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

**September 11, 2013
12 p.m.**

Councilors Present: George Brown, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, Mike Clark, Claire Syrett, Greg Evans

Councilors Absent: Chris Pryor, George Poling

Mayor Piercy opened the September 11, 2013, City Council work session.

A. WORK SESSION: Riverfront Urban Renewal District

Urban Services Manager Denny Braud introduced the item and provided some history, financial information, planning elements, property acquisition, and construction and infrastructure needs to realize the identified goals.

The presentation touched on the Federal Courthouse, Riverfront Research Park, the Urban Renewal District itself, the EWEB property and its redevelopment plan, the Agripac Building and its relocation, downtown redevelopment and growth in general, creation of new jobs creation, “great streets” and the overall community vision of a healthy and vibrant downtown that connects to the river.

The Mayor and councilors shared opinions about how tax money is used, whether or not urban renewal districts are beneficial to the public, and whether this particular URD actually works. More study and discussion on this issue is needed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michelle Mortensen

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