MINUTES

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

February 24, 2014 7:30 p.m.

Councilors Present: George Brown, Betty Taylor, George Poling, Mike Clark, Chris Pryor, Claire

Syrett, Greg Evans

Councilors Absent: Alan Zelenka

Mayor Piercy opened the February 24, 2014, City Council meeting.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

- 1. Gordon Levitt, supported the Climate Recovery Ordinance presented by Our Children's Trust.
- 2. Meg Ward, supported the proposed Climate Recovery Ordinance.
- 3. Julia Olson, supported the Climate Recovery Ordinance and environmental protection.
- 4. Deb Frisch, said she is unhappy about the City's purchase of Civic Stadium.
- 5. Sue Sierralupé, provided an update from Occupy Medical, noting a shortage of doctors.
- 6. Jerry Smith, urged more shelter and more mental health care for homeless people.
- 7. Michael Carrigan, thanked the City for its work on Whoville and relocation attempts.
- 8. Azra Khalidi, requested three traffic lights: one downtown and two in South Eugene.
- 9. Bob Brown, said the City should support both wet and dry rest stop options.
- 10. Brenda Brainard, said illegal fireworks are dangerous; supported enforcement and outreach.
- 11. Kelsey Moore, said she wants a safe Willamette Street with options for all modes and ages.
- 12. Mark Robinowitz, said climate and environmental issues need attention.
- 13. David Nelkin, submitted Willamette Street crash statistics; supported current design. 14. Katherine Lavine, said Willamette Street needs to be safer for all modes.
- 15. Carol Seaton, supported emergency access to all apartments/houses for 1st responders.
- 16. Jean Stacey, said homeless shelters are lacking, Eugene is worst of U.S. cities its size.
- 17. Marina Hajek, advocated for Willamette Street option #3 with bike lanes.
- 18. Lisa Arkin, advocated for pesticide-free parks for healthier mothers and children.
- 19. Carla Hervelt, urged the council to approve the resolution for pesticide-free parks.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt the Consent Calendar. **PASSED 7:0.**

3. ACTION: An Ordinance Extending the Sunset Date of the Permitted Overnight Sleeping ("Rest Stop") Pilot Program Adopted by Ordinance No. 20517

Council discussion included:

1. Identify options and alternatives to rest stops prior to October 1 sunset date.

- 2. Identify benchmarks City will use to evaluate efficacy of the program, including public health and public safety.
- 3. Clarify the number of people using the rest stops.
- 4. Clarify Council goals regarding homelessness and shelters as starting point for future improvements.
- 5. Partner with the County and Human Services Commission to address the array of homelessness issues, including mental health, addiction, loss of income and medical needs.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt Council Bill 5109 extending the sunset date of Ordinance No. 20517 to October 1, 2014. **PASSED 7:0.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest City Recorder