

MINUTES

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

May 13, 2013
5:30 p.m.

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

Her Honor, Mayor Piercy, called the May 13, 2013, City Council work session to order.

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chamber of Commerce, Housing Policy Board, Lane Regional Air Protection Agency, Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission

Councilors reported on recent activities, projects, and items for committees they represent, including:

- Highlights of the Dalai Lama visit
- Opening of new shelter for women at Eugene Mission
- Traffic safety issues around 30th and Hilyard
- Issues with new law requiring 5¢ charge for paper bags.
- Reports from Housing Policy Board, Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission, Lane Regional Air Protection Agency, and Police Commission meetings
- Upcoming or recent neighborhood meetings
- Gang Summit
- Success of University of Oregon men's and women's track teams and women's softball team.

Councilors debated the merits of revisiting the ordinance banning the use of plastic bags, sharing specific concerns about the 5¢ charge for paper bags.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to bring back an ordinance to suspend enforcement of the 5¢ per bag surcharge while the council evaluates the impact of this new ordinance. PASSED 5:3, Councilors Syrett, Zelenka and Evans opposed.

B. WORK SESSION: Multi-Unit Property Tax Exemption (MUPTE) Program

Urban Services Manager Denny Braud gave a recap of MUPTE and presented information and options for revising the program to the council.

Councilors expressed their support for the following elements: local hiring,, housing type, family size units, affordable units, project location, features, open space, parking, compatibility with

existing neighborhood and increased or additional public benefit.

There was general support for convening a panel of local business people/stakeholders to review the program and proposed changes. Other suggestions and ideas included:

- Confirm local hiring requirement by using a certified payroll service to show zip codes of all workers.
- LEED certification is important.
- Application deadline should be once a year and request for funds should be competitive.
- Put a cap on the amount of financial exemption.
- Neighborhood contact and collaboration are important.
- Align MUPTE boundaries with Envision Eugene boundaries.
- Third party verification is one way to evaluate the effectiveness of the process.
- Scalability and flexibility are important.
- Consider contract preferences for women- and minority-owned businesses.
- Triple bottom line important in creating program and evaluating proposals.
- Establishing a minimum threshold allows applicants to improve project for bigger exemption.
- No exemptions for uses that compete with existing businesses.

Mayor Piercy asked that a poll be taken to determine council support for a panel discussion with local developers, financiers, engineers, builders, etc., in order to better understand the issues, concerns, elements and challenges applicants must address to receive the tax exemption.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Mortensen
Deputy City Recorder

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7:30 p.m.

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

Her Honor, Mayor Piercy, called the May 13, 2013, City Council meeting to order.

1. **CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

Mayor Piercy recognized students from Camas Ridge School for their “Duck Tracks” historical vignette project.

2. **PUBLIC FORUM**

David Mandelblatt, Downtown Neighbors Association, said MUPTE is beneficial, if used properly
*Sherry Schaefer*s, supported MUPTE if it is used in balance, and for multi-family housing.
Tony Stirpe, expressed concern for pedestrian and bike safety, noting MUPTE could help downtown.
Martin Henner – supported MUPTE for development of owner-occupied cooperative housing.
Gary Rondeau – asked the council to contact state legislators requesting protection for bees.
Chief Swiftfoot – expressed frustration with the downtown exclusion zone.
Michael Gannon – provided a list of reasons why taxes should not be given away through MUPTE.
Sabra Marcroft – thanked the council for listening and for their kindness and generosity.
Michael Carrigan – thanked council for lifting the camping ban, finding places for people to sleep.
Kimberly Gladen – said downtown is looking better, which encourages people to come back.
Art Bowman – requested more information about the Internal Affairs investigation.
James Chastain - said Eugene needs its own homeless bill of rights to end harassment.
Joe Tyndall – questioned Police priorities and voiced his opinion on homeless issues.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A [Approval of City Council Minutes](#)
- B [Approval of Tentative Working Agenda](#)
- C [Ratification of the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission \(MWMC\) FY14 Regional Wastewater Program Budget and Capital Improvements Program](#)

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

4. **ACTION: Approval of Support Position for Senate Bill 306-A**

Lisa Gardner, AIC Intergovernmental Relations Manager, provided background on Senate Bill 306-A, related to carbon pricing, noting EWEB’s support for the bill and its alignment with most City goals.

Councilor Zelenka noted that this bill simply authorizes a study group to look at options and discuss how carbon pricing might work.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to support the bill. PASSED 6:2, Poling and Clark opposed.

5. **WORK SESSION: Metro Plan Boundary Adjustment Proposal (Springfield Side)**

Carolyn Burke and Alissa Hansen, Planning and Development Department, presented information on the background, scope and effects of the proposed Metro Plan boundary adjustment.

Greg Mott and Len Goodwin, City of Springfield, noted that maintaining access to clean water supplies and wellhead sites that were not disturbed or contaminated by new development was a priority for the Springfield City Council. Over the course of a year, this issue was vetted, jurisdictional involvement and solutions were discussed and implemented and the Springfield City Council voted unanimously to allow the Metro Plan Boundary Adjustment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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