



COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 20620

COUNCIL BILL 5214

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ADOPTED: July 22, 2019

SIGNED: July 24, 2019

PASSED: 6:1

REJECTED:

OPPOSED: Clark

ABSENT: Evans

EFFECTIVE: August 24, 2019



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The City Council of the City of Eugene finds that:

A. On October 11, 1999, Ordinance No. 20170 was adopted granting to Northwest Natural Gas Company ("NWNG") a twenty-year non-exclusive right and franchise to lay, maintain and operate facilities in and under the public ways within the City of Eugene, Oregon. NWNG accepted Ordinance No. 20170 on October 15, 1999. The Franchise will expire on November 11, 2019.

B. The City of Eugene and NWNG have begun discussing franchise renewal and potential franchise terms. However, the Oregon Legislature is currently considering several bills that would likely impact regulation of natural gas utilities and the franchise negotiations between the City of Eugene and NWNG.

C. Extending the term of the Franchise for six months would allow time for the City of Eugene and NWNG to understand the impacts of the pending legislation, if passed, and to complete franchise renewal negotiations.

D. The City of Eugene has determined that it serves the public welfare to extend the term of the current franchise from November 11, 2019 up to and through May 11, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF EUGENE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The franchise granted to NWNG in Ordinance No. 20170 shall be extended up to and through May 11, 2020. This extension shall be effective upon NWNG's written acceptance.

Section 2. Other than the duration of the franchise set forth in this Ordinance, Ordinance No. 20170 shall continue in full force and effect.

Passed by the City Council this

22nd day of July, 2019



City Recorder

Approved by the Mayor this

24 day of July, 2019



Mayor