

MINUTES

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

October 26, 2015
5:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Piercy called the October 26, 2015, City Council Work Session to order.

A. WORK SESSION: South Willamette Special Area Zone

Planning Director Robin Hostick and Section Manager Terri Harding gave a PowerPoint presentation on the implications and impacts of Councilor Clark's motion the South Willamette Special Area Plan, Envision Eugene process, and related planning projects and initiatives. Ed Moore from the Department of Land Conservation and Development discussed potential legal impacts.

Council discussion:

- Consequences of the council action may be significant; it represents a reset of all the work completed to-date.
- Council unanimous in support for protecting R1 and neighborhoods; however, better process needed for important policy decisions.
- Planning process should acknowledge that theories do not always translate well in real-life.
- Eugene's population predicted to grow by 50,000 people; good planning process needed to accommodate all housing types.
- South Willamette area is already a 20-minute neighborhood; not a lot of land available for new development.
- Property values must be protected.
- Encourage everybody to continue on path to avoid worst outcomes and look at best outcomes.
- Council-approved motion has far-reaching impacts across the city and on other planning documents.

MOTION: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to change January 19th to May 23rd as the date for the public hearing on the South Willamette Special Area Zone.

MOTION TO AMEND AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to amend the public hearing date to March 14. **PASSED 5:3**, Councilors Zelenka, Syrett, and Pryor opposed.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: PASSED 7:1, Councilor Syrett opposed.

The work session adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder

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7:30 p.m.**

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Mayor Piercy opened the October 26, 2015, City Council meeting.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Howard Saxion – Sustainability Commission concerned about zoning changes.
2. Carolyn Stein – Sustainability Commission supports delaying public hearing.
3. Jerry Diethelm- Sustainability Commission update on Climate Recovery Committee.
4. Bree Nicolello – Planning Commission seeks guidance on South Willamette-SAZ.
5. Lanie Millar – South Willamette plan will lower property values, cause displacement.
6. Ed Moye – Opposed to South Willamette plan, poor outreach by staff.
7. Joyce Eaton – Opposed to South Willamette plan; affordable housing will decline.
8. Kathy Ging – Solar access protections need to be considered.
9. Jennifer Frenzer-Knowlton – Supported work with Eric Tars to help with homeless issue.
10. Michael Carrigan – Supported work with Eric Tars to help with homeless issue.
11. Ralph McDonald – Opposed to South Willamette plan; need to protect neighborhoods.
12. Alicia Meenaghan – Opposed to South Willamette plan; will adversely impact area.
13. Jane Katra – Involve greenery, bees and birds in health and sustainability in our City.
14. Peter Gallagher – Opposed to South Willamette plan; neighbors need to be involved.
15. Richard Sundt – Opposed to South Willamette plan.
16. Celine Swenson Harris – Concerned about zoning restrictions that were passed.
17. Margie James – Opposed to South Willamette plan; affordable housing will decline.
18. Ron Thompson- Urbanization is difficult but tall buildings don't have to obscure vision.
19. Jennifer Riehl – Opposed to camping ban; sleeping is a human right.
20. Crystal Webb – Housing 1st options should happen here; opposed to camping ban.
21. Jan Zoll – Opposed to camping ban.
22. Charles Denson – Opposed to camping ban; sleep is a human right; need new approach.
23. Scott Bartlett – Disappointed that Flight Patterns public art piece will be moved.
24. Planet Glassberg – Opposed to camping ban; sleep is a human right.
25. Sabra Marcroft – More options are needed for homeless shelter this coming winter.
26. Richard Scheeland – City provision on community theatre deed needs to be removed.
27. Mary Ellen Carson- Thanked the council for listening to citizens on South Willamette.
28. Bob Carson – Opposed to South Willamette plan; listen to neighbors.
29. Christine Sundt – Opposed to South Willamette plan.
30. Harold Leeson – Opposed to South Willamette plan
31. Wayne Martin- Supported OURS camp and its designation as a new rest stop.
32. William Collinge – Opposed to South Willamette plan; need outside professional look.
33. Peter Grotticelli – Supported more housing options such as communes.
34. Stephanie Larsen- Supported better treatment of homeless.
35. Terra Williams – Supported more effective solutions to help homeless.
36. Barbara Johnson- Appreciated delay on voting on South Willamette plan.
37. Mia Nelson- Better planning and outreach needed for future redevelopment plans.
38. Michael Gannon – Said no one is paying attention to trees in South Willamette plan.

Council discussion:

- Letter from Eric Tars will be part of discussion in joint meeting with HRC.
- Providing and protecting green space in neighborhoods is very important.
- Win-win solution for South Willamette is possible.
- Appreciate thoughtful and constructive comments on South Willamette plan.
- Public areas belong to the people and they should have a voice when changes are proposed.
- Safe, accessible public space should be enjoyed by all.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to approve the items on the consent calendar. **PASSED 8:0**

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

Council discussion:

- Affordable housing projects on N. Polk and at Bascom Village recently opened.
- Human Rights Commission had discussion on homelessness and racial profiling.
- Human Services Commission got to preview HUD application that is being submitted.
- Citizens have communicated concerned about the condition of Pre's Trail and about the lack of places downtown to charge cellphones.
- Community Supported Shelters had a fundraiser; Operation 365 initiative making good progress on housing homeless veterans.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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