



CITY OF OREGON CITY CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING AGENDA

Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 3:30 PM

SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION

This meeting will be held via phone, please email recorderteam@orcity.org if you would like to register to participate.

1. CONVENE MEETING AND ROLL CALL

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

2a. Resolution No. 21-12, Extending the Declaration of a State of Emergency in Oregon City due to Winter Storm Destruction

3. ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF OREGON CITY

Staff Report

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To: City Commission
From: City Manager Tony Konkol

Agenda Date: 02/16/2021

SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 21-12, Extending the Declaration of a State of Emergency in Oregon City due to Winter Storm Destruction

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 21-12.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Various locations around the State of Oregon including Oregon City experienced a severe winter weather storm beginning on Thursday, February 11, 2021. There were several thousands of residents without power, downed trees, downed limbs, damage to structures, and other impacts. Under the power listed in the Oregon City Municipal Code (OCMC) 2.52.030, Commission President, Rocky Smith, declared a state of emergency in Oregon City at 4:39 PM on Sunday, February 14, 2021. The expiration of that declaration is 4:39 PM on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 unless extended by the Commission via resolution.

Due to the time limit constraints listed in OCMC 2.52.070, Oregon City staff is recommending that the City Commission extend the declaration of state of emergency, effective immediately, so that staff can continue to work with federal, state and local agencies in a coordinated effort to address the impacts of the damage to Oregon City and across the state. This declaration will expire on March 18, 2021, unless terminated earlier or extended by the City Commission.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve Resolution No. 21-12.
2. Deny and provide staff direction.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-12

A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF OREGON CITY DUE TO WINTER STORM AND ADOPTING MEASURES TO RESPOND TO OR RECOVER FROM THE EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a severe weather event occurred in the City of Oregon City on Friday and Saturday February 12-13, 2021, consisting of a major winter storm that brought significant snow and icefall to the City; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather event resulted in significant and widespread disruptions and threats of injuries to persons and property, human suffering, and financial loss to life and property; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather event resulted in the loss of power for residents and businesses in the City, including the loss of power at the South Fork Water Board, including pumps and other equipment; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather event has had other impacts, including downed trees and disruptions to traffic and other public services; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted authority governing the exercise of emergency powers in Chapter 2.52 of the Oregon City Municipal Code (OCMC) pursuant to the authority granted by the City Charter and ORS Chapter 401; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances require a coordinated response beyond that which occurs routinely, and the required response cannot be achieved solely without the added resources acquired through mutual aid or cooperative assistance agreements; and

WHEREAS, the City is taking steps to help mitigate issues with the recovery from the damage caused by the storm; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstance has affected all of the territory within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, Commission President, Rocky Smith, declared a state of emergency in Oregon City at 4:39 PM on Sunday, February 14, 2021 and the foregoing circumstance require the declaration to be extended by the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF OREGON CITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. It is declared that the state of emergency in the City of Oregon City be extended until March 18, 2021 unless superseded sooner.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take such actions and issue such orders as are determined to be necessary to protect the public and property and to efficiently conduct activities that minimize or mitigate the effects of the emergency as described in OCMC Chapter 2.52.

Section 3. City staff is hereby authorized to take all steps necessary and incur costs as required to ensure the citizens of Oregon City are safe and secure in their homes, including providing adequate safe water. Standard City procurement procedures are suspended for these purposes.

Section 4. The City Manager is authorized to enter into any agreements, including mutual aid agreements with other governmental authorities, necessary to respond to this emergency.

Section 5. The City Manager is authorized to seek reimbursement of the funds expended in responding to this emergency from any source available, including federal, state, and county resources.

Approved and adopted at a special emergency meeting of the City Commission held on the 16th day of February 2021.

ROCKY SMITH,
Commission President

Attested to this 16th day of February 2021:

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder

City Attorney