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

**October 16, 2013
12:00 p.m.**

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

Mayor Kitty Piercy opened the October 16, 2013, City Council work session.

A. Committee Reports and Items of Interest

The Mayor and councilors reported on events and meetings including recognition of Eugene as #8 on the top 100 places to live, LCOG budget in the black, ODOT presentations on financing for streets, LRAPA director's performance review, panel on homelessness, new members on the Sustainability Commission, Beltline redesign, neighborhood meetings, McKenzie Watershed Council retreat, new director search for Lane Workforce Partnership, new members on the Human Rights Commission, Bud Clarke Commons Homeless Shelter visit, upcoming FIT and Budget Committee meetings.

B. Work Session: Civic Stadium

City of Eugene Assistant City Manager Sarah Medary gave an update on Civic Stadium.

Council Discussion/Questions:

- Important to examine all options and involve the community.
- City can't afford to maintain, renovate or buy the property; risk further alienating voters.
- City needs to look into grants to preserve the historic property.
- City needs to submit an offer to purchase property with park bonds.
- Tremendous desire and will within the city to preserve the facility as a sports venue.
- Saving Civic Stadium relates to Envision Eugene pillar #5.
- Difficult to support purchase when future fundraising, ownership, use questions are still unknown.
- Consider a bond measure to finance purchase.
- Continue working with, not against, the YMCA and its plans to expand.
- Don't interfere with 4J, either we do the RFP or we don't.
- It's a low risk strategy.

- Consider option of a land trade with 4J.
- Biggest risk is losing an irreplaceable community asset.
- The Civic Stadium site is a prime piece of land whose value will only go up over time.
- Property should be tested for possible contamination.

MOTION: Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved for the City Manager to bring back a plan to submit a bid in the 4J process to acquire the Civic Stadium property with Park Bond funds, and a process to determine how, after acquisition, we might, with community participation and support, renovate the stadium and property for use as a regional sports park and community sports facility with broad public access at minimal cost to the City.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to table the item. **PASSED** 5:3, councilors Evans, Poling, and Pryor opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder