



# City of Oregon City

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## Staff Report

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**Agenda Date:** 11/18/2015

**Status:** Agenda Ready

**To:** City Commission

**Agenda #:** 8a.

**From:** Public Works Director John Lewis

**File Type:** Resolution

### **SUBJECT:**

Resolution No. 15-29, A Resolution Interpreting the Term "Designated as a Park" as Set Forth in Chapter X, Section 43 of the City of Oregon City Charter

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):**

Authorize the execution of Resolution No. 15-29 which interprets the term "Designated as a Park" as set forth in Chapter X, Section 43 of the Oregon City Charter.

### **BACKGROUND:**

This Resolution is intended to validate the designation of the City Commission's understanding of Waterboard Park. Resolution 15-29 confirms the City Commission's understanding that the entire Operations Facility has never been "designated as a park" and therefore, is not subject to Chapter X of the City Charter.

On August 5, 2015, concerns were raised by a citizen related to the history of adopted Comprehensive Plan Zoning for Waterboard Park and whether a comprehensive plan designation served to designate the upper yard area of the Public Works Operations Center as a "park" pursuant to the Oregon City Charter.

At the August 19, 2015, City Commission meeting, the City Commission discussed the history of past Oregon City comprehensive planning as covered in the detailed written response dated August 12, 2015 (attached). At that meeting the City Commission concluded that the upper yard of the Public Works Operations Center was not a "designated park" pursuant to the charter and asked that Staff bring before the City Commission a resolution confirming that conclusion.

That resolution was scheduled to be heard at the City Commission's September 16, 2015, meeting, but that afternoon, the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association submitted a cover letter along with a CD containing 572 pages of additional information. The information generally includes the following documents:

- The McLoughlin Neighborhood Association submittal letter signed by Mr. Jesse Buss and dated September 16, 2015
- Oregon City Public Works Facility Plan 2004 meeting notes
- Oregon City Operations Facility Plan and a variety of the associated land use approval attachments
- 1991 Parks Master Plan and associated adoption documents

- Portions of the 1998 Parks Master Plan and a variety of adoption documents
- A map titled Public Ownership Map

Staff requested that the decision be continued until the November 4, 2015. At the November 4th meeting, staff shared a PowerPoint presentation on topics specific to the Parks and Natural Beauty Chapter of the Charter, a history of the site, historic mapping, zoning and land use. Adoption of Resolution 15-29 was again continued until November 18 in order to provide staff the opportunity to incorporate into the resolution additional information supporting the City Commissions November 4th discussion and concluding thoughts.