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CITY COUNCIL APPROVES PUBLIC DECISION-MAKING PROCESS FOR WEST END BUILDING AND PROPERTY

LAKE OSWEGO – On July 15, Lake Oswego City Council approved a public process for determining the future of the West End building and property. Options for the 14-acre West End property range from fully developing it for public use to selling the property.

From October through December 2008, the City Council will seek community input from citizens of Lake Oswego using a variety of research methods. These methods include a web-based resident survey, large group discussions with citizens that are representative of the community, open houses, presentations at civic group meetings and events, and other online and mail-in surveys.

The Council will not make a decision about the property until after the public process looks at all feasible options. The process will take into consideration:

- The current value of the West End property and the costs associated with its existing operations;
- The condition of the building as it relates to potential public and private uses;
- Private development options for the site;
- An analysis of the City's current and future facility needs along with their respective costs; and
- Options for how the West End property could address these needs, and the costs associated with each option.

Deciding which, if any, public uses would be appropriate for the site will determine whether all or a portion of the site should be retained in City ownership.

After being provided a thorough and vetted review, the next Council will make the final decision on the future of the West End property. A public hearing and final decision are planned for January 2009.

For more information about the West End property, please contact Brant Williams, Director of Capital Projects, at 503-635-6138.

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