

MINUTES

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

April 28, 2014
5:30 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Alan Zelenka

Mayor Piercy called the April 28, 2014, City Council work session to order.

A. Work Session: City and County Partnership

Planning and Development Director Sarah Medary, and Acting Lane County Administrator Alicia Hays, gave a PowerPoint presentation on a proposed property exchange involving the County-owned Butterfly Lot and a portion of the City-owned City Hall site.

Council discussion

- Eagerness conveyed to address much-needed improvements to Farmers' Market.
- Interest expressed in maintaining ownership of City Hall block.
- Concerns expressed about parking for those who use the City Hall and the Butterfly lots.
- Support conveyed for City and County working together on partnerships.
- Further investigation on processes and cost needed.
- Support for public hearing on the issue expressed.
- Further study of feasible for the future needed.

MOTION: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct the City Manager to work with the County to develop a proposed process, timeline and deal points that (a) would enable the preservation and future development of the Lane County Farmers' Market on the Butterfly Lot and (b) would identify property for the future courthouse development on the City Hall lot, with the first step in that process being a joint public hearing before the County Board and City Council on the concept.

AMENDED MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to amend the motion starting at (b) would identify and secure property for the future courthouse development on any City property other than the City Hall lot.

FAILED 2:5, Councilors Brown and Taylor in favor.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: PASSED 6:2, Councilors Brown and Taylor opposed.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

Mayor Piercy and councilors reported on the following

- Mayor's One-On-One on April 30 at 5:00 p.m.
- LCOG finances improving significantly; LTD considered as a possible voting member.
- Groundbreaking for Veterans Hospital well-attended.
- Human Services Commission has created a Poverty and Homeless Board.
- First Friday Art Walk coming May 2.
- First Veterans of Foreign War Council commissioned at the University of Oregon.

The work session adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder

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7:30 p.m.**

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

Councilors Absent: Alan Zelenka

Mayor Piercy opened the April 28, 2014, City Council meeting.

1. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Piercy read a proclamation recognizing “International Jazz Day and Jazz Appreciation Month”.

PUBLIC FORUM

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1. Ronald Zauner, supported no bike lanes on South Willamette.
 2. Sarah Hucka, was happy with discussion over Butterfly lot and Farmers’ Market.
 3. Beth Little, supported the Butterfly lot being used for Famers’ Market.
 4. George McGuinness, wanted computer simulation done for South Willamette.
 5. Susan Tavakolian, supported keeping Bethel and Sheldon branch libraries open.
 6. Dennis Barr, supported the sick leave ordinance.
 7. Laura Illig, supported the sick leave ordinance.
 8. Megan Gleason, supported the proposed climate recovery ordinance.
 9. Adrian Engstrom, supported the climate recovery ordinance.
 10. Lorene Hunt, recommended an Earth policy for City.
 11. Nicholas Sanchez, supported the climate recovery ordinance.
 12. Jennifer Frenzer-Knowlton, said closure of Whoville was deceptive.
 13. Tracy Joscelyn, supported Whoville.
 14. Joel Pomerantz, said hospitality industry will be hit hard if sick leave ordinance passes
 15. Justin Walker, said mandatory sick leave will be abused; needs to go to public vote.
 16. Lee Mercer, surveyed 200 businesses in Eugene and 56% support paid sick leave.
 17. Claire Seguin, said council should reconsider allocation of CDBG funds.
 18. Debra McGee, said climate change needs a collective answer to a collective problem.
 19. Mark Robinowitz, was not happy about potential Whole Foods in downtown Eugene.
 20. Barbara Prentice, supported sick leave ordinance; Whoville.
 21. David Nelkin, supported four lanes on South Willamette.
 22. Jean Stacey, presented a story about homelessness.
 23. Sharon Posner, supported keeping Bethel and Sheldon libraries open; add to ballet.
 24. Zach Mulholland, said divestment isn’t enough; supported climate recovery ordinance.
 25. Michael Adams, supported homeless advocates working with City to find solutions.
 26. Sarai Johnson, supported reconsideration of allocations of CDBG funds.

27. John Barofsky, discussed the importance of CDBG funds.
28. Gavin McComas, did not support alley vacation; Whole Foods is not needed.
29. Brother Charley Ofs, did not support criminalization of homelessness.
30. Matthew Yook, supported climate recovery ordinance; we should be national leaders.
31. Art Bollman, was not happy with the City's actions towards the homeless.

Councilor Taylor requested more information about a computer simulation on South Willamette.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

4. ACTION: Reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant Funds to the Emergency and Minor Home Repair Program

Council discussion

- Interest expressed in looking at Utah model.
- Concerns expressed about giving up microeconomic funds.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, move to approve the reprogramming of \$150,000 in CDBG funds from the Microenterprise Development & Housing Acquisition projects to the Emergency and Minor Home Repair program. **PASSED 7:0.**

5. ACTION: Approval of 2014/15 Funding Allocations for Federal Community Development Block Grant and HOME Programs

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, move to approve the One-Year Action Plan for use of Federal CDBG and HOME funds in FY 2014/15. **PASSED 7:0.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder