT'S USED FOR MOVING
VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

SO I WOULD ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO
THINK ABOUT THAT.

AND THINK ABOUT WHAT THIS IS AND
WHAT IT ISN'T.

AND THERE'S -- I'VE BEEN HEARING
SOME OF THE DIALOGUE, AND I
THINK WE'RE REACHING ON SOME OF
THIS STUFF, JUST TO TRY TO SHUT
THIS DOWN.

SO ANYWAY, THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO
SAY, THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR: COUNCILOR KASHINSKY
AND CLARK, I SHOULD NOT HAVE
LOOKED AWAY FOR A SECOND.
I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE ON WITH OUR

MEETING.

WE'RE NOT GOING TO MOVE FORWARD
WITH A VOTE TODAY WITHOUT
COUNCILOR KEATING.

WHEN IT COMES BACK TO COUNCIL,
THERE WILL BE A MOTION PUT
FORWARD AND ANY OPPORTUNITY FOR
DISCUSSION ON THAT MOTION.

COUNCILOR KASHINSKY?

>> KASHINSKY: I CAN WAIT.

>> MAYOR: GIVEN THAT, THAT WE
WILL NOT MOVE FORWARD WITH A
VOTE TODAY.

I WILL REITERATE THANK YOUS FOR
CHIEF SKINNER FOR ALL OF THESE
TOPICS.

DECREASE IN METAL THEFT AND
SHOPPING CARTS.

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT PANHANDLING
IS NOT OUR CITY'S STRATEGY FOR
ADDRESSING THE CRISIS OF
HOMELESSNESS.

IT'S A MUCH MORE COMPLEX

CONNECTION OF ACTIONS AS MANY
COUNCILLORS HAVE HIGHLIGHTED.
WE WILL NOW MOVE ON, CONCLUDING
THIS FIRST AGENDA ITEM.

WE WILL MOVE ON TO OUR SECOND
ITEM, WHICH IS A WILDFIRE
UPDATE.

I'LL HAND IT OVER TO THE CITY
MANAGER.

>> I JUST WANT TO CIRCLE BACK TO
THE ITEM WE ARE POSTPONING A
VOTE.

IT'S UNCLEAR WHERE WE'RE GOING
TO BRING THIS BACK.

WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK AT THE
CALENDAR, AND PUT IT ON A MONDAY
NIGHT CALENDAR?

IT WON'T BE ANOTHER WORK SESSION
DISCUSSION.

>> MAYOR: ABSOLUTELY.

WITH THAT, I WILL TURN IT OVER
TO CHIEF CAVEN.

>> THANKS FOR HAVING US TODAY.

WE'RE GOING TO BE TALKING A
LITTLE BIT ABOUT A WILDFIRE
UPDATE.

GIVE ME A MOMENT HERE, I'LL
SHARE MY SCREEN.

JOINING ME WILL BE OUR DEPUTY
CHIEF OF COMMUNITY RISK
REDUCTION AND RESILIENCE.

TRAVIS WORTHINGTON, SO HE'LL
HAVE THE END PORTION OF THIS.

TODAY WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT
HOW WILDFIRE HAS IMPACTED OUR
COMMUNITY.

HOW 2025s FIRE SEASON HAS GONE
SO FAR.

IT'S NOT QUITE OVER, BUT WE HAVE
SOME GOOD INFORMATION TO REPORT.

A LITTLE BIT OF DISCUSSION ON
OUR CONFLAGRATION DEPLOYMENTS,
AND THEN SOME DIALOGUE IN POST
SHARING AROUND THE WILDFIRE FUEL
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

AS A REMINDER IT'S A PROGRAM

THAT WE STARTED LAST YEAR WITH
SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY
PAYROLL TAX, TO REALLY STEP INTO
A SPACE WHERE WE HAVEN'T BEEN
ABLE TO ENGAGE PREVIOUSLY.

SO WE'LL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON
EXACTLY WHAT THAT'S DONE SO FAR,
WHAT THE MISSION OF THE PROGRAM
IS, IT'S CURRENT STATUS, AND
IT'S FUTURE GOALS.

SO WITH THAT, THIS ISN'T GOING
TO BE A TABLE AND SLIDE HEAVY
DISCUSSION.

THESE ARE JUST SOME HISTORICAL
PERSPECTIVES, TO GUIDE THE
CONVERSATION, HOW DOES WILDFIRE
IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY.

AND HOW HAS IT IMPACTED IT OVER
THE LAST DECADE.

AND AS YOU CAN TELL, FIRE IS
CYCLICAL.

WE DO SEE A DROP FROM 2024 TO
2025 SO FAR, AGAIN.

WITH THE CAVEAT THAT 2025 SEASON
IS NOT QUITE OVER.

WE HAD OUR FIRST FALL LAST WEEK,
NOW WE'RE INTO SECOND SUMMER.
HOWEVER LONG THAT MIGHT LAST.

BUT WE DID SEE AN UPTICK OF
FIRES RELATED TO THAT.

SO WHAT YOU CAN TELL AND WHAT
WE'VE ALL EXPERIENCED, RIGHT?
IS 2020 REALLY CHANGED THE FACE
OF WILDFIRE.

IT WAS NOT A PARTICULARLY BUSY
YEAR FOR US.

2018 WAS OUR PEAK BEFORE THAT
WITH A PRETTY STEADY TREND.

2020 WAS KIND OF QUIET, SIMILAR
SUMMER TO THIS.

A LITTLE BIT WETTER, A LITTLE
BIT LONGER.

AS WE ALL REMEMBER, THE TERM
HISTORIC WIND EVENT.

OR 100 YEAR WIND EVENT WAS
BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION AHEAD

OF LABOR DAY.

AND THAT WAS A POINT IN TIME
WHICH CHANGED THE FACE OF
WILDFIRE.

THE ATTENTION ON WILDFIRE IS
PREPAREDNESS AND IMPACT ON THE
COMMUNITY GOING-FORWARD.

AGAIN, NOT A PARTICULARLY BUSY
YEAR FOR US AS FAR AS FIRES
WENT.

WE SAW A PRETTY SHARP UPTICK IN
RECENT YEARS.

IT'S BEEN MORE CYCLICAL, AND
OFTEN TIMES THAT DOES FOLLOW THE
WEATHER PATTERN.

SO AGAIN, THIS IS JUST A LITTLE
BIT OF PERSPECTIVE IN THE LAST
DECADE.

WE'VE GOTTEN ALMOST TWICE AS
BUSY AS WE WERE IN 2014.

BUT WE EXPECTED TO BE BELOW 400
CALLS FOR SERVICE IN THIS SPACE
IN 2025.

THIS IS JUST A LITTLE LOOK ON
THE CALLS THAT WE ACTUALLY
ARRIVE TO.

SO YOU SEE A LITTLE SMOOTHER
TREND ON HOW THOSE HAVE IMPACTED
US THE LAST FEW YEARS.

WHAT I WANT TO DRAW YOUR
ATTENTION TO IS, THE TABLE DOWN
HERE BELOW.

WHERE IT TALKS ABOUT A LITTLE
BIT OF THE PROPORTION OF THE
TYPES OF CALLS WE'RE GOING TO.

SO YOU'RE RED OR THE BOTTOM
THERE IS NATURAL VEGETATION, SO
THAT BY DEFINITION COULD BE A
TREE FIRE, A SHRUB FIRE, OFTEN
TIMES NOT A RAPIDLY SPREADING
FIRE.

THE FORESTS ARE WOOD, SO YOU SEE
THAT AS A PRETTY SMALL
PERCENTAGE, NOT EVEN BIG ENOUGH
TO REGISTER A NUMBER ON THE
TABLE.

BUT THINK OF THOSE ARE THE FIRES
THAT ARE OCCURRING EITHER WE'RE
RESPONDING WITH MUTUAL AID OR IN
OUR RURAL PROTECTION DISTRICTS
IN THE CITY FOR SERVICE.

THE NEXT BUSIEST CHUNK FOR US
IS, WHAT WOULD BE DEFINED AS A
BRUSHFIRE.

BLACKBERRY BUSHES, THE NATURAL
VEGETATION IN OUR NATURAL
PARKLANDS, THOSE TYPES OF
THINGS.

THE BIGGEST VOLUME OF CALLS WE
GET THIS TIME OF YEAR, OFTEN
BARK DUST FIRES.

THEY'RE CODED AS BARK DUST FIRES
THAT CAN BE ANYTHING THAT'S A
GROUND COVER TYPE MATERIAL.

AND THOSE ARE TYPICALLY TIED TO
ERRANT SPARKS, DISCARDED SMOKING
MATERIALS.

OTHER BEHAVIORS ARE TYPICALLY
SLOW MOVING AND NOT A PROBLEM,

BUT THEY'RE A FIRE CALL NOT TO
BE SLEPT ON.

MEANING WE RESPOND TO THOSE, WE
RESPOND TO NONEMERGENTLY.

NO SENSE IN JEOPARDIZING THE
PUBLIC OR FIREFIGHTERS IN
RESPONSE TO THAT.

A GREAT EXAMPLE OF WHAT THAT CAN
DO IN THE GATEWAY AREA, EARLY ON
IN THIS FIRE SEASON, RESPONDED
TO A BARK DUST FIRE, SEEMINGLY
NO BIG DEAL.

TURNED INTO A FIRST ALARM
COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FIRE.

CREWS CAUGHT IT EARLY, SOMEBODY
PAYING ATTENTION, CALLED A
SERVER TO CHECK IT OUT.

AND ULTIMATELY THAT FIRE HAD
GOTTEN INTO THE BOTTOM PLATE FOR
THE WALLS, FOR THE STRIP MALL.

AND HAD BEEN BURNING IN THAT
WALL, UNFORTUNATELY, WE GOT
THERE BEFORE IT REALLY GOT LEGS

UNDER IT.

SO THAT CAN BE APARTMENT
BUILDINGS, HOMES, YOU NAME IT.

SO THEY'RE HIGH IN VOLUME.

TYPICALLY LOW RISK, BUT
DEFINITELY CARRY SOME RISK.

10% IS JUST KIND OF GRASS FIRES
IN THOSE OPEN AREAS, OFTEN TIMES
WE SEE THOSE IN WEST EUGENE AND
THE PARKLAND OFF OF ROYAL.

SO NONETHELESS, A LITTLE SLOWER
THIS YEAR, WE'VE ALL EXPERIENCED
A LITTLE BETTER YEAR, THIS IS
TWO SUMMERS IN A ROW, KNOCK ON
WOOD, THAT WE'VE ENJOYED LESS
SMOKE IN OUR AREA.

A LITTLE HEALTHIER AIR FOR OUR
COMMUNITY.

THAT'S EXCITING.

THIS IS JUST THE HEAT MAP TO
INDICATE ONE.

FIRE PLAGUES ALL CORNERS OF OUR
CITY, BUT THERE ARE HEAT MAPS

FOR THOSE PROBLEM FIRES, SO WHEN
YOU LOOK TO THIS KIND OF CORE IN
DOWNTOWN ALONG THE RIVER, YOU
KNOW, CAMP FIRES, THOSE TYPES OF
THINGS, AND THEN THE BIKE PATH
AND OUT ALONG HIGHWAY 99 TEND TO
BE OUR MORE SIGNIFICANT AREAS
FOR PROBLEM FIRES.

OFTEN TIMES THOSE ARE PEOPLE
MOVING THROUGH THOSE SPACES
LIGHTING SMALL FIRES.

THEY TYPICALLY ARE ABLE TO KEEP
THOSE SMALL.

BUT IT'S JUST KIND OF IN THE
PROBLEM CORRIDOR FOR US.

SO HOW DO WE LOOK AT IT?

THEY TRENDED DOWN THIS YEAR
AGAIN.

COOLER SUMMER.

THE LARGER FUELS ARE STILL QUITE
DRY.

DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE'RE NOT AT
RISK FOR FIRE, WE'RE JUST NOT AT

RISK FOR AS RAPID A SPREAD AS
THE PEAK FIRE SEASON AS WE'VE
EXPERIENCED.

WHEN WE MOVED INTO JUNE, THE
FORECAST WAS UPDATED FOR ALL OF
OREGON AND WASHINGTON TO PUT US
ABOVE AVERAGE FOR RISK FOR
SIGNIFICANT FIRE GROWTH THROUGH
THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AND --
AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

JUST BEFORE THE END OF AUGUST,
THEY DOWNGRADED SEPTEMBER JUST
TO NORMAL RISK FOR OUR AREA, SO
WE'RE PLEASED TO SEE THAT
GOING-FORWARD.

AGAIN, LIKE I MENTIONED, WEST
11th AND HIGHWAY 99 CORRIDORS --
THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE MOVING
ON THOSE BIKE PATHS, WE DO
CONTINUE TO HAVE CHALLENGES WITH
UNHOUSED FIRES.

THE TREND THAT WE SAW YEAR OVER
YEAR WAS DOWN FROM 44% OF OUR

OUTSIDE TYPE FIRES, IN 2024 TO

32% OF THEM IN 2025.

SO FAR.

WHICH EQUATES TO NEARLY HALF AS

MANY FIRES RELATED TO THAT

POPULATION.

AND AGAIN, THAT CAN TIE TO -- IS

THERE -- THEY'RE TRYING TO MEET

THEIR BASIC NEEDS FOR VARIOUS

REASONS OUTSIDE.

WHEN IT'S COOLER, WHEN IT'S NOT

QUITE AS DRY, THE RISK OF AN

ACCIDENTAL FIRE BURNING A CAMP

OR SPREADING OUTSIDE THAT CAMP

ARE A LITTLE BIT LOWER.

AND THEN MOST OF OUR SIGNIFICANT

RESPONSES, SO WHEN YOU THINK

ABOUT FIRES BY ACREAGE BURNED.

WE'RE MUTUAL AID ACROSS LANE

COUNTY.

TWO YEARS AGO, WE ESTABLISHED

A -- KIND OF READY IN A BOX

MUTUAL AID SYSTEM WITH OUR

COUNTY PARTNERS, INSTEAD OF
PICKING AND CHOOSING RESOURCES
THAT AN INCIDENT COMMANDER
ANYWHERE, WE CAN USE IT, THEY
CALL FOR THE TASK FORCE, THE
TASK FORCE COMES, AND IT BRINGS
ENOUGH FIREFIGHTERS TO KEEP
THOSE SMALL.

AND THAT'S OUR GOAL, BOTH IN OUR
MUTUAL AID AND AUTOMATIC AID
AGREEMENTS LOCALLY, IS THAT IT'S
WORTH OUR TIME TO SUPPORT THAT
WORK, NOT ONLY TO SUPPORT OUR
NEIGHBORS.

IN DOING THAT, ALSO PROTECTS OUR
COMMUNITIES.

AS WE THINK ABOUT THE THREAT
FROM WILDFIRE TO THE EUGENE
SPRINGFIELD AREA, MOST LIKELY,
THE FIRE'S GOING TO OCCUR IN OUR
CONTRACT DISTRICTS, WHICH WE
HAVE SIX OF THOSE THAT -- IN THE
RURAL AREA THAT WE CONTRACT

WITH, BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES,
AND A COUPLE WATER DISTRICTS.
OUTSIDE OF THAT THE RURAL
AGENCIES ARE WHERE STAFFING'S
LESS AND THERE'S MORE OPEN
TERRITORY, MORE LIGHT FLASHING
FUELS, MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
FIRE TO GROW BIGGER THAN THE
RESPONDING FIREFIGHTERS CAN
CATCH.

THAT'S WHY WE LEVERAGE THOSE
PROGRAMS LOCALLY, ABOUT
CONFLAGRATIONS.

CONFLAGRATION JUST AS A
REMINDER, IS A STATEWIDE MUTUAL
AID SYSTEM EFFECTIVELY, THAT IS
AN EMERGENCY ACT DECLARED BY THE
GOVERNOR, WHEN A FIRE EXCEEDS
LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AND MUTUAL
AID CAPABILITIES.

LARGE FAST MOVING WILDFIRE
THAT'S SURROUNDING HOMES AND
CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

WE HAD A BUSY YEAR IN 2024, THE
STATE HAS INVESTED MONEY IN
RESOURCES FOR US TO CALL AND
COMMAND OF THESE INCIDENTS
EARLY.

WITHOUT DECLARING EMERGENCY IN
THE STATE, WITHOUT DOING ALL OF
THE BUREAUCRATIC PAPERWORK TO
GET MORE FIREFIGHTERS HERE, WE
CAN CALL FOR HELP, FOR UP TO 72
HOURS, TO ADDRESS THESE FIRES,
TO GIVE US ACCESS TO
HELICOPTERS, AND IN THE WILD
LAND SECTOR THEY CALL IRON, WHAT
WE ALL RECOGNIZE AS BULLDOZERS,
WE HAVE ACCESS TO THOSE THINGS
IF WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT
CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OR FIRE
ENTERING OUR COMMUNITY.
THAT IS PREVENTED A NUMBER OF
CONFLAGRATIONS THROUGHOUT OUR
STATE.

BUT IT DOESN'T TAKE IT ALL OUT.

WHAT'S MOST INTERESTING IN ALL
OF THIS IS, DESPITE THE COOLER
YEAR, WE HAVE BEEN BUSY, WE'VE
DEPLOYED TO FIVE FIRES WITH 19
OF OUR MEMBERS FOR A TOTAL OF 51
DAYS OUT ON THE FIRE LINE.
OUTSIDE OF OUR COMMUNITY.
IT'S IMPORTANT FOR FOLKS TO
KNOW, THAT WHEN WE DEPLOY
OUTSIDE OF A COMMUNITY.
THERE IS -- IT'S REALLY A NET
BENEFIT TO US AND OUR PROGRAMS.
THE STATE PAYS FOR -- THE
FIREFIGHTERS THAT GO, THEY PAY
FOR THE COVERAGE TO MAKE SURE
THEIR FIREFIGHTERS ARE STILL
HERE, COVERING THE VACATED
SHIFTS IN OUR COMMUNITY.
AND THEY PAY FOR THE USE OF OUR
VEHICLES DURING THOSE FIRES, AND
WE TURN THAT INTO MUCH NEEDED
INVESTMENT AND UPGRADES TO THOSE
VEHICLES OR UPGRADES TO OUR CASH

OF EQUIPMENT FIGHTING FIRES.

EUGENE SPRINGFIELD FIRE HAS 78

FIREFIGHTERS WHO ARE CROSS

TRAINED TO DEPLOY ACROSS THE

STATE, WE ALL HAVE WILDFIRE

TRAINING.

BUT FOR SOME OF THE MORE

TECHNICAL ROLES, PARTICULARLY IN

LEADERSHIP ROLES, TAKES EXTRA

CERTIFICATIONS, WE CONSIDER THAT

VOLUNTARY.

AND THESE PEOPLE ARE ON THE LIST

TO DEPLOY AS NEEDED.

DURING 2024 THERE WERE 16

CONFLAGRATIONS IN OREGON, AN

INCREDIBLY BUSY YEAR, AND 1.3

MILLION ACRES BURNED.

IN 2025, THERE'S BEEN 7

CONFLAGRATIONS, ABOUT HALF AS

MANY CONFLAGRATIONS, BUT ONLY

128,000 ACRES BURNED.

SO ROUGHLY 10% OF THE ACREAGE

BURNED IN 2025.

HOWEVER, AS WE ALL RECALL, SOME OF THOSE, WERE INCREDIBLY HIGH PROFILE, BECAUSE THEY WERE THREATENING THE COMMUNITY OF SISTERS, AND SO OUR LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS WERE SOME OF THE FIRST TO DEPLOY OVER THERE IN SUPPORT OF THE SISTERS FIRE DISTRICT.

AND THEY WERE UP AGAINST INCREDIBLY DYNAMIC FIRE CONDITIONS, THEY ARRIVED AND THEY WORKED FOR PRETTY MUCH 24 HOURS STRAIGHT, GOING FROM HOME TO HOME IN ACTIVE FIRE CONDITIONS TO BASICALLY PUSH THE FIRE AROUND THOSE HOMES AND MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ONE.

AND SO THAT TYPE OF FIREFIGHTING ISN'T OVERLY COMMON IN THE CONFLAGRATION ENVIRONMENT HERE IN OREGON.

IT'S BECOMING A LITTLE MORE

COMMON, BUT WE'RE GOING TO BE
DOING AN AFTER ACTION REVIEW
WITH THE CREWS THAT DEPLOYED TO
THAT.

SO THAT WE CAN GATHER THEIR
EXPERIENCE AND PERSPECTIVE, BUT
ALSO PREPARE OTHERS FOR WHAT
THEY MIGHT FACE, WHAT WENT WELL,
AND HOW WE SHOW UP BETTER
PREPARED AND EFFICIENT IN OUR
WORK.

SO THE CONFLAGRATION SYSTEM, THE
EMERGENCY DECLARATION IN THE
STATE OF OREGON IS INCREDIBLY
EFFECTIVE.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN
SEVERAL YEARS THAT WE HAVEN'T
HAD ONE IN LANE COUNTY, SO
AGAIN, OVERALL THIS FIRE
SEASON'S BEEN PRETTY GREAT,
WHICH IS HELPFUL AS WE CONTINUE
TO GROW AND WORK ON OUR
COMMUNITY'S PREPARATION THROUGH

THE WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT CPST.
WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO PIVOT
OVER TO CHIEF WORTHINGTON TO
TALK ABOUT WHAT THAT PROGRAM'S
BEEN UP, TO AND THEN WE'LL OPEN
IT UP FOR QUESTIONS WITH THE
REMAINING TIME.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR,
COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER,
APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
SPEAK WITH YOU AND UPDATE YOU ON
OUR WILDFIRE FUELS MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM.

FIRST PICTURE THERE, I'M GOING
TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO DEPUTY
FIRE MARSHALL, SHE VOLUNTEERED
TO HELP DEVELOP THAT PROGRAM
STARTING IN FEBRUARY OF LAST
YEAR.

REALLY HAPPY WITH HER
PERFORMANCE, COULDN'T BE WHERE
WE ARE TODAY.

THE WILDFIRE PLAN IS A PROGRAM

THAT WE ESTABLISHED IN FEBRUARY
OF 2024.

THE MISSION AS WE DEVELOPED IT,
IS TO ASSESS AND IMPROVING
NATURAL SPACES.

THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN OFFERED FOR
18 MONTHS, IT'S OFFERED A STRONG
FOUNDATION FOR WILDFIRE
RESISTANCE.

IN 2024, WE ENGAGED IN MORE THAN
1,000 RESIDENTS A PERSON, AND
ANTICIPATE 1300 BY THE END OF
2025.

WE HAD SEVERAL IMPORTANT
PARTNERS DURING THIS TIME
PERIOD.

THE WESTERN FIRE CHIEF'S
ASSOCIATION.

DURING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS
PROGRAM AND DOING OUR
ENGAGEMENT, WE WERE VERY VERY
INTENTIONAL TO ENSURE EACH
PROGRAM RECEIVED QUALITY

SERVICES.

WE GATED DOWN THE INFLUX AND
GROWTH RATE OF THAT PROGRAM.

STARTING IN 2025, WE WILL EXPAND
OUR PLAN.

57 PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE ALREADY
MADE RECOMMENDED CORRECTIONS TO
THEIR HOMES AND MADE THEM MORE
RESILIENT.

WE'LL HAVE THE DEPUTY FIRE
MARSHALLS.

WE'LL BEGIN TO EXPAND THE
PROGRAM'S REACH AND DEPTH.

TO DATE, WE HELPED REMOVE 35
CUBIC YARDS OF VEGETATION, IN
HIGH RISK FIRE WILD LAND AREAS.

NEXT STEPS INCLUDE, HOME HEARTY
OUTREACH, AND INVESTMENT IN A
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE U.N.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR US, WE'RE
TALKING ABOUT BUILDING CAPACITY,
OUR STAFFING STRUCTURE AND
STRONGER CODES FOR SUSTAINED

IMPACT.

WE HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED,
HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE ON BOARD WITH
US.

WE'VE LEARNED DURING THIS TIME
THAT IN ORDER FOR US TO PREPARE
THE STRUCTURE AND STRONGER CODES
FOR SUSTAINED IMPACT.

WE NEED TO SCALE THIS AS
AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND MOVING
FORWARD WITH THE PROGRAM, WE'RE
HOPING TO ENGAGE PLANNING
DEVELOPMENT TO EXPLORE LAND USE
AND BUILDING CODE IMPROVEMENTS
IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY'S
RESILIENCE.

IT'S GOING TO BE IMPORTANT FOR
US TO MEET WITH THOSE
STAKEHOLDERS AND HELP DEVELOP
THOSE ASPECTS AS WE MOVE FORWARD
WITH CODE DEVELOPMENT.

CODES ARE GOING TO BE DEVELOPED,
WE'RE ABOUT TO GO THROUGH

ANOTHER FIRE CODE UPDATE.

WE HAD SENATE BILL 83 THAT WAS
PASSED THIS LAST LEGISLATIVE
SESSION.

SENATE BILL 83 HELPS US TO FIND
OUR LOCAL WILDFIRE MAP AND DOES
NOT RELY ON THE STATE TO FIND
THAT HAZARD CLASSIFICATION MAP
FOR US.

THAT WAS GOOD LEGISLATION THAT
CAME THROUGH, AND THAT WILL HELP
US AS WE GO FORWARD EXPANDING
THIS PROGRAM, AND DEVELOPING A
MORE RESILIENT COMMUNITY.

PLANNING FOR OUR COMMUNITY IN
LONG TERM RESILIENCE.

SOME THINGS THAT HAVE GOTTEN
CONDUCTED.

IN THE SUMMER OF 2025, WE USE
THE GENESIS PLANNING
PLATFORM,ING AND THEN
IMPLEMENTED EVACUATION UPDATING
WE'VE BEGAN AND ARE DEEP WITHIN

THE COMMUNITY PROTECTION PLAN.
OUR CWPP WILL SERVE AS AN ANNEX
TO THE COUNTY'S PLAN, AND WE'RE
RUNNING IN PARALLEL WITH THEIR
FIVE-YEAR UPDATE.

WE'LL BE GOING TO SME
FINALIZATION IN THE NEXT COUPLE
MONTHS.

WE'LL HAVE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND
HOPEFULLY BY THE FALL OF 2026,
WE'LL BE INSTITUTING THAT IN THE
COUNTY PLAN.

NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.

THANK YOU.

AND IN SUMMATION, TO KEEP IT
SHORT, THE PROGRAM HAS DONE VERY
WELL, WE HAVE SUPPORTED THE
COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE
COMMUNITY PLAN THROUGH THE
COMMUNITY WILDFIRE COMMENCE
GRANT.

THIS GRANT IS THE FUNDING THAT
HELPS US TO DEVELOP THAT CWPP

ANNEX, THAT'S A \$150,000 GRANT

WE WERE GIVEN.

THAT'S HOW WE'RE FUNDING THE

GRANT AT THERE TIME.

WE DID ALSO PROCURE A \$75,000

GRANT TO EXPAND FUELS.

AND EXPANSION OF FIRE

COORDINATION TO PROVIDE

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING.

WE'VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THE

LAST 18 MONTHS, ACHIEVING THE

GRANTS AND STARTING TO ELEVATE

THOSE GRANTS AND MOVING FORWARD

WITH THE PROGRAM.

I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME, AND LOOK

FORWARD TO YOUR QUESTIONS.

>> THANK YOU, CHIEF WORTHINGTON.

ONE OF THE THINGS I WANTED TO

BRING UP IS HOW WE'VE LEVERAGED

TECHNOLOGY.

I WAS READING AN ARTICLE EARLIER

TODAY, THAT TALKS ABOUT

TRANSITION MEETS TRANSFORMATION.

SO MANY WAYS IN THE WORK THAT WE DO, LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY TO HELP US BE BETTER WITH THE RESOURCES WE GOT, BUT ALSO TO HELP ARTICULATE WHERE THE NEEDS ARE, WE'VE BEEN EMPLOYING TWO VERY IMPORTANT TYPES OF TECHNOLOGY TO KEEP FIRES SMALL.

THROUGH THE U OF O'S HAZARD LABS, AND THEIR JOINT EFFORT ACROSS THE WESTERN STATES.

TOO GIVE US ACCESS TO A.I. FIRE DETECTION.

THE CAMERAS, LONG BEFORE ANYONE SAW THEM, AND DISPATCHED OUR RESOURCES TO THAT FIRE.

THE LIGHTNING FIRE ON SPENCER BUTTE A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, THAT WOULD HAVE ABSOLUTELY FLAGGED ON A.I. DETECTED, HAD THERE NOT BEEN DENSE FOG CLOUD COVER IN THE AREA.

A USEFUL TOOL FOR US.

THE OTHER TOOL THAT'S BEEN
INCREDIBLY VALUABLE OVER THE
LAST YEAR IS EPD'S DRONE FOR
FIRST RESPONSE PROGRAM, GETTING
THAT DRONE UP IN THE AIR, AHEAD
OF OUR RESOURCES, GIVES US
REALTIME INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT
WE'RE UP AGAINST.

GIVING THEIR RESOURCES QUICKLY,
AND KEEPING THE FIRES SMALL.

GOAL NUMBER ONE KEEP THE FIRE
FROM HAPPENING.

KEEP IT SMALL.

THAT PARTNERED WITH THE WORK
WE'RE DOING, WILL HELP US BE
MORE FIRE RESILIENT.

WITH THAT, I'LL HAND IT BACK TO
THE MAYOR.

>> MAYOR: COUNCIL, WE HAVE ABOUT
15 MINUTES LEFT IN THIS WORK
SESSION, SO IF WE CAN -- IF
THERE'S A CUE LINING UP, BE
COGNIZANT WE MAY HAVE POINTS OF

DISCUSSION.

COUNCILOR GROVES?

>> GROVES: THANK YOU, MAYOR, AND
THANK YOU, CHIEFS FOR THE
PRESENTATION.

I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO
THROUGH THE U OF O HAZARDS LAB,
AND THAT'S PRETTY IMPRESSIVE
TECHNOLOGY THEY HAVE IN REALTIME
INFORMATION.

I WOULD HAVE LOVED TO HAVE HAD
THAT BACK IN MY DAY.

NUMBER TWO, THIS PERTAINS TO OUR
REGIONAL PARTNERS, MUTUAL AID
ORGANIZATIONS, I STILL RECEIVE A
LOT OF PROFESSIONAL
PUBLICATIONS, I CAN'T GET THEM
TO STOP SENDING ME STUFF.

AND I'M READING ABOUT THE
PROBLEM OF RECRUITING AND
RETENTION OF VOLUNTEERS IN
ORGANIZATIONS, BECAUSE OF THE
SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE

REQUIREMENTS FOR EVEN VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS TO BE ABLE TO
RESPOND AND DO THEIR WORK.

IS THAT AFFECTING OUR MUTUAL AID
PARTNERS AND HOW THEY CAN LEND
US SUPPORT OR CAUSING US TO GO
MORE FREQUENTLY INTO THE
UNINCORPORATED AREAS?

YEAH, I THINK IT'S A GREAT
QUESTION, WE EXPERIENCED THAT
FOR THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN AROUND.

THE SANTA CLARA FIRE DEPARTMENT
DOESN'T OPERATE AS A FIRE
DEPARTMENT ANY MORE,
PARTICULARLY DUE TO RECRUITMENT
RETENTION AND VOLUNTEERS.

THERE'S NO LONGER A VOLUNTEER
POOL UP THERE.

THAT'S AN AREA WHERE WE PROVIDE
AUTOMATIC AID, MOST IMPORTANTLY,
JUST BY THE FACT THAT YOUR NEXT
DOOR NEIGHBOR MIGHT BE IN THE
CITY, MIGHT BE IN THE FIRE

DISTRICT.

WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE HAPPEN IS
A PASSERBY CALL AND NOT SURE WHO
SHOULD GO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE
RESIDENTS GET THAT SUPPORT.

24 HOURS A DAY.

EVERYBODY ON OUR BOUNDARIES NOW
HAS 24 HOUR STAFFING.

BECAUSE OF THE CHALLENGE IN
GETTING VOLUNTEERS.

WHAT THAT 24 HOUR STAFFING MEANS
IS, THEY MAY HAVE ONE OR TWO
PEOPLE.

THEY'RE NOT FIELDING OFFICERS IN
WAYS THEY ONCE DID.

THEY'RE RELYING ON THEIR CHIEF
OFFICERS, AND THEN MUTUAL AND
AUTOMATIC AID FROM OTHERS.

>> THANK YOU.

AND ON MY WATCH, WE WERE HAVING
PROBLEMS WITH THE PROPERTY IN OR
OUT.

I'M GLAD THAT'S CONTINUING.

MY NEXT QUESTION, HAS THE AREA
OF DUAL COVERAGE WITH ESF AND
ODF.

HAS THAT INCREASED AT ALL IN
SIZE.

I'VE BEEN ABLE TO ACCESS AIR
ASSETS AND SOME OF THE HEAVY
EQUIPMENT DOZERS.

IF WE MADE THAT AREA LARGER, OR
IS IT ABOUT THE SAME?

>> IT'S AN INTERESTING QUESTION
YOU SHOULD ASK.

IT HASN'T CHANGED A LOT, THEY
ARE VERY OPEN TO ORDERING THOSE
COMPLEX RESOURCES, AND PAYING
FOR THEM FOR US, WHICH IS GREAT.
THEY'VE BEEN AMAZING PARTNERS,
BUT WHAT I WILL TELL YOU, AND
IT'S A PROBLEM WE'RE ALL
COLLECTIVELY WORKING THROUGH
RIGHT NOW, IS THAT THE ODF
DISTRICTS HERE WERE COVERING
COUNTY AND SOME CITY PARKS

PROPERTIES BY CONTRACTS THAT
THEY DID NOT RENEW IN 2025
BECAUSE IT'S NOT IN THEIR SCOPE
OF WORK.

AND SO WE AS THE FIRE SERVICE
ARE COLLECTIVELY DETERMINING,
ONE AN MOU FOR RIGHT NOW, WE HAD
A RECENT FIRE BEND, AND WE FOUND
WAS IN NO ONE'S DISTRICT.

WE FOUND MOUNT PISKA.

MAKING SURE THERE'S A FIRE
RESPONSE AND HOW EXACTLY IT WILL
BE COVERED.

THAT WILL PROBABLY BE A TOPIC
GOING INTO THE NEXT YEAR, UNTIL
WE GET THOSE SORTED OUT WITH THE
COUNTY AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS
THAT HELD LAND THAT ODF IS
COVERING BY CONTRACT.

>> THAT'S INTERESTING.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING THAT.

EVACUATION ROUTES PARTICULARLY
IN THE SOUTH HILLS, I KNOW SOME

OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS
HAVE REACHED OUT TO THE FIRE
DEPARTMENT THAT YOU AND STAFF
HAVE BEEN MEETING WITH SOME OF
THOSE PEOPLE.

HOW IS THAT GOING?

ARE WE GETTING OUR MESSAGE
ACROSS, IS THERE A LOT OF
CONFUSION OUT THERE.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, AND WHAT ARE
YOU FINDING.

>> I'LL LET CHIEF WORTHINGTON
GRAB THAT ONE.

>> I'D SAY WE'RE MAKING BIG
STRIDES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS,
JUST GETTING THE MAPS UPDATED
AND HAVING THE ABILITY TO SELECT
SMALLER ZONES.

WE HAD SMALLER ZONES, WE'VE
BROKEN THOSE UP INTO SMALLER,
MORE MANAGEABLE PIECES, WHERE IF
WE NEED TO EVACUATE A PHASE OF
EVACUATION.

WE CAN EVACUATION THREE ZONES
AND WAIT SOME TIME AND EVACUATE
ANOTHER COUPLE ZONES.

WE HAVE THAT ABILITY NOW.

SO YES, EVERYTHING IS GOING
QUITE WELL IN A LOT OF GOOD
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AS FAR AS
WE'RE AWARE OF.

>> GOOD, I WAS AWARE THERE WERE
THREE ASSOCIATIONS THAT WERE
TRYING TO BAND TOGETHER TO GET
ONE LARGER MEETING SO YOUR STAFF
DOESN'T HAVE TO KEEP SHOWING UP
AND SAYING THE SAME THING OVER
AND OVER AGAIN.

THAT SEEMED LIKE IT MIGHT BE
SOMETHING TO DO ON AN ANNUAL
BASIS, THEY'RE VERY EAGER TO
UNDERSTAND AND TO HELP
DISSEMINATE INFORMATION AND BE
INVOLVED, I THINK THAT THAT'S
REALLY A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR
OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

>> AGREED.

>> GROVES: THE LAST THING I
HAVE, WHAT ARE YOU SHORT OF.
I KNOW STAFFING HASN'T CHANGED
MUCH.

HOW ARE YOU DOING WITH
RESOURCES?

>> YOU'RE RIGHT, STAFFING IS
OBVIOUSLY THE BIGGEST ONE WE
HAVE SOME GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS IN
THE CITY.

WE STILL NEED THE ABILITY OR
BUDGET TO COVER DURING THE HIGH
RISK DAYS, WHICH WE TRY TO DO AS
BEST WE CAN.

ROLLING STOCK IS A BIG CONCERN
FOR US.

WE RUN OUR VEHICLES HARD.
FOR EXAMPLE, TODAY, WE HAVE A
FIRE ENGINE, WE DON'T HAVE
ENOUGH FOR RIGHT NOW.

WE HAVE THINGS ON THE WAY.

THE SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUE IS

CAUSING CHALLENGES THERE.

THEY'RE STOPGAP ISSUES, WE'RE
PLANNING TO EXPAND OUR FLEET
ONCE THOSE ARRIVE FROM OUR
EXPERIENCE OF HAVING TO KEEP
VEHICLES LONG PAST THEIR SERVICE
LIFE TO ACHIEVE THAT.

WE'RE WORKING ON THAT, ON A
REQUEST -- INTERNALLY, HOW TO
MANAGE THAT FLEET.

WE'VE WORKED TO EXPAND OUR
WILDFIRE CAPABILITIES.

WE'VE ADDED TYPE 6 APPARATUS,
WHICH ARE THE SMALLER PICKUP
STYLE.

ONE FROM A GRANT FROM THE STATE,
AND THEN WE REPURPOSE SOME STAFF
VEHICLES TO LEVERAGE THAT WITH
PUMPS, YOU SAW THAT ON ONE OF
THE EARLY SLIDES IN THE
PRESENTATION.

INCREDIBLY EFFECTIVE TO DEPLOY
THAT VEHICLE WITH TWO PEOPLE ON,

AND A WATER TENDER WITH ONE
PERSON ON IT.

WE CALL IT A FORCE MULTIPLIER,
IT'S BEEN EXCELLENT.

>> MAYBE I CAN SCHEDULE A SECOND
MEETING, I'M OUT OF TIME NOW.

I HAVE A FEW OTHER QUESTIONS I
WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING
YOUR ANSWERS TO.

50,000 CALLS A YEAR, THINGS ARE
GOING TO BRINK.

>> MAYOR: COUNCILMEMBER ZELENKA?

>> THAT'S A GOOD POINT.

WE HAVE MORE PEOPLE PER CAPITA
ALL AROUND THE CITY, LOWEST IN
20 YEARS, AND STAFF PER CAPITA.

I THINK SARAH IS OFTEN FOND OF
SAYING, WE ADDED THE CITY OF
SPRINGFIELD WITHOUT ADDING THE
APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF STAFF.

AFTER THE WILDFIRE LAST YEAR,
THAT'S ONE OF THE BIGGEST ISSUES
I HEAR ABOUT, IS WILDFIRE AND

WILDFIRE SAFETY AND THINGS LIKE
THAT.

YESTERDAY I WAS AT A MEETING
WITH THE CEO OF PGE, AND SHE WAS
TALKING ABOUT THE WILDFIRE
CAMERAS AND AID DETECTION FOR
THEIR PUBLIC SAFETY POWER
SHUTOFFS.

MY QUESTION IS TWO FOLD.
DO WE HAVE ANY OF THOSE IN THE
CITY THAT ARE EITHER SOMEBODY
ELSE'S OR OURS, OR HOW DO WE
COORDINATE WITH YOU ON THAT?

>> WE DO HAVE TWO DETECTING
CAMERAS.

ONE ON CREST, ONE ON CRESTVIEW
THAT LOOK AT OUR AREA.

AND THEY'RE PRETTY GOOD FOR
SWEEPING.

EVEN IF IT'S TUCKED BEHIND A
HILL CATCHING IT AND FLAGGING IT
FOR US.

HAS A.I. DETECTION, AND FOR

THAT, WE HAVE IT.

COULD THERE BE MORE, YES.

PROBABLY, BUT WE HAVE LOG INS,
CREDENTIALS, SO IF YOU GO INTO A
BATTALION CHIEF'S OFFICE DURING
FIRE SEASON, YOU WILL MOST
LIKELY SEE ONE OF THE COMPUTER
MONITORS WITH MULTIPLE CAMERAS
SURVEYING THE AREA.

SO YES, AND WE CONTINUE TO HAVE
CONVERSATIONS WITH NEW LOCATIONS
TO PUT THEM.

>> HOW IS THE FUNDING FOR
GETTING NEW CAMERAS WORK?

>> GOOD QUESTION.

I DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER FOR IT.

>> OKAY.

>> IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE -- WE
AREN'T LOOKING TO PUT OUR LOAN
UP JUST FOR THE STAFF CAPACITY
TO PLAN FOR AND/OR MANAGE THAT.

>> RIGHT, IT TAKES A LOT OF
EFFORT ACTUALLY.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR COORDINATION

WITH UF?

>> WE HAVE A PRETTY OPEN DIRECT
DIALOGUE WITH THEM.

AS FAR AS US HAVING A SAY IN
WHETHER THEY DO THE SHUTOFFS OR
NOT, THEIR PROTOCOLS ARE PRETTY
ESTABLISHED AND TESTED.

BIGGEST THING THEY DO BEFORE
THEY SHUT OFF IS DIAL THE
SENSITIVITY FOR THE AUTOMATIC
DIFFUSION LEVEL SHUTOFFS, AND IT
SEEMS TO FUNCTION PRETTY WELL.

>> YEAH.

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BUT WE HAVE OPEN COMMUNICATIONS,
SO WE CAN GO OKAY, THERE'S A
FIRE OVER HERE THAT MIGHT
REQUIRE YOU DO SOMETHING.

>> THEY'RE ALREADY A PART OF OUR
SOUTH HILLS FIREMAN, FOR FIRE
FLOW.

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT WHETHER WE

WANT POWER OFF IN THE AREA WHERE
WE'RE FIGHTING FIRE.

IT IS -- WE MIGHT WANT MORE
WATER IN THE AREA, BECAUSE THESE
ARE ELEVATED SPACES.

THEY WILL TURN THE PUMPS OFF.
THEY WILL ENSURE THAT WE HAVE
EVERYTHING WE NEED.

>> YEAH.

I THOUGHT IT WAS REALLY
INTERESTING THE FIRE WRAPS YOU
SHOWED, IT'S NOT ISOLATED TO ANY
ONE PART OF THE CITY, IT'S ALL
OVER THE PLACE.

I THOUGHT THAT WAS VERY TELLING.
YOU TALKED ABOUT BARK DUST
FIRES, I'M ASSUMING THAT'S
LANDSCAPE BARK DUST.

HOW DO THEY START?
IS THAT THE NATURAL HEAT THEY
GENERATE?
THE DECOMPOSITION AND THAT
CREATES FIRE?

HOW DOES THAT WORK.

>> MOST OF THE TIME IT'S HUMAN

BEHAVIORS LIKE ANY FIRE.

SMOKING MATERIALS INTENTIONALLY
SET, YOU KNOW, POWER CORDS GOING
THROUGH THEM.

SOMETIMES, YES, THROUGH
SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION AND
ORGANIC DECAY.

A LOT OF THINGS HAVE TO ALIGN
FOR THAT --

>> SOMEONE THROWING A CIGARETTE
INTO BARK DUST WOULD CAUSE A
FIRE.

>> YES.

>> OKAY.

AND WHAT ABOUT THE VEGETATION
FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER, DO WE
HELP THEM WITH THAT?

DO WE HELP THEM WITH INFORMATION
OR PHYSICALLY HELP THEM.

>> GREAT QUESTION.

WE'VE BEEN FORMING THESE NEW

AGREEMENTS WITH CODE COMPLIANCE
IN BOTH CITIES, EUGENE AND
SPRINGFIELD.

WE'VE DEFINED WHAT A VEGETATION
ISSUE LOOKS LIKE, IF A
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY HAS 2,000
SQUARE FEET AGGREGATE OF PROBLEM
OR HAZARDOUS VEGETATION, THE
FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN LEAD
WITH THOSE CASES TO GO OUT AND
OFFER ASSESSMENT, GIVE
OPERATIONS 209 CUSTOMER.
AND HELP THEM FIND RESOURCES
THEY DON'T HAVE.

TO NEGATE THOSE ISSUES.
IF IT'S SOMETHING LESS THAN HALF
AN ACRE, THAT TYPICALLY FALLS TO
THE CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISIONS IN
BOTH CITIES.

A LOT OF VEGETATION COMPLAINT,
HOW WE'RE DEALING WITH THOSE.
I'VE BEEN FORTUNATE TO CONNECT
WITH PROGRAMS LIKE NORTHWEST

YOUTH CORE.

WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM TO
IDENTIFY SENIORS,
SOCIOECONOMIC -- A LOT OF GOOD
WORK THIS LAST YEAR, AND
PROGRESSION WITH THOSE
STAKEHOLDERS.

>> GOOD.

THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR, I WAS
THINKING SPECIFICALLY ABOUT
SENIORS THAT CAN'T TAKE DOWN A
TREE AND DON'T HAVE THE
RESOURCES TO BE ABLE TO DO IT.
THAT'S GREAT WE'RE ABLE TO HELP.
CHIEF, I WAS AT A MEETING THE
OTHER DAY, AND THEY WERE TALKING
ABOUT ELECTRICAL EV FIRE TRUCKS.
ARE YOU -- HAVE YOU INVESTIGATED
THAT?

>> YEAH, I WENT BACK AND DROVE
ONE IN 2023.

SUPER EXCITED ABOUT IT, THE
REALITY IS IN WORKING WITH OUR

SUSTAINABILITY TEAM, THE
TECHNOLOGY AND THE
INFRASTRUCTURE IS SUPPORTED, NOT
QUITE THERE YET.

WE KEEP AN EYE ON IT, WE'RE

WATCHING IT, IT IS EXCITING.

WE WANT TO DO IT AT THE RIGHT
TIME.

>> IN THE REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE
TIMING?

>> YES.

>> THANKS, GOOD REPORT.

>> MAYOR: THANK YOU, CHIEFS,
I'LL SAY I WAS WITH OUR SOUTH
HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
LAST NIGHT, AND THERE IS A LOT
OF INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM
AROUND THIS TYPE OF COLLECTIVE
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MEETINGS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK ON THAT
FRONT AND GETTING INFORMATION
OUT TO PEOPLE.

ONE QUICK PSA, LANE ALERTS,
THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, EVERYONE,
TO BE SIGNED UP ON, AND WITH
THEIR ADDRESS AND INFORMATION
INCLUDED.

YOU DID NOT HEAR IT HERE FIRST.
BUT LANE ALERTS.

I KNOW THERE ARE OTHER APPS THAT
PEOPLE ARE USING, THAT'S THE ONE
TIED DIRECTLY INTO OUR SYSTEM.

THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS UPDATE ON
THIS VERY IMPORTANT WORK.

WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT
TIME WE HEAR ABOUT HOW WE'VE
DONE IN 2025, AND THIS CONCLUDES
OUR AGENDA FOR TODAY.

I NOW CLOSE THE SEPTEMBER 17th,
2025 CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION.

AND WE ARE ADJOURNED.