



City of Tualatin

TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager
FROM: Jonathan Taylor, Economic Development Manger
DATE: August 9, 2021

SUBJECT:

Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed Ordinance Adopting a Substantial Amendment to the Leveton Tax Increment District Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance which makes determinations and findings related to and approving an amendment to the Leveton Tax Increment Plan, and direct that notice of approval be published.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Background:

On October 28, 2019, City Council directed staff to identify potential projects for the Leveton District to fully expend remaining funds with the goal of terminating the District Plan. City Council requested input from District businesses on areas of concern or project ideas that remaining funds could be used for. Area business identified projects and concerns in two key areas: transportation and workforce mobility.

On February 8, 2021, City Staff presented to Council three proposed projects. Future urban renewal planning, rapid cross walk beacons, and incorporate the Herman Road Extension project. The future urban renewal planning and rapid cross walk beacons required a minor amendment which was approved on March 22, 2021 by Resolution 624-20. The inclusion of Herman Road Extension Project requires a substantial amendment.

Substantial Amendments

A substantial amendment to an urban renewal plan is based on two factors: expansion of the area boundaries greater than 1% or an increase in maximum indebtedness. The substantial amendment is a multi-step process beginning with an approval by the Tualatin Development Commission, a 45-day consult and confer with area taxing entities, conference with Washington County, a public hearing, and final approval by the Tualatin City Council. In 1989, the City of Tualatin added an additional 33.3 acres to the Leveton Tax Increment District, exceeding 1% of area boundary, meaning that any future addition, no matter the size, would require a substantial amendment.

Herman Road Project

Identified in the Transportation Systems Plan, this proposed project will add a sidewalk/path on the north side, bike lanes on both sides, fix the drainage issues, and add a center turn lane at the industrial driveway

of Herman Road. It is currently funded through preliminary design. The current budgeted cost is \$2,905,000 and will be administered by the City of Tualatin Community Development and Public Works Departments.

Herman Road Project Update – June 2021

The design team has surveyed existing topographic conditions, surveyed residents and businesses, and formed a citywide project charter team. Conceptual design options were developed based on community and charter team input, transportation needs, and the available space for the roadway and sidewalk. The design team held a virtual open house to listen to community perspective on the conceptual designs, identified a recommended design, and confirmed it with the charter team. The recommended conceptual design.

The next step is to advance the recommended conceptual design to engineered preliminary plans, including coordinating that design with environmental agencies and the railroad, working towards final design and eventual construction. An intergovernmental agreement between the Tualatin Development Commission and the Tualatin City Council for project management services by City Staff will be drafted for consideration in Fall 2021.

2021 Report Accompanying the Leveton Tax Increment Plan

The Report Accompanying the Leveton Tax Increment Plan (Report) contains background information and project details that pertain to the Leveton Tax Increment Plan (Plan) passed in 2002. The Report is not a legal part of the Plan but is intended to provide public information and support the findings made by the Tualatin Development Commission as part of the approval of the Plan.

The Report provides the analysis required to meet the standards of ORS 457.087, including financial feasibility. The Report accompanying the Plan contains the information required by ORS 457.087, including:

- A description of the physical, social, and economic conditions in the area and expected impact of the plan, including fiscal impact in light of increased services; (ORS 457.087(1))
- Reasons for selection of the plan Area; (ORS 457.087(2))
- The relationship between each project to be undertaken and the existing conditions; (ORS 457.087(3))
- The estimated total cost of each project and the source of funds to pay such costs; (ORS 457.087(4))
- The estimated completion date of each project; (ORS 457.087(5))
- The estimated amount of funds required in the Area and the anticipated year in which the debt will be retired; (ORS 457.087(6))
- A financial analysis of the plan; (ORS 457.087(7))
- A fiscal impact statement that estimates the impact of tax increment financing (TIF) upon all entities levying taxes upon property in the urban renewal area; (ORS 457.087(8))
- A relocation report. (ORS 457.087(9))

Conformance to the Tualatin Development Code and the Tualatin Comprehensive Plan

On June 28, 2021 the Tualatin Development Commission adopted Resolution 627-21 to commence the formal review process and forwarded the proposed substantial amendment to the Tualatin Planning Commission to determine conformance with the Tualatin Development Code and the Tualatin Comprehensive Plan. On July 15, 2021, the Tualatin Planning Commission approved by motion that the proposed 11th Amendment conformed to the Tualatin Development Code and the Tualatin Comprehensive Plan.

PUBLIC NOTICE

As required by ORS 457, the City of Tualatin has noticed this proposed amendment to the Leveton Tax Increment Plan by mailing notices to all utility customers of the City of Tualatin. In addition, the City of Tualatin noticed the public hearing in the Tigard-Tualatin Times.

NEXT STEPS

Upon the completion of the public hearing, the proposed ordinance will advance to consideration for adoption on August 23, 2021.

ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:

None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

ATTACHMENTS

- Proposed Ordinance
- Leveton Tax Increment Plan 11th Amendment
- Report Accompanying the Leveton Tax Increment Plan
- Herman Road Conceptual Design