

## MINUTES

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

**September 10, 2014  
12:00p.m.**

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

Mayor Piercy opened the September 10, 2014, City Council work session.

**A. WORK SESSION: Opportunity Village Eugene Pilot Project**

Community Programs Analyst Michael Wisth gave a PowerPoint presentation on Opportunity Village Eugene and provided an overview of the program, its goals, and current status.

Council discussion:

- The model is working well; its success is impressive.
- City should work with its intergovernmental partners to expand the project.
- This project has helped create a framework for non-profits.
- The facility is a major stepping stone towards self-sufficiency.
- Other governmental partners need to help and engage in homelessness initiatives.
- Clarification of Opportunity Village Eugene mission statement is needed.
- City needs to reframe the issue; have more say in how funding is spent by HSC.
- City needs to provide more transitional housing; more single-room occupancy.
- Request made for information on how much the City has spent on OVE to-date.

**MOTION:** Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to authorize the City Manager to extend the City's existing operating agreement with Opportunity Village Eugene to October 1, 2015.

**MOTION TO AMEND and VOTE:** Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to change the date to change the date to June 1, 2016. **PASSED: 8:0.**

**VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: PASSED 8:0.**

**B. WORK SESSION: Regional Economic Prosperity Update**

Community Development Manager Denny Braud provided an update on the "Big Look" approach to regional economic development.

Council Discussion:

- Relationships with partners need to be strong for City to be successful.
- Need to avoid sending mixed messages; send coherent message to outside.
- More Eugene-centric focus on economic development and sustaining local business needed.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. **PASSED: 8:0**

- Having adequate parks, recreation, and schools are key to attracting good jobs.
- Need an economic base that will be sustainable in the long-term.
- Need to become more attractive to potential business; have an adequate inventory of buildable land.

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett  
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