



## AGENDA

### WORK STUDY SESSION OF THE ROSEBURG CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER UMPQUA ROOM, 700 SE DOUGLAS

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016  
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larry Rich

#### City Councilors

Alison Eggers  
Lew Marks

Ken Fazio  
John McDonald

Victoria Hawks  
Tom Ryan

Steve Kaser  
Andrea Zielinski

#### DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Vagrancy and Criminal Activities

#### ADJOURNMENT

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# ROSEBURG CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



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## Work Session item – Vagrancy and criminal activities

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**Meeting Date:** April 4, 2016  
**Department:** City Manager  
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**Agenda Section:** Department items  
**Staff Contact:** C. Lance Colley  
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### ISSUE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

At your regular meeting of March 25, 2016 Council directed staff to schedule a Council work session to discuss various issues surrounding vagrancy and criminal activities occurring in the City.

Based on discussions with Mayor Rich, it was determined that we should hold the Work Session as soon as practical so that portions of the discussion could take place before our budget process gets into full swing.

The Work Session will be held in the Public Safety Center. The purpose of the meeting is for Staff and Council to discuss issues of importance and to determine what further information may be necessary to consider for policy decisions in the future. The meeting is not a public forum and no audience participation is scheduled.

### BACKGROUND

For the past few years, Council has been approached under the agenda item for audience participation a number of times by individuals expressing concerns regarding criminal activities and municipal code violations in and around downtown and in areas of the public park system.

Interestingly, some individuals advocate for much more strenuous enforcement of RMC code violations while other individuals advocate for less enforcement. The issues involved in this discussion are very complicated and extremely diverse. This is not an issue that relates specifically to homeless/unhoused individuals, however a number of comments received during Council audience participation have characterized their comments as “homeless” issues. Criminal activity in downtown and in some of our parks has increased over the last few years.

At your Monday work session, Police Chief Jim Burge, City Attorney Bruce Coalwell and I will provide Council with an update on the community policing/enforcement actions currently be utilized, the legal framework under which we operate, and some of the community involvement in attempting to mitigate the negative activities and provide services to those who want and need them. We will also discuss some of the obstacles we face in holding criminals accountable for their actions and helping all of our citizens to feel safe.