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

October 20, 2014
6:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Piercy called the October 20, 2014, City Council work session to order.

A. WORK SESSION: Eugene Water & Electric Board Riverfront Redevelopment Project Update

Community Development Manager Denny Braud and Senior Planner Nan Laurence gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Riverfront Redevelopment Project, discussing what has been accomplished, current status, opportunities and challenges, and key next steps.

Council discussion:

- Area is becoming known as the “River District.”
- Daylighting of the Mill Race may enhance the development area.
- Proposed plan is a long time in the making; many good tools available to help facilitate its completion.
- Important to provide opportunities to access the river.
- Good platform for public/private partnerships to transition historical buildings to commercial use.
- Opportune time for City/County to think about what the community needs.

The work session adjourned at 6:38p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chuck Crockett

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Deputy City Recorder

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7:30 p.m.

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Mayor Piercy opened the October 20, 2014, City Council meeting.

1. Public Comment on Potential Removal of Traffic Island at Crest Drive and Lincoln Street

1. David Kolb – said most Crest Drive residents favor removal of the island.
2. David Sonnichsen – spoke in favor of a speed table if the island is removed.
3. Diane Thurlow – spoke in favor of removing the island as it is dangerous for drivers.

Council discussion:

- Street design is attractive but original staff recommendations might have resulted in fewer problems.

2. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Concerning Establishment of a Tax on Marijuana and Adding Sections 3.630 through 3.646 to the Eugene Code, 1971.

1. Marianne Cathryn Glenday – spoke in favor of a tax; concerned about the measure.
2. Chief Rodney Lee Swiftfoot – supported the tax; would include education.
3. Summer Manier – asked City to invest 20% in Lane Community College if tax passes.
4. Misha Seymour – spoke against the proposed tax.
5. Scott Compton – asked the City to invest 20% of the tax in Lane Community College.
6. David Raymond – said tax money will go to education, health care, and public safety.

Council discussion:

- Proposed tax will create additional expenses for the City.
- OLCC will have oversight and has the infrastructure in place to enforce.
- Money from a state tax will go towards education.
- Proposed tax sets a bad precedent for targeting specific businesses.
- Legitimate and useful revenue will be generated at the State level.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to pursue a work session and to continue to work on the topic. **FAILED 2:6**, Councilors Poling and Evans in support.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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