

MINUTES

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

**September 24, 2014
12:00 p.m.**

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

Mayor Piercy opened the September 24, 2014, City Council work session.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to change the first question to the end. **FAILED 2:5**, Councilors Taylor and Clark in support; Council Evans absent.

Council discussion:

- This is not a subject to debate until a time we have a decision if we are to remodel

A. WORK SESSION: City Hall

City Manager Jon Ruiz and Rowell Brokaw design team gave an update on the costs not accounted for in the 2011 Turner estimate and phase 1 conceptual construction cost comparison.

Council discussion:

- Escalation of costs would affect both build-new and renovate options.
- Format is difficult to follow; more time is needed to consider the data.
- Haven't considered what the loss of parking will cost.
- Council already voted to reject EWEB site.

QUESTION AND VOTE: Should the future city hall remain of the current site?

YES VOTE: 7:1, Councilor Clark opposed.

Council discussion:

- It will cost the City less money over time to build new and operate/maintain.
- Direction given numerous times to stay on current site.
- It is a disservice to community to have no plan for financing phase 2.

QUESTION: Should the future city hall be new construction or should the existing city hall be renovated?

MOTION TO TABLE AND VOTE: Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to table the question. **FAILED 2:6**, Councilors Brown and Taylor in support.

VOTE: 6 new; 2 renovate, Councilors Brown and Taylor in favor of renovation.

Council discussion:

- Too early to vote; more in-depth information on phase 2 needed.
- New city hall is right for functionality, accessibility/community, sustainability, and cost.
- Civic involvement on this issue has been robust.
- Both options are feasible; decision less about cost and more about values.
- Design team has been professional, thorough and transparent.
- Seismic upgrades would significantly change the appearance of City Hall.
- Support for scheduling future work session on financing phase 2.

QUESTION AND VOTE: With the possible exception of demolishing the Council Chamber, should the current City Hall be demolished?

YES VOTE 5:3, Councilors Brown, Taylor, and Clark opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to extend the meeting 10 minutes. **PASSED 7:2**, Councilor Zelenka and Poling opposed.

QUESTION AND VOTE: Should the new City Hall phase 1 be constructed on only one-half on the current city hall site? **YES VOTE 6:2**, Councilors Brown and Taylor opposed.

QUESTION: Should the existing Council Chamber be relocated on the City Hall block and mothballed either for part of phase 2 or for some other purpose?

Council discussion:

- Important preserve some semblance of our history.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to adjourn the meeting. **PASSED 8:0**.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder