

MINUTES

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

June 10, 2013
5:30 p.m.

Councilors Present: George Brown, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka (arrived at 5:50 p.m.), George Poling, Mike Clark, Chris Pryor, Claire Syrett, Greg Evans.

Her Honor, Mayor Piercy opened the June 10, 2013, City Council work session.

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

City councilors provided updates from the Police Commission, Lane Workforce Partnership, and Lane Transit District/EmX. The Harlow Neighbors was also recognized for its selection as the Neighborhood of the Year at the 203 Neighborhoods USA conference.

B. WORK SESSION: Core Campus – Application for Multiple-Unit Property Tax Exemption (MUPTE) for Residential Property Located at 505 East Broadway (The Hub in Eugene)

Community Development Manager Mike Sullivan, and Business Loan Analyst Amanda Flannery-Nobel reviewed information on the MUPTE application and provided updates on recent changes to the application and options to purchase or lease property from the City of Eugene.

Council discussion:

- Student growth rate
- Potential lost revenue
- Competition with other student housing providers
- Current vacancy rates (citywide and near-campus)
- Subsidies for out-of-state developers
- Need, compatibility, financial return/benefit, guarantees

Direction to staff:

- Provide additional information about student vacancy rates.
- Improve incentives and outcomes to gain support.
- Create “If-Then” scenarios if this project is allowed.
- Outline options if application is denied.
- Refine proposal and return with answers to council questions.
- Draft resolution to include details of the guarantees, safeties, agreements, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michelle Mortensen

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1. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

In honor of Flag Day, three members of local Girl Scout Troop 20019 led those present in recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Rick Satre, spoke in support of the Core Campus MUPTE application.

Carol Schirmer, spoke in support of the MUPTE application, noting the quality of the building.

Dave Hauser, supported the Core Campus project and the economic benefits it will provide.

Bill Whalen, supported the Core Campus project and the proposed tax exemption.

Brian Neiswender, said Core Campus has reaffirmed its commitment to working with the City.

Steve Romania, opposed the Core Campus MUPTE application, citing a glut of student housing.

Ed McMahon, supported MUPTE for the Core Campus project.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to adopt the items on the consent calendar. PASSED 8:0.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Concerning Suspension of Paper Bag Pass-Through Charge in Section 6.860 of the Eugene Code, 1971; and Providing a Sunset Date.**

Fred Simmons, opposed the fee and asked for an exemption for those using food stamps.

Shawn Miller, NW Grocery Association, supported the fee, but exempting low-income shoppers.

Pamela Fritts, opposed the fee but supported other efforts to protect the environment.

Karen Booth, asked the council to keep the bag fee in place.

Wesley Sweitzer, supported the bag fee and giving people time to get used to it.

Steve Coatsworth, asked to keep the bag fee in place, but exempt low-income and SNAP users.

Chris Wig, supported the fee, noting that it helps consumers to be more aware of their impacts.

Sonny Mehta, said Eugene should keep the bag fee in place.

Ashley Miller, said the bag fee should remain, but with an exemption for low-income users.

Michael Gannon, suggested keeping the fee and using the money for other things.

Andrew Nonnenmacher, supported keeping the bag fee in place.

Charlie Plybon, supported the fee with an exemption for SNAP users.

Celine Swenson-Harris, supported the fee, noting it helps shoppers to remember to bring bags.

Council discussion:

Councilor Zelenka shared that two local grocers donated 10,000 reusable bags for distribution to SNAP and EBT card holders. Councilor Zelenka also noted that he will offer an amendment to the ordinance exempting SNAP & EBT card holders from paying fee.

5. **ACTION: Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

Budget Committee

MOTION: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to appoint Will Shaver to Position 3 on the Budget Committee for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2016.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown moved to substitute Bob Cassidy. FAILED 2:6, Councilors Taylor and Brown in favor.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: PASSED 8:0

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to reappoint Laura Illig to Position 5 on the Budget Committee, for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2016. PASSED 8:0

Civilian Review Board

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to reappoint Steven Buel-McIntire to Position 3 on the Civilian Review Board, for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2016.. PASSED 8:0

MOTION: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to appoint Christopher Wig to Position 4 on the Civilian Review Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2016.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to substitute John Brown. FAILED 3:5, Councilors Clark, Poling and Brown in favor.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION VOTE: PASSED 7:1, Councilor Clark opposed.

Historic Review Board

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to appoint Ellen Currier to Position 1 on the Historic Review Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2016. PASSED 8:0

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to appoint Barbara Perrin to Position 2 on the Historic Review Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2016. PASSED 8:0.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to appoint Kay Porter to Position 3 on the Historic Review Board, an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2014. PASSED 8:0.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to appoint Andrew Fisher to Position 4 on the Historic Review Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2016. PASSED 8:0.

Human Rights Commission

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to appoint David Van Der Haeghen to Position 4 on the Human Rights Commission, an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2014. PASSED 8:0.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to appoint Edward Goehring to Position 5 on the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2016. PASSED 8:0.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to appoint Arun Toké to Position 6 on the Human Rights Commission, for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2016. PASSED 8:0.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor moved to reappoint Toni Gyatso to Position 7 on the Human Rights Commission, for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2016. PASSED 8:0.

Planning Commission

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to appoint John Barofsky to Position 2 on the Planning Commission for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2017. PASSED 8:0 .

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to reappoint Jeffrey Mills to Position 3 on the Planning Commission for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2017. PASSED 8:0.

Sustainability Commission

MOTION: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to appoint Bob DenOuden to Position 1 on the Sustainability Commission for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2017.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to substitute Mary Clayton. FAILED 3:5, Councilors Syrett, Taylor and Brown in favor.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: PASSED 8:0.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to reappoint Sasha Luftig to Position 2 on the Sustainability Commission for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2017. PASSED 8:0.

MOTION: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to appoint Howard Saxion to Position 3 on the Sustainability Commission for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2017.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to substitute Mary Clayton. FAILED 3:5, Councilors Evans, Taylor and Brown in favor.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to substitute John Orbell. FAILED 3:5, Councilors Zelenka, Taylor and Brown in favor.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: PASSED 8:0.

MOTION: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to appoint Carolyn Stein to Position 4 on the Sustainability Commission for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2017.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to substitute John Orbell. FAILED 2:6, Councilors Taylor and Brown in favor.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION VOTE: PASSED 8:0.

Toxics Board

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to appoint Wendy Cecil to Position 1, a business representative on the Toxics Board, for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2016. PASSED 8:0.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to reappoint Christine Zeller-Powell to Position 4, an advocacy representative on the Toxics Board, for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2016. PASSED 8:0.

Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to appoint Theresa Brand to Position 1 on the Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee, an unexpired term ending June 30, 2014. PASSED 8:0.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to appoint Deveron Musgrave to Position 6 on the Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee for an unexpired term ending June 30, 2014. PASSED 8:0.

6. WORK SESSION: Civilian Review Board and Police Auditor Annual Report

Civilian Review Board (CRB) members Steven Buel-McIntire and Bernadette Conover shared highlights of the board's work. The Mayor and councilors thanked them for their hard work, diligence and the seriousness with which the CRB performs its duties.

Police Auditor Mark Gissiner presented a Power Point report covering statistical data, trends, survey results, complaint processing, types, frequency and classification of allegations, and overall complaints and commendations. Mr. Gissiner noted that he is seeing a higher level of trust within the police department and the community.

7. WORK SESSION: City Hall

Mayor Piercy announced that council would discuss City Hall at a later date when more information was available.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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