



# Council Business Meeting

August 15, 2023

<b>Agenda Item</b>	Acquisition of the Coming Attractions property at 2200 Ashland Street (Taxlot 391E14BB -TL300) for an emergency and inclement weather shelter		
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### **SUMMARY**

Before Council is a request to approve the acquisition of 2200 Ashland Street (391E14BB -Tax Lot 300; 1.20 acres) with a 3097 sq-ft commercial facility, for use as an emergency and inclement weather shelter.

### **POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED**

Council Vision and Values Statement 2022

- Regional cooperation, including in support for public safety and homelessness

### **BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The Council has long been engaged with City Management to determine appropriate next steps for an emergency and inclement weather shelter, specifically acquisition of a site/building that can accommodate the City's needs long-term and align with previously awarded grants.

The City has been coordinating with a Commercial Real Estate Agent on acquisition and been negotiating for acquisition of 2200 Ashland St. ,391E14BB -Tax Lot 300. The site is 1.2 acres with a 3097 square foot commercial use officed space building and parking. The building can be improved to accommodate an overnight shelter that meets the City's need for an inclement weather shelter (primarily winter & summer seasons) that also meets requirements of the State of Oregon's 'All In' grant that was accepted by the Council at its June 6, 2023, Regular Meeting.

The negotiation has concluded with both the seller and buyer (City of Ashland) reaching terms.

The general terms of the acquisition are:

- The total purchase prices is \$2 million; and
- The purchase price will be paid by an all-cash payment of \$1.4 million from grant funds and owner carry financing of \$600 thousand at 3.75% for 20 years with no prepayment penalties.

### **FISCAL IMPACTS**

The City has received two grants that support an emergency and inclement weather shelter for houseless individuals. The first Grant is a State of Oregon's "All In" grant of \$1,158,100. The second grant is a Department of Administrative Services (DAS) grant of \$1,000,000. The City also appropriated \$200,000 in its 2023-2025 BN General Fund Budget for use towards operation of its inclement weather shelter. These funds will be used to





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cover the cash required for the property acquisition and the remaining funding will be used to improve the facility, cover future financing payments until additional grant funds are secured and cover the facility's operation costs.

## **SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS**

Next steps including closing on the property and making necessary improvements to begin occupation as an emergency shelter under the previously accepted grant requirements. The City staff will also respond to questions from nearby neighborhood residents and businesses concerning the emergency shelter's operation and plan to for next steps to address potential concerns.

## **MOTION**

*I move to approve the acquisition of 2200 Ashland Street, property 391E14BB -Tax Lot 300 for a cash price of \$1,400,000 and owner carried finance of \$600,000 for twenty (20) years at 3.75% with no prepayment penalties and approve the City Manager to sign all appropriate property closing documentation.*

## **REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS**

None