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Staff Report

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To: City Commission

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From: Community Services Director Phil Lewis

File Type: Resolution

SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 18-24, Calling for an Election to Authorize the Use of Portions of Jon Storm Park and Sportcraft Boat Ramp Park Under Section 41 of the Oregon City Charter, Adopting a Ballot Title, and Conditionally Rescinding Resolution No. 18-18

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 18-24 and authorizes the City Manager to file the ballot title with the City Recorder.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is progressing on the I-205 Widening and Seismic Improvements Project, which will address congestion and traveler safety issues on a seven-mile stretch of I-205 between Stafford Road and OR 213. Work will also take place to improve the seismic stability of the Abernethy Bridge.

ODOT owns property adjacent to Jon Storm Park and Sportcraft Boat Ramp Park. In order to complete the widening of I-205 adjacent to Jon Storm Park and Sportcraft Boat Ramp Park, ODOT wishes to expand permanent right of way, above the park surface. Additionally, ODOT wishes to temporarily occupy 0.4 acres of Jon Storm Park for up to four years and 0.3 acres of Sportcraft Boat Ramp Park for up to two and a half years once construction begins in order to facilitate the roadway improvements.

Oregon City Charter requires voter approval for changes in status of a City park and to allow improvements (other than for recreation) in a park. ODOT understands the City's Charter protections and has requested that this issue be placed onto the November 6, 2018 election ballot. ODOT would be required to cover costs, if any, related to this ballot measure. The City Commission is required to hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution to place this item on the ballot.

Staff presented this information at the June 20, 2018 Work Session and the Commission already approved Resolution No. 18-18 to file the ballot title with the City Recorder. Then ODOT discovered they may need to strengthen the ground below the surface to ensure the bridge's support system improves the seismic stability. This new ballot title and language includes an additional permanent easement needed for this underground/deep surface drilling.