

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Approval of City Council Minutes

Meeting Date: April 12, 2010
Department: City Manager's Office
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Agenda Item Number: 3A
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ISSUE STATEMENT

This is a routine item to approve City Council meeting minutes.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2009, Work Session, January 27, 2010, Work Session, February 8, 2010, Regular Meeting, February 10, 2010, Work Session, February 17, 2010, Work Session, February 24, 2010, Work Session and February 26, 2010, Work Session.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. December 16, 2009, Work Session
- B. January 27, 2010, Work Session
- C. February 8, 2010, Regular Meeting
- D. February 10, 2010, Work Session
- E. February 17, 2010, Work Session
- F. February 24, 2010, Work Session
- G. February 26, 2010, Joint Elected Officials Meeting

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MINUTES

Eugene City Council
Work Session
McNutt Room – City Hall
777 Pearl Street—Eugene, Oregon

December 16, 2009
12:00 p.m.

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Chris Pryor, Mike Clark, George Brown, Andrea Ortiz, Alan Zelenka, Betty Taylor, Jennifer Solomon, George Poling

Ms. Piercy called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm

A. WORK SESSION – COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

Ms. Piercy thanked Eugene Police Department (EPD) Chief Pete Kerns for his press conference earlier that morning to address property crime reduction strategies in the area.

Ms. Piercy wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Ms. Piercy offered statements in support of the University of Oregon's football team.

Ms. Piercy mentioned that Sandy Halonen had recently retired from the Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO) and congratulated her for her efforts to create housing opportunities in the community as well as her ongoing work on local skate park planning.

Ms. Piercy noted she had attended a dinner in recognition of White Bird's CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out on the Streets) program and its work to improve mental health treatment services in the community.

Ms. Piercy noted recent events at Cesar Chavez Elementary School in recognition of International Human Rights day on December 10, 2009. She noted a recent "cutting carbs" community workshop sponsored by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to discuss carbon emission reduction strategies.

Ms. Piercy noted she had recently spoken at the Network Charter School as part of its ongoing discussion series on how to be a good neighbor. She commented that a groundbreaking ceremony for a new veterinary facility for low-income community members on Highway 99 had taken place recently.

Ms. Piercy noted she would soon be traveling to Corvallis to collect on a wager with Mayor Charles Tomlinson whereby he would wear an Oregon Ducks shirt at the next meeting of the Corvallis City Council. She commented she would be participating in an EPD ride-along on December 17, 2009.

Mr. Clark congratulated the Sheldon High School and Marist Catholic High School football teams for their recent victories. He commended Chief Kerns for his press conference earlier that morning and also for his comments regarding improved downtown policing strategies.

Mr. Clark reported he had recently met with Mr. Zelenka and Police Auditor Mark Gissiner as part of their ongoing supervisory duties. He noted he had made a presentation to the Eugene Chamber of Commerce's Local Government Affairs Council (LCAC) on December 4, regarding the City's downtown parking strategies.

Mr. Clark commented on his attendance at the Joint Elected Officials and the Beltline Steering Committee meetings on December 7. He believed the Beltline Steering Committee was drawing closer to potential solutions to development challenges being faced in the Beltline/Delta Highway area. He encouraged the Council members to visit the ODOT website for further information in that regard.

Mr. Clark stated he had recently met with Kidsports Executive Director Bev Smith on December 10 to discuss a range of issues affecting both their organization and children in the community. He noted he had attended the Police Commission meeting on December 10, and noted there had been very productive discussions on a number of issues. He noted that the Police Commission's work plan appeared to be proceeding on schedule.

Mr. Pryor voiced his appreciation for Chief Kerns' recent press conference and his corresponding efforts to address property crime in the community. He felt Chief Kerns work on the matter had been proactive and represented an important step forward for the City.

Mr. Pryor noted he had attended the Housing Policy Board meeting and reported that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process to issue RFP's was on schedule. He noted he had attended the recent Joint Elected Officials meeting regarding Fire/EMS services and believed that all parties involved were methodically working toward a difficult solution to several challenges.

Mr. Pryor reported he would be serving as LCOG Chair beginning in January of 2010. He noted that City of Coburg Mayor Judith Volta had been appointed as vice-chair of that group.

Ms. Taylor noted the recent productions of "White Christmas" staged by Actors Cabaret of Eugene and the Oregon Festival of American Music. She reported that the City's committee on street assessments consisting of herself, Mr. Brown and Ms. Solomon had recently met to discuss the strategies for that group.

Ms. Ortiz noted her attendance at the most recent Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority (LRAPA) meeting and hoped that that group would continue to work to improve its communication skills. She noted that the City's Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) committee would meet later in the afternoon to discuss legislative priorities for the next year.

Ms. Ortiz reported she had attended the recent International Human Rights Day festivities on December 10 and believed the events had been received positively by the community. She stated she had attended a meeting of skate park representatives and noted that they were working in conjunction with the local Rotary Club chapter as part of their fundraising efforts.

Ms. Ortiz noted she had recently participated in a community outreach event with Mayor Piercy at the Grocery Outlet on River Road. She stated that City Manager Jon Ruiz had attended a recent meeting of Trainsong neighborhood representatives.

Mr. Brown noted he had also attended the recent JEO meeting concerning the consolidation of the Springfield and Eugene Fire/EMS departments and felt that while the financial benefits seemed impressive there were still several important governance issues to discuss surrounding the matter.

Ms. Solomon arrived to the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

Mr. Brown noted he had attended a meeting of the McKenzie Watershed Council on December 10 and reported on several recent developments regarding local water sources. He further maintained that the McKenzie Watershed Council had been utilizing its funding very wisely.

Mr. Brown noted he had recently met with Lane Community College President Mary Spilde and had been happy to learn that LCC had recently begun providing increased housing opportunities to its students.

Ms. Solomon reported her attendance at a recent Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission where that group had provided updates on a number of its construction projects. Ms. Solomon noted that many of those projects had come in under budget.

Mr. Poling noted he had attended a recent Travel Lane County Board of Directors meeting and reported that May Kruger had been appointed to that group. He noted from that meeting that the Cuthbert Amphitheater had been recognized by Pollstar magazine as one of the top 100 entertainment centers in the world.

Mr. Poling commended the coaches and staff for the Sheldon High School and Marist Catholic High School athletic teams for their recent accomplishments.

Mr. Zelenka commended Chief Kerns for his recent steps to address property crime in the community. He maintained that the proposed consolidation of the Springfield and Eugene Fire/EMS departments represented significant potential savings with regard to the eliminations of redundancies that might result from such a strategy.

Mr. Zelenka noted he had recently attended the City's Climate and Energy Action Plan workshop sessions and had also presented a report to the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) regarding the same.

Mr. Poling anticipated that air travel on and around December 31 would be difficult due to the large number of people who were expected to travel to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California.

Ms. Ruiz noted that Seda Collier had received the City's Human Rights award for her contribution to local transgender issues. He noted that Financial Analyst Lacey Risdal would be presenting information to the council on the recent prosperity summit at a later council work session.

Mr. Ruiz noted his attendance at a recent Eugene Symphony performance. He noted that the Symphony continued to be an extremely important part of the City's longstanding commitment to the arts. He noted that January 8, 2010, would be Finance Director Dee Ann Raile's last day with the City. He commended Ms. Raile for her many years of service to the organization and to the community at-large.

Ms. Taylor noted that the City Club of Eugene would be welcoming artists from the Eugene Opera's production of The Marriage of Figaro at their December 18 meeting.

Mr. Ruiz, responding to a question from Mr. Zelenka, noted that staff would present information from the recent prosperity summit to the council at a later work session meeting.

B. WORK SESSION - Eugene Police Department Taser Policy

Police Commission Chair Tamara Miller provided background information regarding the EPD Taser Policy and further noted that a future council work session would be devoted to Taser policy revisions.