

MINUTES

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

November 13, 2013
12:00 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Betty Taylor

Mayor Piercy opened the November 13, 2013, City Council work session.

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Mayor and councilors reported on various committees and meetings including Lane Metro Partnership, Metropolitan Waste Water Commission, Lane Regional Air Protection Agency, Lane Transit District/West Eugene EmX Steering Committee, and the Housing Policy Board.

B. WORK SESSION: Update on Ordinance 20498 - Encouraging the Use of Reusable Bags by Banning Single-Use Plastic Bags

Zero Waste Community Outreach Analyst Stephanie Scafa gave a presentation and reviewed the results of surveys done to gauge the effectiveness of the ordinance encouraging the use of reusable bags by banning single-use plastic bags.

Council Discussion:

- Determine what the City's role is in legislating behavior.
- Survey results are skewed; northeast Eugene areas not represented.
- Explore the use of incentives for customers who bring their own bags.
- Examine whether bag fee cap should be implemented.
- Ordinance is working; no reason to change at this time.
- Continue efforts to educate residents about why the charge for paper bags was included in the ordinance.

C. **WORK SESSION:**
Human Rights Code/Transgender Amendments

Neighborhood Services Manager Michael Kinnison explained that this item was to update the Eugene City Code to align with State Code definitions of gender identity.

Councilors expressed general support for the proposed code amendments.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to hold a public hearing on the topic of updating the Eugene City Code to bring the local code into alignment with State law related to gender identity. **PASSED:** 7:0.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Mortensen
Deputy City Recorder