

MINUTES

Eugene City Council
Harris Hall, 125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401

April 22, 2013
7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Piercy opened the April 22, 2013, City Council meeting.

1. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

A moment of silence was observed for Officer Chris Kilcullen, killed two years ago today, and for the victims of the Boston bombings.

The members of the University of Oregon Women's Track Team were honored for winning the 2013 NCAA Women's Indoor Track Championship.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Lee Deveau, Ward 7, wanted the camping policy changed so that sleeping outside is legal.

Dennis Maricle, asked the council to modify its policy so sleeping on public land is legal.

Barb Prentice, noted that a female officer must be requested prior to an arrest search.

Jerry Smith, expressed support for legalizing outdoor sleeping.

Lawrence Siskind, asked council to modify the sleeping ban, and provide bathrooms/garbage service.

Leslie Robnette, said police should arrest criminals, not go after homeless people.

Ted Drummond, asked the council to help homeless people.

Jill Davidson, encouraged community to help homeless people.

Gwendolyn Iris, asked why Grateful Dead concert created an emergency, when homelessness doesn't.

Alley Valkyrie, related historical information about homeless vets locating in Sladden Park.

Terrill Purvis, asked the council to help homeless people.

David Ivan Piccione, requested that council change its policy so sleeping is legal.

Michael Carrigan, said there are common sense solutions to address homelessness.

Mark Hubbell, voiced frustration about the homeless situation and said he hopes for change.

Tribal, said sleeping is a protected constitutional right.

Mary Sharon Moore, voiced concern about the sleeping ban and requested a change to the policy.

Joella Ewing, asked that the camping policy be changed so that sleeping is legal.

Ann Kelvin, noted that Opportunity Village will only house 30 people; more is needed.

Robin Bloomgarden, noted that Ordinance. 2446 permitted camping in parks.

Emily Semple, said people need to sleep and asked council to reflect on their situations.

Jennifer Adams, asked the council to help the homeless.

Jason Wellman, said the recent homeless arrests violated Article 25 of the constitution.

Wayne Martin, noted the recent visit by the Dalai Lama, and requested a change to camping laws.

Jennifer Frenzer, asked the City change its policy regarding use of female officers for search.
Scotty Perey, said the arrests under bridge were illegal, and violated policy and code.
Jean Stacey, asked the council to make changes so homeless people can live freely.
John Monroe, said bad behavior has been our history, and EPD's actions are no different.
Hedin Manus Brugh, said history of social cleansing in Eugene is now being repeated.
Helen Liguori, noted that camping was once allowed in Alton Baker Park for Grateful Dead concert.
Sabra Marcroft, noted it was Earth Day and asked everyone to work together.
M. Brooke Robertshaw, supported efforts to change the camping law.
Reagan Clark, voiced concern about economy, homelessness, and inadequate housing.
Joe Tyndall, said homelessness needs to be addressed; asked council to set aside a piece of land.
Heather Marek, said the camping law criminalizes sleep, and is unequally enforced.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes**
- B. Approval of Tentative Working Agenda**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. PASSED 8:0.

4. ACTION:

2013/14 Funding Allocations for Federal Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Programs

Several concerns were raised about what some councilors felt was an inordinately high administration fee. Staff explained that the fee supports many aspects of the program and has remained steady at its current rate for the last decade, with no increase, despite increased workload.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to approve the One-Year Action Plan for use of Federal CDBG and Home funds in fiscal year 2013-14. PASSED: 8:0.

5. ACTION:

Ratification of Intergovernmental Relations Committee Actions of March 13, March 20 and April 3, 2013

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved that the council take a position of support, Priority 1 on Council Bill HJ8. PASSED: 7:1, Councilor Clark opposed.

MOTION: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved that the City Council take a position of Support Priority 2 on Senate Bill 670. (It was noted that a potential loss of revenue is a concern and asked staff for information about what the revenue loss details might be.)

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to table this item. PASSED: 5:3, Councilors Poling, Clark and Brown opposed.

Staff noted one correction in the Agenda Item Summary: HB 2857 should be listed as Priority 1 support, not opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to ratify the IGR Committee's unanimous actions taken at the meetings on March 13, March 20 and April 3, 2013. PASSED: 8:0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Mortensen,
Deputy City Recorder