

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
July 19, 2016	

TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors
FROM: Jim Hossley, Public Works Director 
THROUGH: Rodger Craddock, City Manager
ISSUE: Consider Change to Mingus Park Hours of Operation

BACKGROUND:

On June 21, 2016 the City Council considered revising the open hours for Mingus Park from the current 24 hours to the Parks Commission's recommended dawn to 11 p.m. The consensus of the Council was to change the Mingus Park open hours to dawn to 10 p.m. An Ordinance is not required to make this change. The Coos Bay Municipal Code, section 12.35.020 (3) states, "Day Use. All parks are for day use only, except as otherwise posted in designated recreational areas. The Coos Bay Boardwalk and the use of the ramps at Empire boat ramp and Eastside boat ramp are exempt from this regulation". Signage needs to be placed at the Mingus Park entrances indicating the park's new open hours.

ADVANTAGES:

With Mingus Park closed after 10 p.m., police may lawfully approach individuals in the park after hours and have them leave the premises. Changing the Mingus Park hours to dawn to 10 p.m. will help reduce the amount vandalism and help control homeless camps.

DISADVANTAGES:

None.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Closing the Mingus Park at night will reduce expenditure on material and services in Mingus Park. There will be a cost for new signage, estimated to be less than \$500.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases council, direct staff to post Mingus Park open hours to be dawn to 10 p.m.