

MINUTES

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

**September 16, 2015
12:00 p.m.**

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

Mayor Piercy opened the September 16, 2015, City Council work session.

Mayor Piercy and the City Council celebrated Councilor Taylor's 90th birthday and recognized her many years of public service.

A. WORK SESSION: Stormwater Program Update

City Engineer Mark Schoening and Parks and Open Space Division Manager Craig Carnagey reviewed the current rate structure for stormwater fees; gave background information on parks and open space, and discussed the proposed ordinance.

Council discussion:

- Concerned about this particular proposal; better options to fund parks may be out there.
- Concerned that small homes will pay the same as large homes; needs to be progressive.
- Support concept because it doesn't depend on water usage.
- Economically it is very efficient as opposed to any other mechanism.
- No new fees or taxes should be implemented without a public vote.
- Triple Bottom Line analysis focused only on parks, evaluate impacts on stormwater fees.
- Eager to look at strategies to have proper maintenance done on parks.
- Proposal deserves a public discussion and needs a public hearing.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to direct the City Manager to schedule a public hearing on an ordinance to amend the definition of Stormwater service to include the operations and maintenance of parks and open spaces.

PASSED 5:3, Councilors Brown, Taylor, and Clark opposed.

B. WORK SESSION: Earthquake Preparedness

Risk Services Director Myrnie Daut and Climate and Energy Analyst Matt McRae gave a PowerPoint presentation discussing the City's involvement in earthquake preparedness efforts and the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

Council discussion:

- Need to prepare staff whose jobs regularly intersect with the community.
- Need to lobby the legislature for funds to help support programs.
- Looking into alternative sources for water should be a priority.
- Need to identify "life safety" buildings that can be converted into "operational" buildings.
- Identify trainings or groups to help in an emergency situation.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder