



**City Council Work Session Agenda**  
**Wednesday, June 16, 2021**  
**6:00 p.m. – Work Session**

*Welcome! The public is strongly encouraged to participate remotely but there is limited seating at Civic Hall for those who are not able to participate remotely. However, if you are not feeling well, please stay home and take care of yourself. In accordance with Governor Kate Brown's **new face-covering mandate**, **all who wish to attend public meetings must wear a face mask or some kind of face-covering is required while in the building and you must maintain six feet apart from others.***

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Zoom Password: 624385

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1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
2. CRISIS ASSISTANCE HELPING OUT ON THE STREETS (CAHOOTS) PRESENTATION
3. ADJOURNMENT

**WORK SESSION CANCELED  
ON 6/15/2021**



## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** May 24, 2021  
**TO:** Jeff Towery, City Manager  
**FROM:** Matt Scales, Chief of Police  
**SUBJECT:** City Council Work Session on CAHOOTS

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### Work Session Overview:

Over the past year, the City Council has heard from both staff and members of our community who would like to know more about CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets). CAHOOTS is a mobile crisis intervention program staffed by White Bird Clinic personnel using City of Eugene vehicles. This relationship between the City of Eugene and White Bird Clinic has been in place for nearly 30 years. In addition, CAHOOTS also has a similar, although smaller, relationship with the City of Springfield which allows CAHOOTS staff to be embedded in their respective cities.

CAHOOTS provides support for Eugene Police Department and Springfield Police Department personnel by taking on many of the social service type calls for service to include crisis counseling, as well as transport for necessary non-emergency medical care.

The City Council will hear from both Ron Tinseth, a Lieutenant with EPD, as well as Tim Black, the director of consulting at White Bird Clinic. They will provide a history of the CAHOOTS program, how it is funded and staffed, and the types of calls for service the CAHOOTS personnel respond to.

Over the past year there has been a tremendous amount of publicity both statewide and nationally about the work CAHOOTS does, and the unique partnerships which has been forged over roughly 3 decades of working together.

Our hope is that the presentation by Lt. Tinseth and Mr. Black will provide you with information about the program and create a dialogue among City Council in how we might reimagine how our community engages with those who are in mental health crisis or in need of social services that are not necessarily police related calls.