

## MINUTES

**Eugene City Council  
Harris Hall, 125 East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**May 12, 2014  
5:30 p.m.**

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

Mayor Piercy called the May 12, 2014, City Council work session to order.

**A. EXECUTIVE SESSION (pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e))**

The City Council met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e). The council returned to public session.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct the City Manager to seek to purchase the Beverly property subject to the limitations discussed in executive session. **PASSED 8:0**

**B. ACTION: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Mill Alley, Located between East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and East Broadway, and a Portion of East 8<sup>th</sup> Alley, Located between High Street and Mill Alley (VRI 14-1)**

Planning and Development planner Becky Taylor gave background information, information on public testimony received and findings that show the ordinance is in the public interest.

Mayor Piercy, councilors Brown and Clark declared potential conflicts of interest or ex parte contacts.

Council Discussion:

- Parking garage would be needed to accommodate proposed development.
- Proposal does not offer public benefit.
- Proposed development will take money away from local businesses.
- Proposal is the public interest; pits filled downtown, lots being developed to help City thrive.
- Lot can develop without alley vacation.

**MOTION and VOTE:** Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt Council Bill 5112, an ordinance vacating the portion of Mill Alley, located between East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and East Broadway, and the portion of East 8<sup>th</sup> Alley, located between High Street and Mill Alley, and retaining a public utility easement over Mill Alley, and providing for an effective date. **PASSED 6:2**, Councilors Brown and Taylor opposed.

**C. ACTION: Council Approval of Budget Committee Recommendation on Potential Library Levy Committee**

**MOTION and VOTE:** Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to accept the Budget Committee's recommendation regarding a possible library operating levy and ask the City Manager to gather the information necessary to inform the council about the possible amounts, timelines, uses and levy options for building a stable operating budget for both the downtown library and the two branch libraries. **PASSED 8:0**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett  
Deputy City Recorder

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**7:30 p.m.**

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Mayor Piercy opened the May 12, 2014, City Council meeting.

### **1. CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

The University of Oregon Men's and Women's Indoor Track Team were honored for winning the 2014 Indoor Track National Championships.

### **2. PUBLIC FORUM**

1. Steve Johnson, expressed concerns with increased fees by LRCS to use City pools.
2. Lynda Christiansen, said swim club can't afford new rental fees to use City pools.
3. Gordon Levitt, supported the Climate Recovery Ordinance and wants council to act.
4. Brian Cramer, said homeless camp should not be allowed near BMX track.
5. George Rode, voiced concern about the timeline for the sick leave ordinance.
6. Jean Stacey, said the City has failed to provide leadership and integrity on homeless issue.
7. Patty Hine, supported the climate recovery ordinance.
8. Lorene Hunt, supported a policy limiting City vehicle idling times.
9. Ralph Parshall, said he does not support sick leave ordinance; should be up to business.
10. Julia Olson, supported the Climate Recovery Ordinance and climate action.
11. Mike Go-wins, said the City won't have enough time to enforce a sick leave ordinance.
12. Sarah Pishioneri, said the City needs to take climate change action.
13. Larry "Go Ducks" Newby, said the sick leave ordinance is too aggressive.
14. Elizabeth Brown, said strong government action on climate change is needed.
15. Cooper Brinson, supported the Climate Recovery Ordinance.
16. Alice Stroud, said climate change is the most important issue facing the city.
17. Nicholas Sanchez, supported the Climate Recovery Ordinance.
18. Anne Haugaard, was thankful the City values natural resources.
19. Kyra Gunther, noted the urgency of climate change action.
20. Karen McCombe, encouraged strong leadership on climate change.
21. Andrew Bednarek, said he is not happy about how fast sick leave ordinance is moving.
22. Jennifer Gordon, supported the Climate Recovery Ordinance.
23. Melissa Turenne, said binding commitments are needed to meet goals of climate change.
24. Benjamin Mew, supported the Climate Recovery Ordinance.
25. Megan Gleason, supported the Climate Recovery Ordinance and leadership of council.
26. Zach Mulholland, said global warming is no longer a future threat; action needed now.
27. Erik de Buhr, reported issues with Conestoga hut in alley; asked council to review.
28. Dino Deschaine, said BMX track is not an appropriate area for homeless camp.
29. Nicholas Fox, supported Climate Recovery Ordinance; concerned about global warming.

30. Jerry Smith, said regular advocacy from the City on climate issues needed.
31. Drix, said that tie dye should be the official color of the City.
32. Jayden Mialkovski, supported the sport of BMX.
33. Ryder Mialkovski, said he does not support a homeless camp at the BMX track.
34. Richie Weinman, Human Rights Commission, supported the sick leave ordinance.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. **PASSED 8:0.**

### 4. WORK SESSION: Fireworks

Fire Marshal Al Gerard and Police Lieutenant Sean McGann gave background information on the proposed changes to the social hot ordinance; limited use days; and education and enforcement budgets related to fireworks.

#### Council discussion

- Utilize media free campaigns for education.
- Provide detailed information on rules at places that sell fireworks.
- Enforcement is the biggest issue.
- Suggest creating an app to track.
- Support a five- day usage period but not a total fireworks ban.
- Work to create behavioral changes.
- Concern limiting the usage days will harm local organizations who sell for fundraising.
- Provide zones in which residents use fireworks.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct the City Manager to schedule a public hearing on an ordinance to amend Eugene Code section 4.670 to include unlawful use of fireworks as part of the list of offenses that may trigger social host liability, as shown in Attachment C. **PASSED 8:0**

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct the City Manager to schedule a public hearing on an ordinance to limit the use of fireworks to January 1, July 3, 4, and 5 and December 31, as shown in Attachment D. **PASSED 6:2** Councilors Poling and Clark opposed.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to identify options to provide additional funding for public education and enforcement concerning unlawful use of fireworks, in the amount shown in the table on page 2 of the Agenda Item Summary. **PASSED 8:0**

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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