

MINUTES

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

July 10, 2013
12:00 PM

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

Councilors Absent: Greg Evans

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

A. WORK SESSION: Homeless Camping

Public Works Executive Director Kurt Corey introduced the topic and provided background from previous meetings.

Council discussion, questions, requests and concerns:

- Cost to City if code is changed to allow six vehicles in the car camping program.
- Cost to develop a network registry connecting campers to property owners who have space
- Pilot program between public/private agencies for developing temporary sites for overnight sleeping
- Impacts of homelessness on neighborhoods and residents
- Long-term funding for shelter, affordable housing and camping locations.
- Costs over time for clean-up, relocation, etc.
- Council work session on Community Development Block Grant funds for shelter.
- Creation of new problems by trying to solve existing ones.
- Temporary shelter a transitional goal –not funding a way of life for homeless people who choose to remain homeless.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to direct the City Manager to include in a proposed ordinance a provision removing the sunset on the ordinance authorizing Conestoga huts. **PASSED 7:0.**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to direct the City Manager to remove from the list of potential homeless camping any site located in a residential area or close to a school.

PASSED 7:0.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to direct the City Manager to bring back to council for approval a plan to create and operate a homeless temporary overnight camping resource network to match up those with appropriate space to those with need. **PASSED 5:2**, councilors Taylor and Brown opposed.

MOTION: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct the City Manager to bring back an ordinance that develops and establishes rules for a 90-day pilot overnight sleeping program or "Rest Stop" with the following elements:

- One site shall be recommended by the City Manager and approved by the Council at a city-owned site, religious institution, non-profit organization or business located in a commercial or industrial zone.
- The site shall allow no more than 15 people at the site in vehicles, tents campers, or trailers.
- City Manager shall develop a public-private partnership whereby the private partner shall provide for adequate garbage, toilets and supervision at the site at no cost to the City.
- Overnight camping at this site shall be allowed between 9 pm and 7 am.
- Each day the site shall be completely cleaned-up by 7 am and all personal property shall be removed so that the site does not become a 24-hour site.

A friendly amendment to add the following language was accepted:

1. The 90-day start of the program shall begin after things are fully up and running.
2. The agency that provides site supervision should work with surrounding and nearby neighbors (businesses or residences) to address any concerns.

VOTE: PASSED 6:1, Councilor Brown opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Mortensen,
Deputy City Recorder