

PUBLIC COMMENT REGISTRATION FORM

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In order to make ORAL COMMENTS and/or provide input at the meeting, you must provide the following requested information. It would be appreciated if you would provide any documentation you would like to submit on the subject. You will be limited to speak only to the subject you indicate. If you wish to speak on another matter on the agenda, please fill out a separate Public Comment Registration Form for each item you wish to speak on. *If you are attending the meeting to observe and do not intend to speak, you do not need to fill out a Public Comment Registration Form.*

DATE OF MEETING: 2.6.12

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

☒ **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

☐ **RESOLUTION NO.** _____

☐ **ORDINANCE NO.** _____

☐ **ORDER NO.** _____

SUBJECT: 2nd STREET PARKING LOT

Applicable to Public Hearings Only:

Proponent: _____ Opponent: _____ Undecided: _____ (Quasi-Judicial Hearings Only)

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Newberg Second Street “Merchant Lot” Proposal

History:

1. Second Street Parking lot was historically called the “Merchant Lot”.
2. Lot was last paved in the early 1960’s and has not been repaved since.
3. The existing pavement is crumbling and failing.
4. City owns and maintains the lot.
5. Existing designs uses Second Street to move from lane to lane within the lot.
This creates a safety concern.

Vision of the project

1. The Downtown Coalition recommends a better visual appeal for the lot.
 - a. Create a focal point for the community.
 - b. Help the downtown visual esthetics by improving the appearance.
 - c. Encourage the downtown business owners to enhance the appearance of their businesses as well. Create new “front doors” on the parking lot side of the businesses to draw customers.
 - d. Safer traffic flow within the lot and from the lot to Second Street.

Facets of the remodel

1. Resurface the parking lot with permeable pavers, as with the Chehalem Cultural Center. Less expensive option is to re-pave with blacktop.
2. No storm drainage. The water sheets off to buildings and lot to Second Street.
 - a. The soils below the lot are clay and not naturally permeable
 - b. The nearest storm drains are on Howard St.
3. Enhance the beauty of the lot with landscaping and planters behind the businesses. The use of vertical plantings would help to break up the stark facades of the existing building facades. Opportunities are present for patios,

decks and façade remodels. Remove the existing concrete barriers and use planters to direct traffic.

4. Partner with Waste Management to design better trash collection areas. Move the existing hodge-podge of dumpsters and garbage cans to central locations. Hide these collection areas with landscaping.
5. Partner with the Newberg High School Horticulture department for landscaping design and implementation.

Request to the City Council

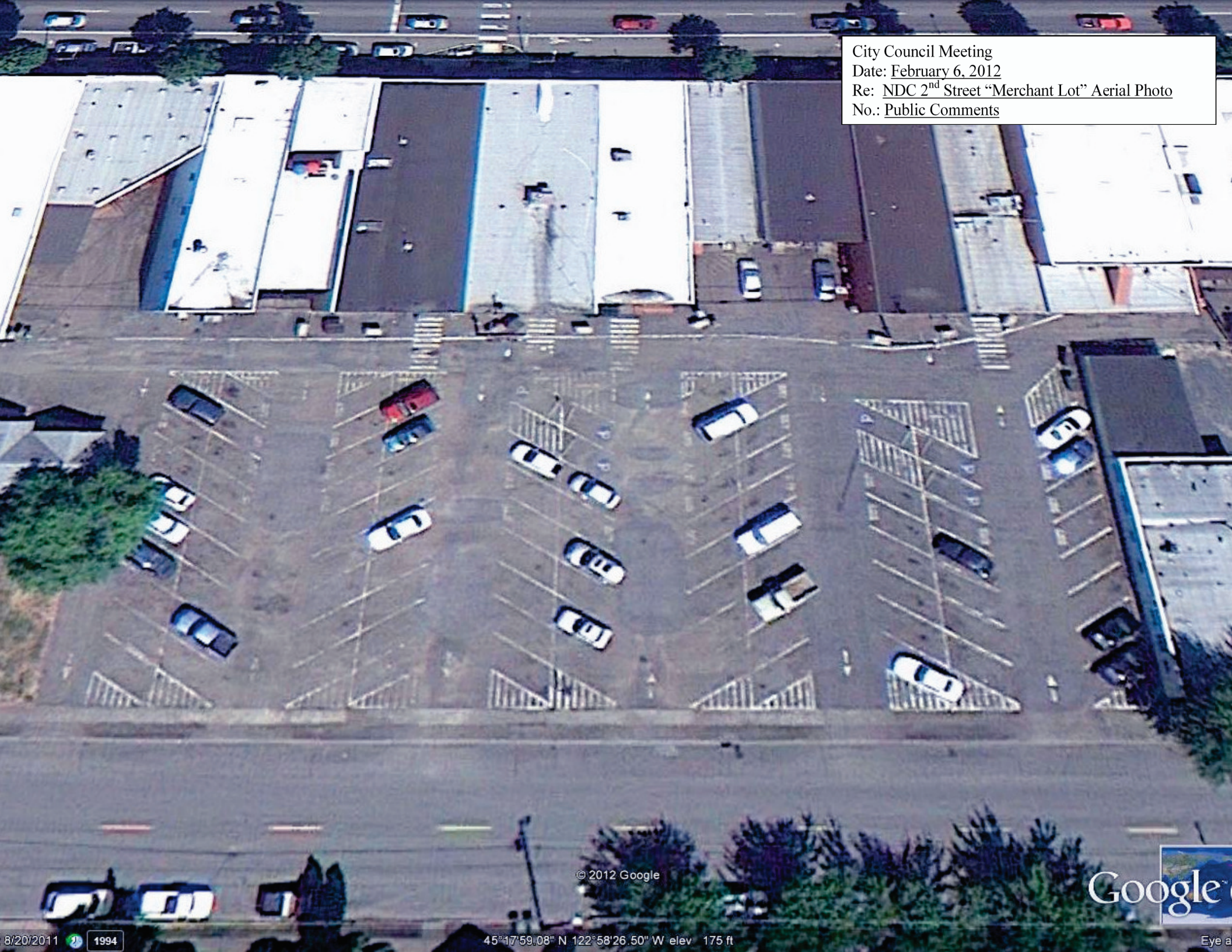
1. The Newberg Downtown Coalition requests that the council support the design concept.
2. Requests the council to direct staff to proceed forward.

Concerns: In talking with the downtown businesses owners and City officials

1. Where does the money come from? We don't know. This would be part of the project, to help develop funding.
2. Existing lot parking lot spaces = 92 + 5 on street spaces = 97 spaces
Merchant Lot design = 76 + 7 on street spaces = 83 spaces
Net loss= 14 spaces.

A study done by George Fox students found 1300 existing parking spaces between River to Main, and Hancock to Second Street in the downtown core.

City Council Meeting
Date: February 6, 2012
Re: NDC 2nd Street "Merchant Lot" Aerial Photo
No.: Public Comments



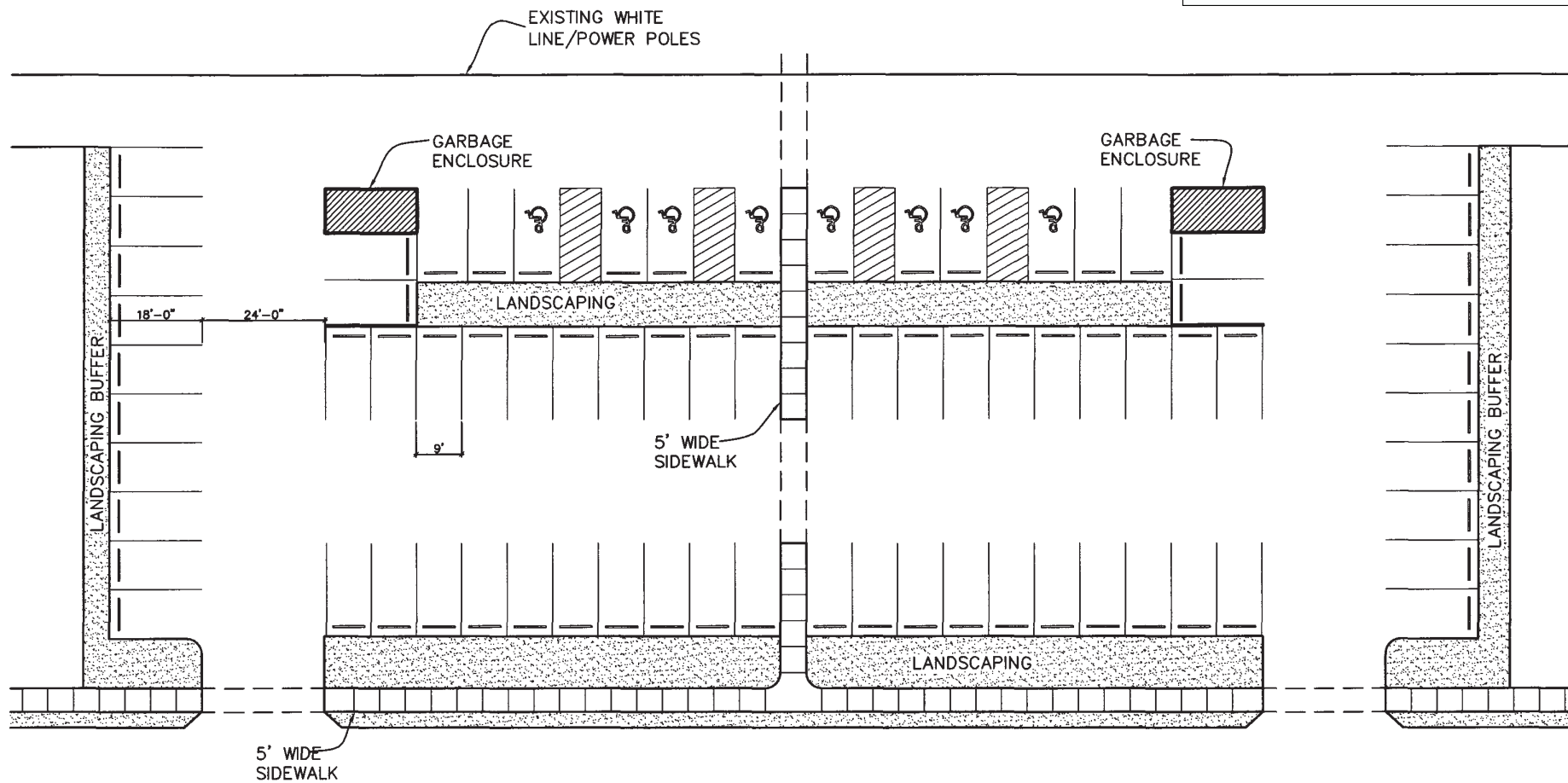
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**PRELIMINARY
2ND ST. PARKING LOT PLAN**
NOT TO SCALE

(68) REGULAR SPACES
(8) ADA SPACES
(76) TOTAL SPACES



City Council Meeting
Date: February 6, 2012
Re: NDC 2nd Street "Merchant Lot" Concept
Landscape Design
No.: Public Comments

Landscaping concept for decorating the backs of the buildings adjacent to the parking lot on E. 2nd Street between S. Howard Street and S. College Street in Newberg, Oregon.

Install large concrete planters between the buildings and the line designating the boundary of the traffic lanes of the parking lot. The planters should be large enough to contain a ornamental flowering tree such as a flowering crabapple or flowering cherry or a flowering pear. Option to attach benches to sides of planters.

Wine barrel planters to be used adjacent to large concrete planters and in other appropriate empty spaces near buildings. Smaller wooden planters to mimic the wine barrels. Large wine barrels to be planted with Italian cypress, smaller round wooden planters to be planted with annual and perennial ornamental plants.

The new parking lot surface to be permeable pavers and the pavers to be installed to the edge of the buildings.

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