

ORDINANCE NO. 18-1015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OREGON CITY DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS CHAPIN PARK AS A PARK UNDER OREGON CITY CHARTER CHAPTER X

WHEREAS, in 1977, the City of Oregon City entered into a contract with Clifford and Albina Chapin to purchase the land now known as Chapin Park, as shown on the map attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the real estate contract with an installment plan between the City of Oregon City and Clifford and Albina Chapin was recorded at Clackamas County as 1977-052506. Following payment installments from City of Oregon City to Clifford and Albina Chapin, the property was transferred incrementally to the City of Oregon City through recorded deeds 1977-052507, 1978-001728, and 1979-002068, and

WHEREAS, since its acquisition, Chapin Park has been used by the community as a recreational facility; and

WHEREAS, Chapin Park is identified by the community and the City of Oregon City as a park property but it has never formally been designated as a park under Chapter X of the Oregon City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the 1999 Parks Master Plan identified Chapin Park as a 17.5 acre developed community park that provides most of the sports field opportunities in Oregon City; and

WHEREAS, it may be necessary in the future to construct public infrastructure through Chapin Park, specifically, the extension of an underground waterline from Glacier Street to serve future development adjacent to Chapin Park, none of which will conflict with or impede long term usage of the park; and

WHEREAS, designating Chapin Park as a park under Chapter X of the City Charter would ensure protection of the park by preventing the transfer, sale, vacation or major changes to Chapin Park without a legal vote of the people; and

WHEREAS, the status of Oregon City's parks as charter parks has been discussed by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) and at a regular meeting held on May 24, 2018, PRAC recommended that staff prepare ordinances for adoption by the City Commission recognizing ten parks as charter parks including Chapin Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, OREGON CITY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapin Park, identified as 3-2E-06CB-00100, with the boundaries as shown on the map attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A, is hereby designated as a park in accordance with the Charter of Oregon City, Chapter X, Section 43, creating a permanent park for the enjoyment of the citizens of Oregon City.

Section 2. New public infrastructure, specifically, the extension of an underground waterline from Glacier Street to serve future development adjacent to Chapin Park, shall be permitted to be constructed in or through Chapin Park if it does not conflict with or impede long term usage of the park and if it is deemed to be necessary and in the best interest of the public by the City Manager, City Engineer and the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Read for the first time at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 5th day of September, 2018, and the City Commission finally enacted the foregoing Ordinance this 19th day of September, 2018.

DAN HOLLADAY, Mayor

Attested to this 19th day of September, 2018:

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder

City Attorney

Attachment:
Exhibit A –Map of Park