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City of Lake Oswego Special Meeting on Lake Litigation Update

LAKE OSWEGO – The City of Lake Oswego held a Special City Council Meeting on March 31 to consider resolutions related to the recent court judgment regarding public access to Oswego Lake. As a result of that ruling, the City cannot prohibit entry into Oswego Lake from Lower Millennium Plaza Park.

Following a community input session, Council voted as follows on two resolutions:

- Voted (5-2) against authorizing the City Attorney to appeal the Clackamas County Circuit Court judgment related to public lake access from City park property.
- Voted (7-0) in favor of directing the City Manager to adopt City Park Rules and identify other actions available to the State of Oregon, Clackamas County, the City of Lake Oswego, and Lake Corporation in managing public access.

The City of Lake Oswego is responsible for regulating the public access point at Lower Millennium Plaza Park. Following the special meeting, staff will begin evaluating and implementing certain basic safety measures and park rules at the access point pursuant to Council direction. Immediate measures to be considered may include updating signage, adopting access hours, and implementing park rules for boat size restrictions.

Other elements of water safety, maintenance, and quality remain in the jurisdiction of State, County, and local partners. Ongoing collaboration will be required to address questions from the community regarding how public lake access will be executed and overseen moving forward.

Additional information, including Frequently Asked Questions, is available on the City of Lake Oswego's website at www.LakeOswego.city/OswegoLake. The City will provide regular updates on our progress as we work with our government partners and community stakeholders on finding solutions.

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