

MINUTES

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

**June 15, 2015
7:30 p.m.**

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

Mayor Piercy opened the June 15, 2015, City Council public hearing.

1. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Concerning Multi-Unit Property Tax Exemptions and System Development Charges: Amending Sections 2.945 and 2.947 of the Eugene Code, 1971; and adding Sections 2.946 and 7.731 to that Code

1. John Brown – Supported MUPTE; valuable tool to help densify downtown.
2. Ralph Parshall – Supported MUPTE; use it to help with job creation.
3. Charles Hollands – Supported MUPTE; will help make downtown thrive.
4. Rob Bennett – Supported MUPTE; residential buildings won't happen without it.
5. Nicole Desch – Supported MUPTE; will help encourage housing where it's needed.
6. Garrett Dunlavey – Supported MUPTE; it is tool to help improve community.
7. Joshua Purvis – Supported MUPTE; will help incentivize development and attract young adults.
8. Brian Erickson – Supported MUPTE; adds to the community's economic viability.
9. Bob Bussel – Supported MUPTE; changes are needed to composition of review board.
10. Phil Carrasco – Supported MUPTE that protects workers' rights; changes to review board needed.
11. Jenna Fribley – Supported MUPTE; caution needed to be not too restrictive.
12. Eric Gunderson – Supported MUPTE; helps achieve compact downtown development.
13. John Rowell – Supported MUPTE; more housing downtown needed to retain young talent.
14. Sarah Bennett – Supported MUPTE; downtown housing is important to city's vision.
15. Sherry Schaefer – Supported MUPTE; critical to bring market rate housing to core of city.
16. Larry Banks – Supported MUPTE; simple tool that provides opportunities for urban center.
17. Hollie Wilson Haas – Supported MUPTE; needs to be available to encourage housing.
18. Brittany Quick-Warner – Supported MUPTE; what is implemented needs to make sense.
19. Edward McGlone – Supported MUPTE; one of the most important issues the council can take up.
20. Gerry Gaydos – Supported MUPTE; allows for investing in downtown and future goals.
21. Brian Obie – Supported MUPTE; proposed workforce housing percentage won't work.
22. Bill Aspegren – Questioned the need for MUPTE; not just for downtown.
23. Greg Brokaw – Supported MUPTE; workforce housing is important but shouldn't be added.
24. Charmaine Rehg – Opposed MUPTE; not fair that developers don't have to pay taxes.
25. Robert Macherione – Said MUPTE as a tool isn't being used right; shouldn't control so much.
26. Joshua Skov – Supported MUPTE; good for growth and it is part of community vision.
27. Katie Hall – Supported MUPTE; supports Envision Eugene and helps prepare for future needs.
28. Stan Honn – Supported MUPTE; helps increase urban density and vitality downtown.
29. Joel Iboa – Supported MUPTE; strong oversight is needed especially for workers' rights.
30. Lisa Arkin – Supported MUPTE and its inclusion of workforce housing requirement.
31. John Van Landingham – Said MUPTE will be unusable if the proposed changes are made.

Council discussion:

- Labor and business concerns are important.
- Unrestricted MUPTE will not happen; if put to a vote, it would not pass.

- Important to keep MUPTE as a tool and make it more meaningful and useful.
- Lack of adequate workforce housing is an issue that needs to be addressed.
- Expectation for new construction to be affordable housing isn't realistic.
- MUPTE program should be reviewed after a year.
- Many citizens frustrated that developers receive tax breaks while their taxes increase.
- MUPTE debate has been lengthy, thorough and fair; time now for a decision.

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Sick Leave; Amending Section 5 of Ordinance No. 20537; and Amending Sections 4.576 and 4.582 of the Eugene Code

There was no testimony on this item.

Council discussion:

- More logical to wait and follow state law; in support of recommendations by City Manager.
- The council's goal was ultimately achieved; no point in making it harder for businesses.
- Eugene's action on sick leave was a catalyst for the state law.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder