

MINUTES

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

September 9, 2013
7:30 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Chris Pryor

Mayor Piercy opened the September 9, 2013, City Council meeting.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Jill Davidson, supported repurposing Civic Stadium for local use.
2. Carlos Barrera, said that Civic Stadium could be a new economic engine.
3. Alena Vasquez, voiced concern about the homeless.
4. Charlene Toler, suggested that empty buildings be used as temporary shelters.
5. Oshiana Thieben, Sadie Wolfsen, requested a safe, sanitary place for homeless to sleep.
6. Tom Brandt, asked that Civic Stadium be maintained as a sports/learning center.
7. Duncan Rhodes, expressed concern about traffic safety and requested enforcement.
8. Bob Hart, asked that Civic Stadium be preserved as a historical building.
9. Lonnie McCulloch, supported saving Civic Stadium for sports and music.
10. Linda Nelkin, supported the four-lane option for Willamette Street redesign.
11. David Nelkin, supported the four-lane option for Willamette Street redesign.
12. Alley Valkyrie, supported the homeless and the SLEEPS initiative.
13. Adam Smith, supported a -sports focus with multiple uses for Civic Stadium.
14. Michael Adams, addressed homeless issues and requested help.
15. Dennis Casady, asked the City to purchase Civic Stadium with parks bond funds.
16. Conrad Barney, announced he was taking a stand for the homeless.
17. Peter Grotticelli, shared information about Spanish farming cooperatives.
18. Sandra Bodiford, David Bodiford, asked for help finding a place to sleep.
19. James Beason, said Eugene needs to help homeless people.
20. Sabra Marcroft, told of a homeless vet whose belongings were stolen.
21. Leslie Robnett, said Eugene needs to help homeless people.
22. Reagan Clark, supported homeless people and innovative assistance programs.
23. Rick Pettigrew, said he is an archeology enthusiast who wants to save Civic Stadium.
24. Dennis Hebert, asked council to consider his Civic Stadium questions.
25. Emily Semple, asked council help the homeless.

26. Scott Landfield, suggested trading City-owned land to 4-J for Civic Stadium.
27. Terra Williams, supported the homeless and providing legal places to sleep.
28. Plaedo Wellman, asked the council to be bold in fighting homelessness.
29. Malakai Bartow, said he wants people to be able to sleep; he's a homeless child.
30. Jersey Marcellus, said he is a homeless supporter asking for help with basic needs.
31. Angela Bartow, asked that people stop treating the homeless like trash.
32. Jean Stacey, said the time is now to make changes to help the homeless.
33. Donna Riddle, asked for sleeping to be legal and for garbage and toilets.
34. Tin Man, related ideas to help the homeless ideas and asked that sleeping be allowed.
35. Kimberly Gladen, said she was frustrated by harassing actions of some activists.
36. Lois Irene Brown, said the City's lack of action to help the homeless is unacceptable.
37. Jim Watson, supported saving Civic Stadium.
38. Damond Morris, supported saving Civic Stadium.
39. Jen Frenzer, suggested a proactive approach to helping the homeless.
40. Tracy Joscelyn, said she wants City Council to support the homeless.
41. Zinnia Morris, supported keeping Civic Stadium as a sports facility.
42. Juan Carlos Valle, urged the council to help the homeless and save Civic Stadium.
43. Scotty Perey, supported safe and secure places for homeless to sleep.
44. Sue Sierralupe, asked the council to restore water and bathrooms for Occupy Medical.
45. Joe Blakely, asked council to save historical Civic Stadium.
46. Sandi Mann, supported saving Save Civic Stadium.
47. Jana Thrift, asked the council to help the homeless population and help SLEEPS.
48. Jonathan Brandt, supported the City's acquisition of Civic Stadium.
49. Samuel Brandt, supported protecting Civic Stadium and City ownership.
50. Michael Gannon, said too much money is spent violating the rights of the homeless.

2. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilor Zelenka requested that Item 2C be pulled for discussion.

MOTION: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. **PASSED 7:0.**

Councilor Zelenka commented that OSU Extension Service is a great use of the Kaufman Center and he's excited to the Master Gardner Program have a new location .

VOTE ON ITEM 2C: PASSED 7:0.

3. **WORK SESSION:**

Update on Homeless Issues - Service Provider Panel

Terry McDonald of St. Vincent De Paul Society of Lane County, Susan Ban of Shelter Care and Dan Bryant, President of the Opportunity Village Board provided updates about the progress being made on several initiatives to help the homeless.

Council comments/questions:

- In response to questions about the locket program, Mr. McDonald explained that lockers are issued via a lottery system and are available for a 30-day period of time.
- There was general acknowledgement that both temporary, emergency, and low-income housing is needed and decisions must be made about the best way to allocated existing funds
- Effort should be directed to building partnerships with faith communities, neighborhoods, and social service organizations and helping people to plug in to existing resources.

Due to time constraints, the Community Development Block Grant Financing Options for Homeless Sheltering item will be discussed at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Mortensen
Deputy City Recorder