

MINUTES

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

September 8, 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 September 8, 2014, City Council work session to order.

MOTION: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved that Council reaffirm its January 23, 2013, motion directing the City Manager to “pursue a City Hall design, on the current site with the goal of retaining the Council Chamber, existing parking (to the extent possible) and public art as well as any other components that make sense from an operational or design standpoint.”

Council discussion:

- Demolition plans come as a surprise
- Council and staff may have a different interpretation of the intent of the motion.

MOTION TO AMEND: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to halt demolition until an additional work session can be scheduled to go over sequencing details.

MOTION to TABLE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to table the motion until Councilor Evans joined the meeting. **PASSED 5:2**, Councilors Poling and Pryor in opposition; Councilor Evans absent.

A. WORK SESSION: Green Alleys

City Engineer Mark Schoening gave a PowerPoint presentation to explain the green alley concept and illustrate the work being done in Eugene.

Council discussion:

- General support expressed for the green alley concept.
- Unimproved alleys are hazardous and attract nuisance activity.

MOTION to UNTABLE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to take from the table the previous motion and address it. **PASSED 8:0**

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND: PASSED 6:2, Councilors Poling and Pryor in opposition.

Council Discussion:

- Another work session is needed to clarify direction to City Manager.
- There will be costs associated with pausing the deconstruction work.
- A request was made for access to the documentation of the Rowell Brokaw team.
- A request was made for a history of the council motions related to City Hall.
- Concerns were expressed about rehashing decisions that were made in good faith.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION as AMENDED: PASSED 6:2, Councilors Poling and Pryor opposed.

The work session adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chuck Crockett

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder

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7:30 p.m.**

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Mayor Piercy opened the September 8, 2014, City Council meeting.

1. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

- Recognition of Eugene Police Officer Aaron Johns
- Mayoral Proclamation recognizing the Eugene Springfield Fire Department

2. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Bob Cassidy – spoke against the demolition of City Hall and requested a public hearing.
2. Karl Eysenbach – supported allowing temporary camping for homeless for winter.
3. John Brown – said the conditions of rivers are worse than ever; need help with clean-up.
4. Valerie Morris – supports events in Eugene for Peoples Climate March.
5. Sue Sierralupé – supported opening another rest stop before winter.
6. Tracy Joscelyn – encouraged the City to keep working towards solutions for unhoused.
7. Cathy Feely-Evans – expressed frustration that Whiteaker's needs aren't being met.
8. Eric Hall – spoke against the demolition of City Hall.
9. Otto Poticha – said that all of Council's goals are achievable by remodeling City Hall.
10. David Mandelblatt – spoke against the demolition of City Hall and criticized the process.
11. Ray Wiley – spoke against the demolition of City Hall.
12. Jerry Diethelm – supported remodeling City Hall rather than building new.
13. Ward Beck – spoke against the demolition of City Hall.
14. Jayme Vasconcellos – spoke against the demolition of City Hall.
15. Don Bishoff – spoke against the demolition of City Hall.
16. Ruth Duemler – asked for a City response to the closure of a Sheltercare facility.
17. Leslie Beck – spoke against the demolition of City Hall.
18. Marston Morgan – spoke against the demolition of City Hall.
19. Jonathan Stafford – spoke against the demolition of City Hall.
20. Dennis Casady – spoke against the demolition of City Hall.
21. Jennifer Hoover – asked the council to pause on placing a rest stop on Railroad Boulevard.
22. Donald Driscoll – spoke against the demolition of City Hall.
23. Tom Brandt – spoke against the demolition of City Hall.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar.

Councilor Brown requested that Item 3E be pulled.

VOTE: PASSED 8:0.

VOTE on ITEM 3E: PASSED 8:0.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Library is offering every child one free book a month until they turn five.
- LTD won a national award for its service.
- The new intergovernmental Poverty and Homeless Board had its first meeting.
- Police Commission is recruiting to fill a vacancy; its recent focus has been on emerging technologies.
- Lane Metro Partnership will have its last meeting on September 11. That group is being restructured under a new name.
- EmX Steering Committee is determining its future direction and outreach efforts.
- Metropolitan Policy Committee is discussing scenario planning.
- Regional Transportation Options Plan is now available.
- Lane Workforce Partnership is in the process of reorganizing.
- Human Rights Commission held its retreat in August.
- Housing Policy Board is reviewing new rules by HUD and determining what the effects are.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chuck Crockett

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