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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: Ordinance

SUBJECT:

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 18-1016, Designating the Property Known as Wesley Lynn Park as a Park Under Oregon City Charter Chapter X

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Approve the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No. 18-1016, Designating the Property Known as Wesley Lynn Park as a Park Under Oregon City Charter Chapter X.

BACKGROUND:

The City Commission approved the request and provided the first reading of Ordinance No. 18-1016 at the September 5, 2018 City Commission Meeting.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) was established in 1983 by the City Commission to advocate for recreational opportunities for Oregon City and to oversee implementation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. To ensure recreational opportunities are preserved in Oregon City, the PRAC has undertaken the review of the charter park status of all Oregon City parks which are owned and managed by the Oregon City Parks and Recreation Department.

Oregon City owns thirty-six parks, eleven of those are identified in Section 42 of Chapter X of the City Charter making them charter parks. Two more parks (Abernethy Creek Park and Jon Storm Park) were added to the charter through the provisions outlined in Section 43, which allows charter park designation through ordinance adoption. Identification in the City Charter ensures park protection by preventing the transfer, sale, vacation or major changes to charter parks without a legal vote of the people.

Of the remaining twenty-three non-charter parks, Wesley Lynn Park is one of two parks in the Hillendale Neighborhood Association. It is comprised of three tax lots which were acquired by the City in 1998, 2002 and 2010 for park purposes. Formerly known as Jessie Court Park, the Master Plan was adopted in 2002 and the park was officially renamed Wesley Lynn Park that same year. Adoption of Ordinance No. 18-1016 will designate Wesley Lynn Park as a park under Chapter X of the City Charter and ensure protection of the land as a park.