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MEMORANDUM

TO: Deschutes County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Matthew Martin, AICP, Associate Planner

DATE: September 12, 2016

SUBJECT: Work Session on 9/18/16 RE: City of Bend Urban Growth Boundary Amendment

OVERVIEW

The City of Bend proposes an amendment to the Bend Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to add 2,380 acres for needed housing, employment opportunities, and other urban uses. The work session on August 19 prepares the Board of County Commissioners (Board) for the deliberations on County ordinances related to the proposal presented by the City.¹

BACKGROUND

A joint public hearing of the Board and the Bend City Council was held on August 25. The public hearing was closed that day and written record remained open until September 2. Written comments submitted at the public hearing and through September 2 are part of the County record and provided to the Board for consideration (see attached).

On September 7, the Bend City Council unanimously approved and conducted first reading of Ordinance 2271 including minor policy changes made since the hearing in response to testimony and consideration by City of Bend staff and consultants. None of these changes impact the proposed UGB boundary.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DESCHUTES COUNTY CODE

The City of Bend's UGB expansion requires Deschutes County to amend its Comprehensive Plan and Title 19, Bend Urban Area Zoning. The proposed ordinances are summarized below and attached for reference.

- Ordinance Nos. 2016-020 and 021 repeal Ordinance Nos. 2009- 001 and 002, adopted by the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners in February 2009, because the 2016 UGB expansion requires substantially different amendments to the Deschutes County Comprehensive Plan, Comprehensive Plan Map, and Bend Urban Area Zoning than the City of Bend's 2009 proposal.
- Ordinance Nos. 2016-022 and 023 recognize the City of Bend's current UGB amendment in the County's Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Plan Map and delete obsolete zoning references in Title 19 pertaining to urban unincorporated zones.

¹ A complete copy of the City of Bend UGB proposal, totaling approximately 1,800 pages can be downloaded from the City's website: <http://www.bend.or.us/index.aspx?page=1290>

NEXT STEPS

The City Council is scheduled to consider second reading of Ordinance 2271 on September 21. If approved that day, the Board is scheduled to consider adopting Ordinance Nos. 2016-020, 021, 022, and 023 on September 26. Staff has drafted the ordinances with emergency clauses. The benefit of adoption by emergency is the effective date coincides with the City of Bend's ordinance.

Attachments:

Public Comments Submitted 8/25/16 through 9/2/16