

MINUTES

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

**July 8, 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, convened the July 8, 2013, City Council work session.

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilors provided brief updates about the events and activities taking place in various boards, commissions and committees.

- Lane Council of Governments adopted its budget; things are going well.
- Human Rights Commission is considering code language to protect transgendered individuals.
- Kudos to the Eugene Track Club for sponsoring the Butte to Butte run.
- Peace Health downtown will be moving the Johnson Unit.
- Sustainability Commission is planning its work plan retreat; carbon pricing bill and internal climate planning efforts underway.

B. WORK SESSION and ACTION:

An Ordinance Concerning the Eugene Water & Electric Board Downtown Riverfront Property (City Files MA 12-1, RA 12-1, CA 12-4, Z 12-6 and WG 12-4)

Senior Planner Gabe Flock reviewed the EWEB Master Plan and its elements, including the policies, code amendments, form-based code components, zone change needs and Willamette Greenway Permit for all development on that site.

Council Discussion:

- City's investment in bringing project to fruition should be considered.
- Incentives for developer should be identified.
- The possible effects of eliminating the Riverfront Urban Renewal District should be examined.
- There are concerns about form-based code being too prescriptive.
- The Willamette Greenway and riverfront should remain in public hands.

MOTION: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to adopt Council Bill 5095, an ordinance concerning the EWEB Downtown Riverfront Property.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to postpone the vote to July 22, 2013. **FAILED** 4:5, councilors Clark, Poling, Pryor and Syrett opposed, Mayor broke the tie in opposition.

MAIN MOTION: PASSED 6:2, councilors Brown and Taylor opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michelle Mortensen

Michelle Mortensen
Deputy City Recorder

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7:30 p.m.**

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Her Honor, Mayor Piercy, opened the July 8, 2013, City Council meeting.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND READING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The Eugene Police Honor Guard presented the colors and led a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Officer in Command Steve Williams read the Declaration of Independence.

2. CEREMONIAL MATTERS:

- The Eugene Police Forensics Unit was recognized for its recent accreditation by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Director – Laboratory Accreditation Board.
- Councilor Evans read a proclamation acknowledging the League of United Latin-American Citizens' (LULAC) legacy of protecting the human rights of Latin-American citizens.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

4. PUBLIC FORUM

1. *Helen Liguori* – spoke about homelessness and tax incentives for developers.
2. *Jim Hale* - expressed concern about peak oil and supported the 5-cent-per-bag fee.
3. *Leonard Epstein* – expressed concern about the July 4th noise and fireworks dangers.
4. *Bruce Wald* – said the July 4th noise and explosions were traumatic for animals.
5. *Alley Valkyrie* – discussed homeless camping issues and neighborhood opposition.
6. *Sabra Marcroft* – expressed concerns moving the homeless off BLM's land.
7. *Wayne Martin* – asked council to honor the promises it made to help the homeless.
8. *Lynn Porter* - expressed concerns about homelessness and the need for more housing.
9. *Michael Carrigan* – voiced concern about homelessness and advocated the right to sleep.
10. *Rich Love* - asked the council to keep the bag fee in place.
11. *Art Bowman* - advocated being a sweat-free city and creating more living wage jobs.
12. *Allison Knight* – supported continued funding for Teen Court program.

13. *Max Diaz* - supported the Teen Court program, noting it changes lives.
14. *Nick Urhausen* – opposed plastic bag ban, and the paper bag fee.
15. *Wes Sweitzer* – supported the plastic bag ban and giving the program a chance to work.

5. ACTION: An Ordinance Suspending the Paper Bag Pass-through Charge During Reevaluation of the Fee

Concerns were raised about the fee's effect on retailers and on other resources. Some expressed a desire give the public adequate time to adjust to the bag ban and fee. Council will revisit this topic at a later date and discuss possible changes to the ordinance.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to adopt Council Bill 5094, an ordinance suspending the paper bag pass-through charge during reevaluation of the fee. **FAILED** 5:3, Councilors Poling, Taylor and Clark in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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