

MINUTES

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

October 27, 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 October 27, 2014, City Council work session to order.

A. WORK SESSION: City Hall Project

Design/Construction Manager Mike Penwell and the Rowell-Brokaw team showed a PowerPoint presentation giving background on the 4th floor option, underground parking, and council chambers.

Council discussion:

- Council shouldn't allocate more money to the project before next year's budget implications are known.
- More opportunity for public involvement needed in light of new plans.
- Additional expense for adding 4th floor is a new cost, not a cost overrun.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct the City Manager to proceed with City Hall 4th floor expansion for \$2.85 million dollars utilizing the identified funding plan. **PASSED 6:2**, Councilors Brown and Clark opposed.

Council discussion:

- Overall plan for phase 2 needed before decisions about adding costs can be made.
- More information about rental costs/leased space needed.
- Deal made with the public not to spend more than \$15 million.
- Proposal to pay for 4th floor by reducing reserves will not impact service delivery.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct the City Manager to proceed with construction of underground parking for \$1.4 million dollars located beneath the new city hall utilizing the identified funding plan. **FAILED 1:7**, Councilor Taylor in favor.

MOTION: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct the City Manager to disassemble and retain welded steel structure for three years to provide for reassembly at a later time at an estimated cost for disassembly and retention in storage for three years for \$42,000.

Council discussion:

- More prudent to take it down, recycle and sell the steel; once context has been removed there is no reason to save.
- Improbable that anyone will come forward over next three years with creative idea to reuse.

MOTION TO AMEND AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to substitute for item 2B (demolish the existing council chamber and salvage and reuse as much as possible). **PASSED 7:1**, Councilor Taylor opposed.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: PASSED 8:0

The work session adjourned at 6:56 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 October 27, 2014, City Council meeting.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Ward Beck – Stop demolition of City Hall; use for the homeless this winter.
2. Sam Hahn – Livability issues in Whiteaker, parking issues are a safety issue.
3. Marjory Ramey – Supports Bascom Village Low Income Rental Property Tax Exemption.
4. Kimberly Gladen – Would like to see LTD station downtown a non-smoking zone.
5. Sue Sierralupé – Homeless are in a state of emergency; more rest stops are needed.

Council discussion:

- Maintaining cultural character of the Whiteaker neighborhood is important.
- Request for update on Wayne Morse Plaza.
- Discussion about pedestrian safety city-wide is needed.
- Can a portion of City Hall site be used for shelter this winter?

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Item C pulled by Mayor Piercy at the request of Councilor Zelenka.

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

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to approve a resolution annexing land to the City of Eugene (Dreyer, Cynthia and Thomas – A14-6). **PASSED 8:0**

3. ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Public Contracts; Amending Sections 2.1400, 2.1405, 2.1410, 2.1415, 2.1420, 2.1425, 2.1430, and 2.1445 of the Eugene Code, 1971; Repealing Sections 2.1435, 2.1440 and 2.1450 of that Code; and Adding Section 2.1451 to that Code

MOTION: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt Council Bill 5128, an ordinance concerning public contracts. **PASSED 8:0.**

4. ACTION: A Resolution Approving A Low-Income Rental Housing Property Tax Exemption for the Property Located at 2410 Park View Drive and 3060-3090 Matt Drive, Eugene, Oregon (St. Vincent De Paul Society of Lane County, Inc./Applicant)

MOTION: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt Resolution 5121, approving a 20-year low-income rental housing property tax exemption for the property located at 2410-2466 Park View Drive and 3060-3090 Matt Drive, Eugene, Oregon (Assessor's Property Account Number 1862455). **Passed 7:1**, Councilor Clark opposed.

Council discussion:

- This project is in the wrong place and is inappropriate for this area.
- Would we need to change policy for infrastructure/housing development?
- Don't see any reason to prevent project from moving forward.
- Need to solve how to deal with impacts to multi-family developments.
- Quality of housing being built is generally supported by immediate neighbors.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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