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Staff Report

File Number: PC 18-143

Agenda Date: 11/7/2018

Status: Public Hearing

To: City Commission

Agenda #: 6e.

From: Community Development Director Laura Terway

File Type: Planning Item

SUBJECT:

Development Code Amendments including Equitable Housing (Discussion and Continuance to December 5th) (File: LEG 18-00001)

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Continuance of file LEG 18-00001 until December 5, 2018 City Commission hearing.

BACKGROUND:

At the October 22, 2018 hearing the Planning Commission voted 6-0 to recommend approval of File LEG 18-00001 to the City Commission.

For over a year staff and consultants have been listening to the community to provide guidance on opportunities to improve development standards and increase housing options within the Oregon City Municipal Code. The Municipal Code identifies a menu of potential uses for properties, minimum standards for how development is designed, and the process of review. As a whole, the proposed amendments result in greater opportunities for housing, reduced regulations, streamlined processes, clarification of existing standards, and reformatting the structure of the Municipal Code. This proposal does not include any changes to the adopted zoning map or any city-initiated construction or development.

A majority of the changes are from the City's equitable housing project which identified opportunities to support and incentivize diverse, quality, physically accessible, affordable housing choices with access to opportunities, services and amenities. Additional amendments were identified by the public, development community, staff, Planning Commission and City Commission.

The project was driven by the community with more than 45 meetings or opportunities for input including a workshop, city advisory groups, and a project advisory team, three online community surveys, stakeholder interviews and more than seventeen Planning and City Commission meetings including:

- 47 Total Meetings or Engagement Opportunities

- 21 Meetings Dedicated to Housing Related Issues (Remaining Meetings Include All Code Amendments)

- 5 Technical Advisory Team + 5 Project Advisory Team Meetings for Equitable Housing

- 7 Planning Commission Work Sessions

- 6 Planning Commission Hearings
- 3 City Commission Work Sessions

At this hearing staff will be providing an overview of the process as well as highlight major topics of discussion for the Planning Commission. A revised staff report with findings approved by the Planning Commission and final draft code amendments will be available to the City Commission for review at the December 5th City Commission hearing.

Staff would like to thank the Planning Commission, Project Advisory Team and public participants for all their great input and hard work on this project.