

MINUTES

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

**October 28, 2015
12:00 p.m.**

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

Councilors Absent: George Poling

Mayor Piercy opened the October 28, 2015, city council work session.

A. ACTION: A Resolution Declaring the Urgency of the Housing and Homelessness Crisis and the Need for State Assistance to Address It.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to adopt a resolution declaring the urgency of the housing and homelessness crisis and the need for state assistance to address it. **PASSED 7:0**

Council discussion:

- The issue of systemic homelessness is growing and getting worse.
- The longer people are unhoused the harder it is for them to get back on track.
- The number of K-12 enrolled students who are homeless is growing; this is a problem beyond city borders.
- Help from the State and other jurisdictional partners is needed to effectively address this issue.
- Other forms of affordable housing are needed citywide.

B. WORK SESSION: Workforce Housing

Community Development Manager Denny Braud and Economic Development Planner Anne Fifield gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the different types of housing, and comparing Eugene's situation with other cities.

Council discussion:

- Important to get out in front of this issue and effect positive changes; develop action plan.
- A policy to encourage home ownership or a path to it is needed.
- Explore more loan assistance programs; reuse of existing housing, anticipate market.
- Need to repeal State's inclusionary zoning law.
- Consideration of legislation related to no-cause evictions and/or rental increases recommended.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct the City Manager to bring back a work plan and schedule for developing a City of Eugene workforce housing plan including staffing and resources; and identification of programs policies, legislative actions and incentives. **PASSED 7:0**

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder