

City of Oregon City

625 Center Street Oregon City, OR 97045 503-657-0891

Staff Report

File Number: 17-414

Agenda Date: 7/19/2017 Status: Agenda Ready

To: City Commission Agenda #: 3a.

From: Police Chief and Public Safety Director James Band File Type: Presentation

SUBJECT:

Homeless Liaison Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

This is just a presentation.

BACKGROUND:

Homelessness is a critical issue impacting multiple sectors of our community. The City Commission approved a new police officer position to serve as a full-time Homeless Liaison Officer (HLO). The HLO is designed to be the initial point of contact with both chronic homeless and chronic inebriates living on the streets. The ultimate goal is to improve the livability of everyone in the Oregon City Community. The HLO seeks out and engages chronically homeless persons and, for those who are willing, attempts to provide them with resources and to help find them housing linked with appropriate services. Officer Michael Day, the City's first HLO will give the Commission a short presentation on homelessness and his plans for the future of the position.