

CITY OF SALEM

Written Testimony #1

City Council

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

2.3a. [20-130](#)

Purchase and Sale Agreement with Donald E. and Mary L. Clark for acquisition of real property

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): WSNA

Result Area(s): Good Governance; Natural Environment Stewardship; Safe, Reliable and Efficient Infrastructure; Strong and Diverse Economy; Welcoming and Livable Community.

Recommendation:

Authorize the City Manager to execute the attached Purchase and Sale Agreement for the acquisition of real property located at 1990 Wallace Road NW.

Attachments:

[Proposed Agreement](#)

[Exhibit E to Agreement](#)

[Exhibit F to Agreement](#)

[Public Comments from Steve Anderson](#)

Add - Written Testimony.

2.3b. [20-160](#)

Purchase and Sale Agreement with Barfknecht Revocable Living Trust for acquisition of real property

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): WSNA

Result Area(s): Good Governance; Natural Environment Stewardship; Safe, Reliable and Efficient Infrastructure; Strong and Diverse Economy; Welcoming and Livable Community.

Recommendation:

Authorize the City Manager to execute the attached Purchase and Sale Agreement for the acquisition of real property located at 1508 Wallace Road NW.

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[Exhibit G to Agreement](#)

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2.3c. [20-183](#)

Purchase and Sale Agreement with Kurt and Janet Spingath for

acquisition of real property

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): WSNA

Result Area(s): Good Governance; Natural Environment Stewardship;

Safe, Reliable and Efficient Infrastructure; Strong and Diverse

Economy; Welcoming and Livable Community

Recommendation:

Authorize the City Manager to execute the attached Purchase and Sale Agreement for the acquisition of real property located at 1460 Wallace Road NW.

Attachments:

[Agreement](#)

[Attachment E to Agreement](#)

[Public Comments from Steve Anderson](#)

Add - Written Testimony.

4.a.

[20-182](#)

Motion from Councilor Tom Andersen to proclaim the first Friday in June as National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Attachments:

[Draft Gun Violence Proclamation](#)

[Public Comments received](#)

[Public Comments received by 2:00 p.m. 5-26-20](#)

Add - Written Comments.

Amy Johnson

From: STEVEN ANDERSON <andersonriskanalysis@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:16 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Agenda Items 2.3a, 2.3b & 2.3c Marine Drive May 26 City Council Meeting
Attachments: Marine Drive Letter for May 26 City Council.pdf

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26 May 2020

Salem Mayor and City Councilors
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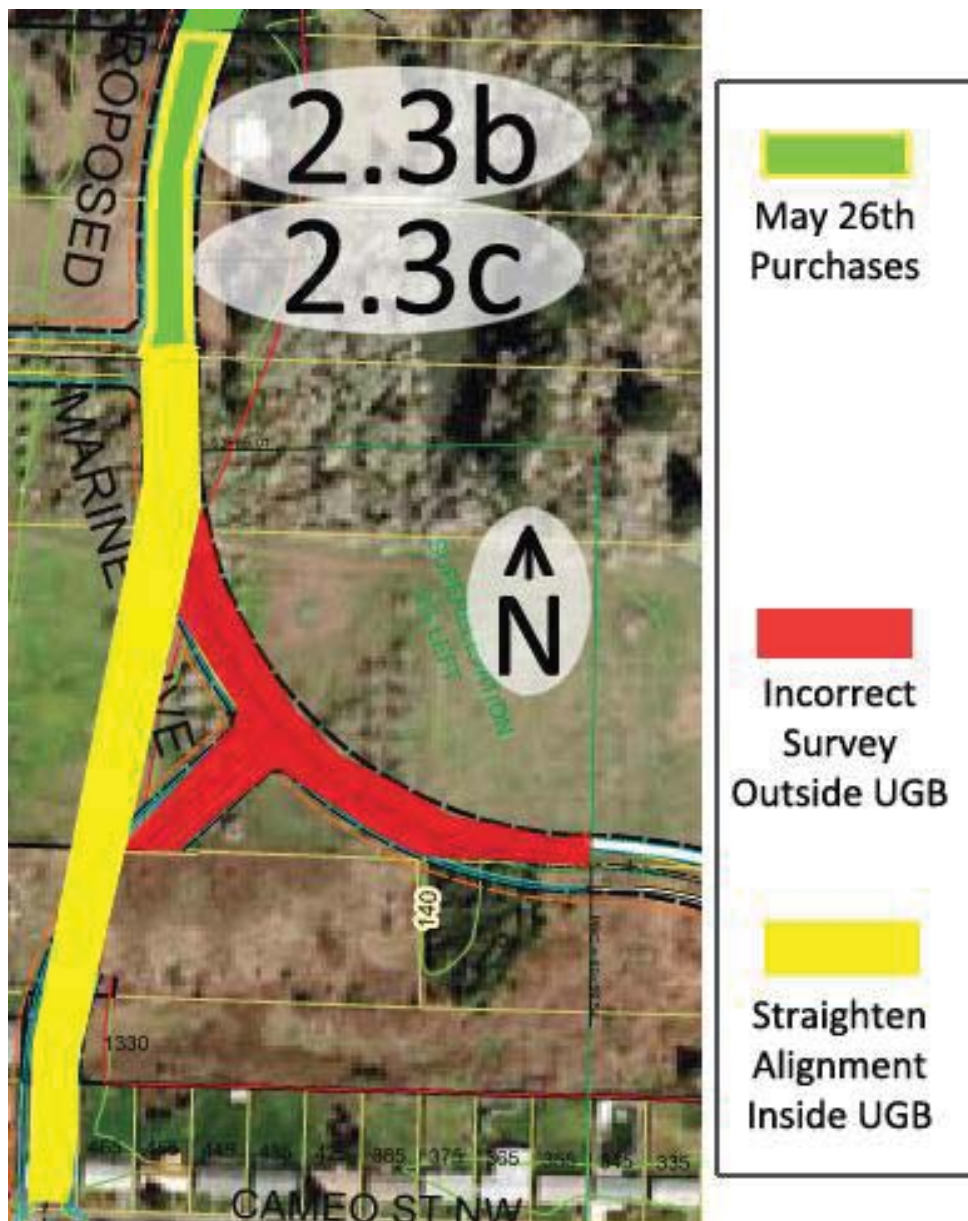
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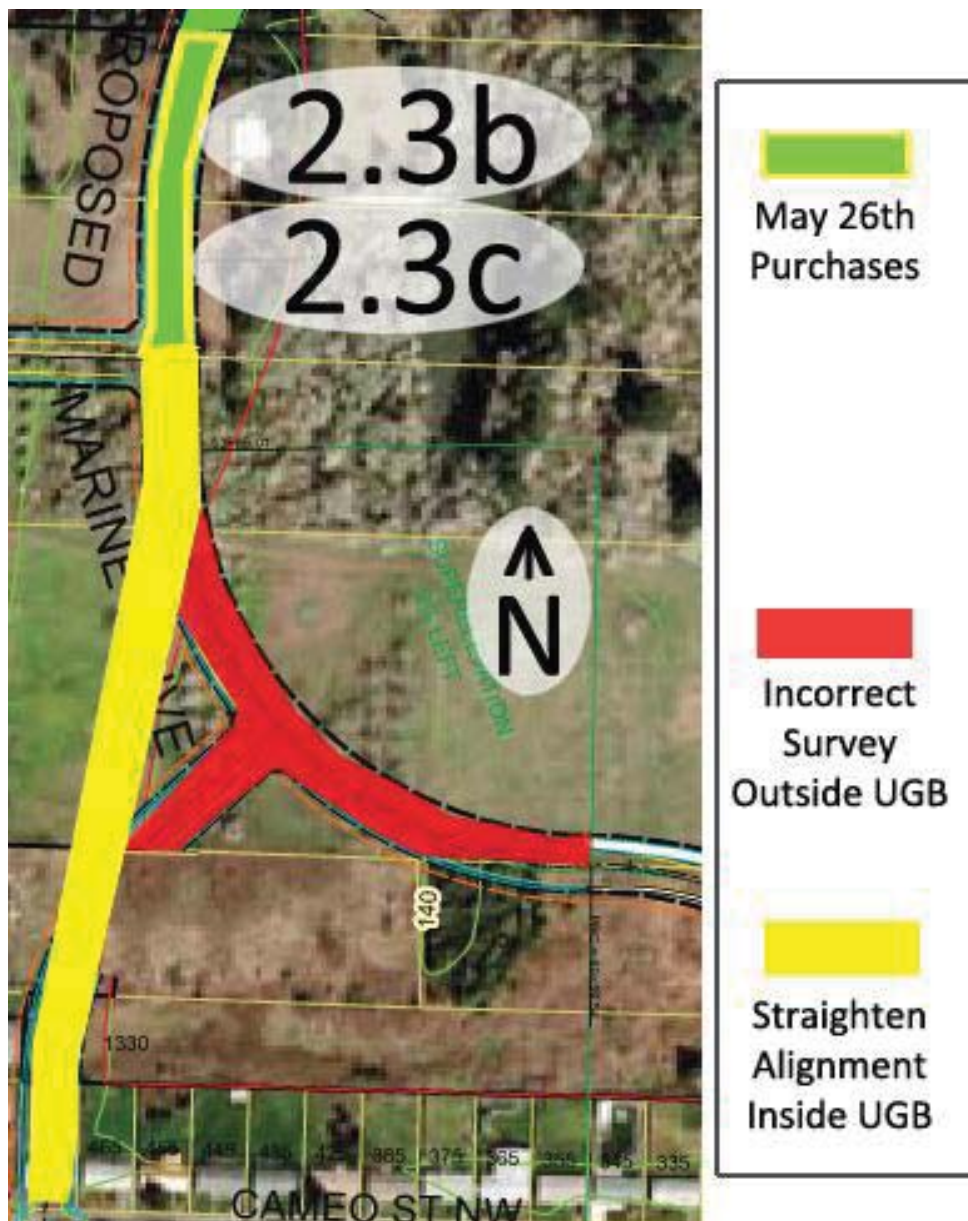
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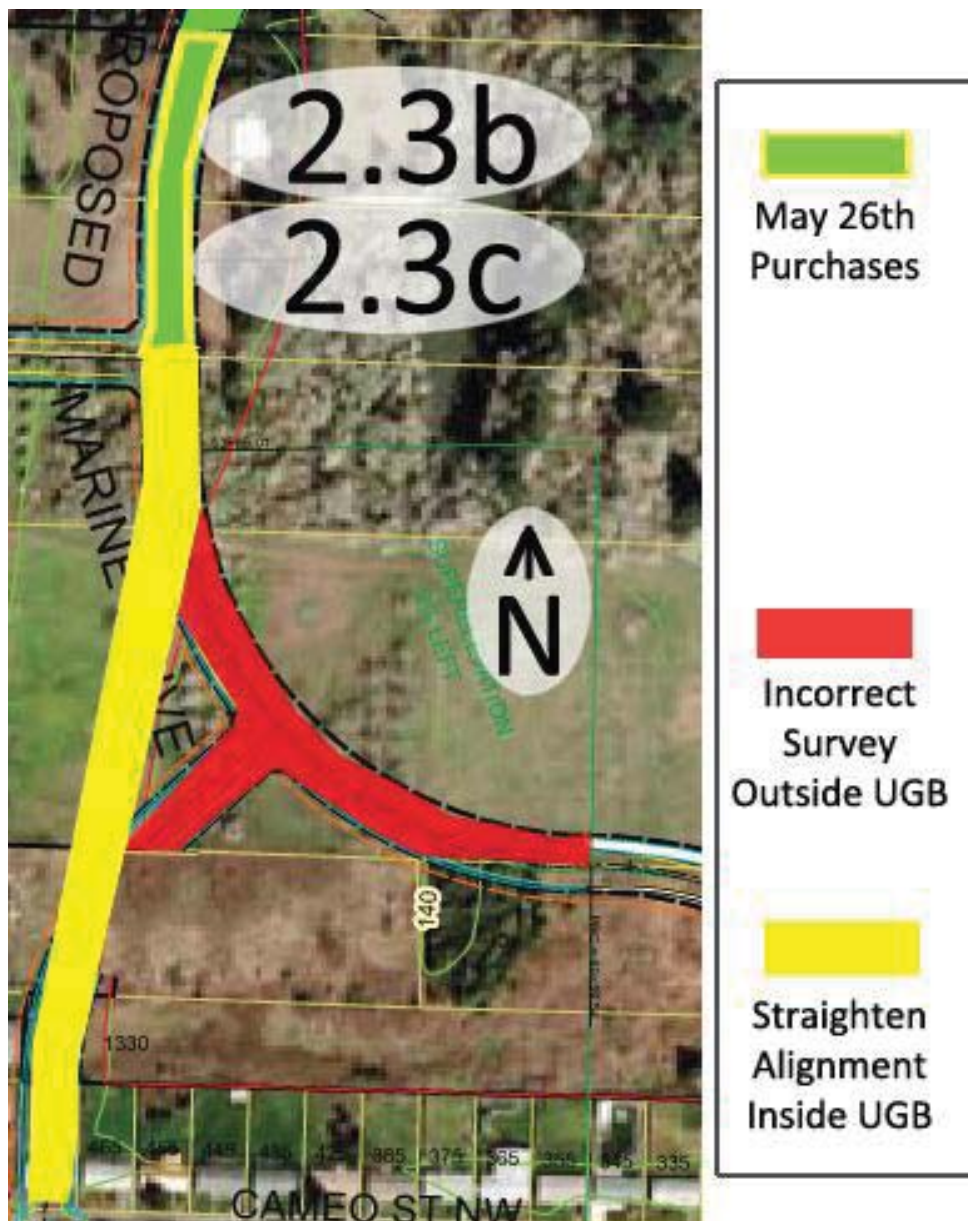
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From: Arlene Pate <aapate@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 7:01 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Proclamation

To Members of the Salem City Council:

As a longtime citizen of Salem, I urge you to adopt the proclamation of National Gun Violence Awareness Day on the first Friday of June, as advocated by Moms Demand Action For Gun Sense in America. In our country, we are surrounded by gun violence and the effects of gun violence. It is particularly important for leaders to use their influence and visibility to raise up this issue so that all of us are more aware and ready to be part of the solution to pervasive gun violence.

Significant attention is paid to extremists who show up to public events armed and often menacing. It's very important that significant attention brought about by this public proclamation be given to this safety topic in our country. Solving the problem of gun violence is very complex and very difficult. Difficult problems are solved by taking first steps, and my life has taught me that in solving problems there are some steps that are easy, yet consequential that make a difference and pave the way for more challenging steps in creating effective solutions. This proclamation is one such easy step which can raise awareness and lead to consequential and positive results.

As a retired early childhood educator, I want to advocate for policies that protect children and those they love from the effects of gun violence. This is one way you, too, can advocate for those policies.

Arlene Pate
1777 Westhaven NW
Salem, OR 97304

Amy Johnson

From: Kathleen Dwyer <kathleen.dwyer@chemeketa.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 11:39 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Support for the National Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation

To the Salem City Council,

I am writing in enthusiastic support for the Proclamation to designate June 1st as Gun Violence Awareness Day. As a Chemeketa Community College instructor, a homeowner, and as a proud Oregonian, I want to recognize the losses we experience due to gun violence every day in our community and around the country. We should not be afraid in our classrooms, public places, and in our homes. I believe the studies showing that I, as a woman, am more likely to be shot by a gun we own a gun than if there is no gun in my home.

Thank you for your leadership on all the difficult decisions you must make at this time. I hope that our community post-COVID can be more caring and connected than ever. Recognizing our collective grief over the pain caused by gun violence is part of this goal.

Thank you again,
Katie

Amy Johnson

From: Lillie Manvel <lilliemanvel@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:55 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Wear Orange Day Proclamation - May 26 City Council Meeting

Dear Mayor Bennett and Salem City Council Members,

My name is Lillie Manvel. I'm a five-year Salem resident and mother of two young children. My family loves living in Salem.

Over the past year, I have been volunteering with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America for so many reasons, but what got me started was hearing about the lockdown drills in my daughter's preschool. No school-age child should have to go through lockdown drills because their grownups couldn't make the hard choices to protect them. So I aim to do all I can to make the world safer for my children and other children.

Wear Orange Day is such a powerful day for me and so many others. It's a day of remembrance for those we've lost to gun violence, as well as a time to celebrate and hold space for those who have survived. The color orange is just so vivid and vibrant, it feels almost like fuel for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America volunteers to Just. Keep. Going. And that is what I promise to do.

Thank you for your service to the residents of the City of Salem and thank you so much for the opportunity to write to you in support of the proclamation for Wear Orange Day.

All the best from me and my family to you,
Lillie

Elizabeth (Lillie) Jones Manvel
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