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CITY OF BEAVERTON'S PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER BALLOT MEASURE PASSES

BEAVERTON, Ore. – With today's updated election results from Washington County, the city is able to say that Ballot Measure 34-250 to build a public safety center for police and emergency services has passed. Final numbers will be certified by the county later this month.

"This is a tremendous moment for our city, for our police officers and for our emergency responders," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "We're grateful for the support from our residents."

The bond measure will construct a public safety center on city-owned property at the corner of SW Hall Blvd and SW Allen Blvd. The 90,000 square foot building will be built to critical-facility standards to withstand a major earthquake, moves police facilities out of a flood zone, provides private areas for crime victims and minors, and will include an Emergency Operations Center with disaster-response equipment.

The location of the new building also allows for more efficient police and emergency response, and consolidates all police and emergency management services in one location.

"It's important for police to respond to emergency calls for service as quickly and safely as possible," said Interim Police Chief Jim Monger. "Now our police officers will have a safe and central location for the services they provide to residents."

The bond measure will not increase residents' bond tax rate because it replaces the Beaverton City Library construction bonds. The rate is about 20 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. Property owners will continue to pay about \$4.20 per month for property with an assessed value of \$250,000. The center will cost \$35 million.

Earlier this year, a citizen-led advisory committee recommended the new facility for police and emergency management services to ensure the city's emergency-response functions remain intact in case of natural and other disasters. The committee recommended a public vote be held to ask voters to fund the facility. In June, the Beaverton City Council unanimously approved a resolution to refer a bond measure to voters at the November election.

The design and permitting phases of the project will begin immediately and are expected to last 12 months. The construction phase of the project is anticipated to last 18 to 24 months. The public safety center is estimated for completion in early-2020.

For more information on the public safety center and for project updates, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/PublicSafetyCenter.

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