

MINUTES

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

**February 11, 2015
12:00 p.m.**

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

Councilor Syrett opened the February 11, 2015, City Council work session and noted that Mayor Piercy was out of town on official business.

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Eugene City Council met in Executive Session to negotiate real property transactions. The Executive Session was held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(e).

B. WORK SESSION: Parks and Open Space Operations and Maintenance Funding Options

Parks and Open Space Division Manager Craig Carnagey discussed potential funding options for Parks and Open Space operations and maintenance.

Council discussion:

- Pursuit of a local option levy is preferred to implementation of a user fee.
- Continue to pursue private donations and endowment funds.
- No action should be taken before budget meetings for FY16 budget have concluded.
- A public hearing on any proposal is needed; council decision may follow once public input is received.
- Special districts would need to show benefit for entire City, not just specific area.
- Stormwater fee may be effective for the short-term; but a long-term solution is still needed.
- Consider public/private partnerships and leasing agreements as options.
- More detailed information on Stormwater fee process requested.
- Need to create a list of parks or services and communicate clearly and widely on any proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chuck Crockett

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder