

MINUTES

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

**July 17, 2013
12:00 p.m.**

Councilors Present: George Brown, Betty Taylor, George Poling, Mike Clark, Chris Pryor, Claire Syrett, Alan Zelenka (*via conference phone*)

Councilors Absent: Greg Evans

Council President George Poling opened the July 17, 2013, City Council work session and announced that Mayor Piercy and Councilor Evans were absent.

A. WORK SESSION: Safe Demolition

Building and Permit Services Division Manager Stuart Ramsing presented a PowerPoint highlighting the safety concerns associated with demolition such as dust, asbestos and the release of harmful airborne components of lead-based paint. He provided comparisons of other cities' demolition codes including Seattle, Portland, Cincinnati, Boulder, Baltimore, San Francisco, Springfield and Ashland.

The council responded favorably to staff's plan to have discussions with partnership agencies, such as LRAPA and Lane County Health and Human Services to identify gaps and discuss next steps.

MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to direct the City Manager to propose for Council approval, 8 to 12 Eugene residents, who are not employed by a public agency, to serve as an independent advisory group to the Council regarding potential lead-poisoning risks from demolition of commercial and public properties.

The members of the group shall represent diverse interests and perspectives, and no more than two members shall be employed by or have a financial interest in demolition or construction businesses. At least one member shall be from the medical profession, preferably with knowledge and experience related to lead-poisoning. The group shall elect a chair who will represent the group before City Council. The City Manager's Office shall provide administrative support to the advisory group.

The advisory group shall research the issues and call upon local and non-local agency staff and independent experts for advice and review. The advisory group shall submit a report to Council by January 15, 2014. The report shall include descriptions and assessments of the risk of public exposure to lead from demolition, contemporary “best practices” to prevent public exposure to lead from demolition and recommendations for actions the City can take to protect the public from lead poisoning as a result of demolitions. **VOTE: FAILED 6:1**, Councilor Brown in favor.

Planning and Development staff will work with LRAPA and Lane County Health and Human Services to identify gaps in the code and bring back a proposal to Council to address those concerns. The council also supported Councilor Brown’s request that he participate in these discussions.

B. WORK SESSION: An Ordinance Concerning Downtown and Mixed Use Development

Interim Planning Director Carolyn Burke and Senior Planner, Alyssa Hansen introduced this topic and provided additional detail about the rationale for the suggested code updates. Ms. Hansen reviewed each of the seven updates in this proposed amendment package, identified what effect the changes might have and provided examples of difficulties encountered by developers when they applied for permits.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to extend the meeting by five minutes. **VOTE: PASSED 6:1**, Councilor Clark opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Mortensen,
Deputy City Recorder