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September 23, 2026

RE: City of Bend – Acquisition of 2965 NE Conners Avenue

Dear Neighbor,

At its September 16, 2026 meeting, the Bend City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement and secure financing for the acquisition of the building and property located at 2965 NE Conners Avenue and 1979 NE Tucson Way to help meet the City's long-term administrative space needs.

The City has been evaluating its future City Hall and administrative office needs for many years and has outgrown its current facilities located downtown. Compared to the significant cost of constructing a new facility, the opportunity to acquire this existing property provides a more affordable long-term solution for accommodating City administrative operations and future staffing growth.

The building is expected to serve primarily as office space for City employees and the City's administrative functions; including customer service functions such as permitting and billing. It is not intended to include a main Council Chamber or serve as the primary location for City Council meetings, public hearings or other large public gatherings, but could be used for committee meetings or other community gatherings necessary for City operations.

The City has entered into the due diligence phase of the purchase transaction, during which time staff and consultants will be conducting property inspections, technical reviews and other pre-closing activities to evaluate the building and ensure it meets the City's needs.

The property remains occupied by the existing tenants, and the sale is not anticipated to be finalized until February 2027. Following the acquisition, the City expects to continue honoring the existing lease commitment and undertake additional planning and improvement work before occupying the facility in late 2029. As a result, neighboring property owners and businesses should not anticipate any near-term changes in building operations or activity associated with City occupancy.

We recognize that a change in ownership of a property of this size may raise questions for neighboring property owners and businesses. The



City is committed to being a good neighbor and maintaining an open communication channel throughout the process.

If you are interested in learning more about the acquisition and/or the materials presented to Council on September 16, 2026, you can find them under Agenda Items 7 and 8 at:

bendoregon.gov/conners-property

Lastly, if you have questions about the project, please feel free to contact me directly. As the City's Real Estate and Facilities Director I will be overseeing the acquisition and future planning efforts related to this property and would be happy to discuss the City's plans and provide additional information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Stuart".

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