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

September 9, 2013 5:30 p.m.

Councilors Present: George Brown, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, George Poling, Mike Clark,

Claire Syrett, Greg Evans

Councilors Absent: Chris Pryor

Mayor Piercy opened the September 9, 2013, City Council work session.

Police Chief Kerns provided an update on the investigation into the arrest of homeless campers under Ferry Street Bridge.

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Mayor and Councilors reported on events and meetings including Bethel Sunday Streets, First Friday Art Walk, Eugene Celebration parade, neighborhood park openings, Metropolitan Policy Committee meeting, West Eugene EmX public outreach, and Opportunity Village ribbon-cutting.

Councilor Clark requested information related to the South Willamette Street planning process: How many access points per block are there along S. Willamette Street and how does that compare with other areas?

B. WORK SESSION: Envision Eugene - Roadmap

Interim Planning Director Carolyn Burke introduced the item and reminded the council of the Envision Eugene process and what steps are necessary to realize its goals.

Next Steps:

- Address long-standing economic, social equity and environmental issues
- Protect existing neighborhoods
- Protect farm and forest lands
- Encourage compact development where we want it
- Focus growth in the downtown, along transit corridors and other commercial areas
- Build on existing work
- Be adaptable and flexible

Required actions and estimated timelines:

- Implement efficiency measures March 2014
- Adjust the UGB mid-2014
- Update or create plans and policies mid-2014

C. WORK SESSION: Community Investment Program Update

Senior Planner Robin Hostick and Urban Services Manager, Denny Broad led the staff presentation.

The council considered and discussed the financial, facilitative and regulatory tools available to the City, noting that investing in the community is necessary and important. Part of that investment should be in reinvigorating and supporting the existing work force to prepare it for emerging jobs.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Mortensen Deputy City Recorder