

MINUTES

Eugene City Council  
Harris Hall, 125 East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Eugene, Oregon 97401

April 17, 2013  
12:00 p.m.

**Councilors Present:** George Brown, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, George Poling, Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Chris Pryor, Claire Syrett

Mayor Piercy, opened the April 17, 2013 City Council work session. Councilor Zelenka attended via conference phone.

**A. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER**

**MOTION:** Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Taylor made the following motion: “Because we value a government that is open, transparent and accountable, Council moves to direct the City Manager to direct the City Attorney to examine any electronic or verbal or communications held outside of public meetings by any elected or appointed government official regarding the status of Mr. Jack Roberts’ continued employment as the Director of the Lane Metro Partnership and to provide to the Council as soon as practicable, an opinion whether of any of the governmental jurisdictions that provide financial support to the Lane Metro Partnership or any person otherwise connected to the Lane Metro Partnership may have violated public meeting laws regarding said communications. “

Councilor Brown asked Councilor Poling to recuse himself from this item because of a conflict of interest. Councilor Poling and City Attorney both indicated there was no conflict of interest.

Several councilors said they felt it was too soon to take any action and questioned whether the City of Eugene was the right agency to conduct an investigation. The Lane Metro Partnership Board of Directors will likely provide direction with regard to any change in leadership.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to table the vote on the main motion to another time. FAILED: 6:2, councilors Brown and Taylor in favor.

**MAIN MOTION VOTE:** FAILED 6:2, councilors Brown and Taylor in favor.

**B. WORK SESSION: What’s New in Downtown - Spring/Summer 2013**

Sarah Medary, Denny Braud, Lt. Eric Klinko, and Billie Moser provided updates from their respective departments on what's going on in downtown Eugene. They highlighted development and redevelopment projects, public safety initiatives, and arts and cultural activities that are in progress or being planned.

Sarah Medary provided a brief forecast of upcoming items related to downtown:

- EWEB Master Plan
- Shedd expansion
- Downtown Exclusion Zone
- LCC non-smoking area
- Dogs downtown

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Mortensen  
Deputy City Recorder