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From: Cindy Francis <cindyfrancis50@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 07, 2019 10:32 AM
To: Chuck Bennett; Chris Hoy; Cara Kaser; Brad Nanke; Jim Lewis; CityRecorder; citycouncil; Vanessa Nordyke; Tom Andersen; Jackie Leung; Matthew Ausec
Subject: Vehicle Parking

Thank you, Chris Hoy for proposing to allow vehicle parking overnight in Salem. Many are unsheltered families who need to be able to sleep and their kids need to be able to sleep so they can go to school. Some of these folks are working and need their sleep too. Instead of police resources being used to wake folks up and force them to move, the police will have more time to address criminal activities.

I would also like the councilor who is concerned about how the apartment dwellers across the street from Arches are being affected by the camping near them to know that these are campers who moved to get away from the ones who tend to fight or get loud at night. They're peaceable people.

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Peace, Cindy

Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of tamarrillo@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2019 1:08 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council

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Message Hello - I am very happy to see an article in the Statesman Journal this morning about the homeless. I think setting aside city property as designated camping sites for the homeless is an excellent idea. A friend and I were just talking last week about the plight of the homeless in Salem and Keizer and we came up with that very idea. It's very sad these people currently have no place to go where they won't be told to move. I don't know what the overall answer is for our homeless folks but some designated areas where they can camp sure would be an excellent start. Of course there would need to be some restrooms on site or portable restrooms brought in. I know I and many other people would be willing to donate to the cause. I was going through a Mission St. drive-through for lunch on Monday. It was a nice sunny day. I noticed a thin, bedraggled looking man sitting on a curb in the sun with a sleeping bag and other belongings by his side. After getting my food, I drove up by him, rolled down my window, and said to him "it sure is a nice sunny day isn't it". He said had been sitting there awhile soaking up the warmth. I asked him if he was homeless (which obviously he was). He said he was. I talked with him for a good 20 minutes. He told me he's 64 yrs old. I asked him how he ended up on the streets. He said he worked for 30 yrs in Texas in construction. Then three years ago the company put him on disability. His income is Social Security Disability. I know that means not enough money to pay rent. I've talked to so many people who struggle due to that. This man, with his kind face and sparkling blue eyes is in the same boat. I had a wad of cash left, \$16 or so, after purchasing my lunch and gave that to him. He was heading to Walmart soon and going to pick up a few things. I wish I could have done more. I'm sure this is more than I needed to write but wanted to share this and say thank you for anything the city can do to help.

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Amy Johnson

From: Justin C <justincherrington@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2019 4:57 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Tent City around Arches Building

Dear City Council Members

I've heard you guys are planning on moving the tent city. This does nothing to solve the problem! These people need to be disbursed and the tents need to be hauled to the dump. The law needs to be equally enforced with everyone. Because the council has taken a soft approach you have encouraged criminal activity like stealing, defecating in public, assault, use of illegal drugs, trespassing, J-walking and littering!!!!!!

All the laws need to be enforced equally with everyone despite their challenges in life and income level. No more giving the 'housing challenged' a free pass to take advantage of the rest of us.

The tent city needs to be hauled off to the dump and no tents allowed to be erected. We need to stop handing out free food, free housing and free things to these people! It only enables and encourages them to live this way!!! And moving the tent city only brings crime to someone else's neighborhood. Have you been to Seattle and Portland? Do you want Salem to descend into that kind of chaos? We need to take a strict approach and quickly. If the city continues to enable these bums, Salem will no longer be a safe place to live.


Sincerely,
Justin Cherrington



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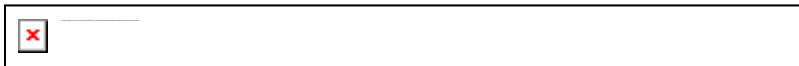
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Amy Johnson

From: Justin Lomax <jblomax@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 06, 2019 7:39 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: homeless proposals

Dear City Councilors, I'm writing regarding recent proposals to set aside a city property for the homeless population and allow car camping in Salem. Other cities have tried this with unintended consequences that have destroyed the quality of life for residents and businesses where such camping occurs. Portland and Seattle residents now have to deal with derelict vehicles parked in front of their residences and businesses that are filled with debris and hazardous waste, often left by meth and heroin users who rent them out on a short-term basis. The downtown Eugene area has been taken over by disruptive individuals who are driving businesses out. We have to deal with the homeless issue with clear understanding that there are two distinct, new elements to the current crisis – flagrant drug use by individuals who have no concern for the community around them and the transient nature of today's homeless population. Salem risks attracting even more chronic homeless from around the country with its policies. I attended a public forum this summer on the proposed Sit Lie Ordinance and was struck by two speakers from the homeless community who described coming to Salem while they were already homeless. One came from Phoenix, AZ and the other Chico, CA and both were clear that they did not see any reason to change their chosen lifestyle but instead expected Salem residents to meet their needs for service. This is something Salem leaders have to be clear about – we cannot help our fellow Salem residents who have fallen into homeless due to circumstances beyond their control if we continue to attract others wanting to unconditionally benefit from our goodwill and tax-payer funded services.

V/R,

Justin Lomax
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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of amborns97302@comcast.net
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Message	Allowing car camping on city streets is a disastrous idea! Salem already is becoming a mess with sidewalk camping. Once allowed, how will you remove the said car campers? This will become a mess with car campers using people's yards for their trash disposal and for their bathrooms and would be a safety issue as well if the same people are drug users. Better ideas are needed.

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Amy Johnson

From: Lynelle Wilcox <lynelle@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 09, 2019 3:41 AM
To: Chuck Bennett; Lynda Rose; Steve Powers; Tami Carpenter; Cara Kaser; Tom Andersen; Brad Nanke; Jackie Leung; Matthew Ausec; Chris Hoy; Vanessa Nordyke; Jim Lewis; Kristin Retherford; Jerry Moore; Kathy Sime; Dan Atchison; CityRecorder
Subject: Testimony for 12/9 City Council meeting: car camping request

Thank you Councilor Hoy for your motion to consider car camping options. I spent some time reading about existing programs and costs. That information seems easily findable and valuable ~ i.e., Eugene's program costs the City about \$165K per year to manage sites that are scattered throughout the City. Yet my thoughts wandered in two directions beyond the existing parking programs and costs.

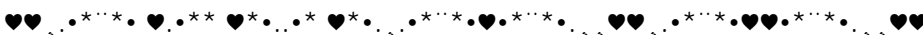
- I wish that car camping was not ever a thing that was banned. When people have lost everything except their car, I don't understand why we have any rules that make it a crime to park and sleep in your car. I understand that people might have trash and/or visitors who are disruptive, yet why wouldn't the rules be about THOSE things, as opposed to rules that ban parking and sleeping in your car? Yet considering that the rules are not what I wish they were, so living in reality...
- With the current rules, and with the city being short on funds, and with homelessness being a significant issue in our community, and with city officials sharing repeatedly that the city cannot solve this - it needs to be a community effort, where many people step up to help with the solutions... **to me, car camping seems like a perfect opportunity for so many organizations, businesses, churches, AND individuals to step up to help, in ways that might save money and can also grow relationships, and mutual learning.**

Whatever the city considers, what if the options include ways for individuals to “give” their street parking spaces to an unsheltered person/couple/family to use? The space-giving might include permission for the car camper to also use the person's trash can. Behavior would still and always be a factor, yet if behavior was not acceptable, the person sharing their space could revoke permission, and/or involve police, depending on the type of inappropriate behavior.

As a home-owner who used to have a spouse and 3 kids with cars, we used to have a need for 5 car spaces - two in the driveway, and 3 on the street, and there was still plenty of space for our neighbors and their guests to park. With kids moved out, we now have two cars in the driveway and none on the street. If there was a registry system, where I could “give” one or two spaces to unsheltered individuals, it could do so much more than just offering permissible parking - this could be a bridge for many people to get to know each other; it could be a huge step towards destigmatizing poverty and homelessness by having interested individuals welcome our unsheltered neighbors; and it can help with litter if some people might also offer use of their trash cans too.

If a simple registry system could enable this option, there could be so many more spaces to offer, with less management needed, and thus lower cost to operate the program? Permission could be indicated via a car placard, or via a sign on our door, or....?

Thank you for your consideration of car camping!
lynelle



the highest art is the art of living an ordinary life in an extraordinary manner.

and...

with our thoughts, we make the world.

