

MINUTES

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

July 8, 2013  
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, 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,

Michelle Mortensen,  
Deputy City Recorder