

MINUTES

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

**November 19, 2014
12:00 p.m.**

Councilors Present: George Brown, Alan Zelenka, George Poling, Mike Clark, Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor

Councilors Absent: Betty Taylor, Greg Evans

Councilor Pryor opened the November 19, 2014, City Council work session and noted that Mayor Piercy was attending a housing policy conference.

A. WORK SESSION and ACTION: Judicial Evaluation/Presiding Judge Reappointment

Judge Wayne Allen gave a brief overview of his work at Municipal Court and his goals for the future.

Council discussion:

- Commendable on commitment to the job, city, and youth of the community.
- Grateful Judge Allen is willing to continue to serve.
- Look for ways to increase budget to assist with initiatives like mental health programs.
- Recommend more regular and frequent updates on Municipal Court activity.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to reappoint Wayne Allen as Presiding judge. **PASSED 6:0.**

B. ACTION: Adoption of an Ordinance Suspending Multi-Unit Property Tax Exemption (MUPTE) Program

MOTION: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to adopt Council Bill 5133, an ordinance included as Attachment A to extend the program suspension to February 28, 2015.

MOTION TO AMEND AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to take no action and let the suspension expire December 1, 2014. **FAILED 1:5**, Councilor Poling in favor.

Council discussion:

- Good reason to extend because council has completed revision process yet.
- Having to rush this is improper; projects have been built without MUPTE.
- Specific area development won't happen without help use of MUPTE incentive.
- Extend program suspension but maintain goal to complete revisions by December.
- Consider adding maintenance fund requirement.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: PASSED 5:1, Councilor Poling opposed.

C. WORK SESSION: Public Passenger Vehicles

Community Outreach Coordinator Laura Hammond, Code Compliance Supervisor Rachelle Nicholas, and Planning and Development Executive Director Sarah Medary gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining public passenger vehicle regulations in Eugene; new technologies and models; proposed code changes; and possible next steps.

Council discussion:

- This ordinance change makes sense; need to iron out details first.
- In favor of moving to a public hearing.
- Support bringing code up-to-date to accommodate use of new technologies.
- Shouldn't create free for all and put customers at risk; current code protects the public.
- Need more teeth in the administrative rules to deal with noncompliant companies.
- Role of the council is not to block innovation and initiatives, but public safety is paramount.
- Council's role is to ensure a level playing field; action on this issue needed quickly.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to direct the City Manager to schedule a public hearing on an ordinance to modify the code as described in Attachment A. **PASSED 6:0**

The meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder