

MINUTES

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

May 20, 2015
12:00 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Chris Pryor

Mayor Piercy opened the May 20, 2015, City Council work session.

A. WORK SESSION: City and Lane Regional Air Protection Agency Partnership

Assistant City Manager Sarah Medary gave an update on new safe demolition practices. LRAPA Director Merlyn Hough showed a PowerPoint presentation outlining the history of LRAPA, its vision, mission, and goals, and data generated from its monitoring work.

Council discussion:

- The safe demolition document is thorough and useful.
- Accountability issues remain.
- Main goal of agency is the protection of citizens' health.

B. WORK SESSION: Healthy Downtown and Public Smoking

Assistant City Manager Sarah Medary and Library, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Renee Grube showed a PowerPoint presentation discussing the background of the healthy downtown and public smoking project, what was learned, considerations and options, and next steps.

Council discussion:

- There is a significant difference between indoor and outdoor smoking; public health vs behavioral issue.
- Need to find alternative way to enforce other than relying on police personnel.
- Smoking is still a legal activity; civil liberties issues are compelling.
- City should be a steward of public health and protect the public with ordinances.
- Other types of smoking, such as smokeless tobacco, should be considered.
- Need to find balance between protecting public health and accommodating those who choose to smoke.
- Designated smoking areas downtown would be needed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder