

MINUTES

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

November 9, 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 November 9, 2015, City Council Work Session to order.

A. WORK SESSION: Cell Towers

Principal Planner Steve Nystrom and Assistant City Attorney Anne Davies gave a brief update on cell towers, potential revisions to the current ordinance, and communications with cell tower legislation expert in Washington D.C.

Council discussion:

- City should enact as many restrictions on cell towers as legally possible.
- Support more local control over where and how towers are placed.
- Specific negative impacts of cell towers need to be identified and enumerated; care required for response/proposed regulation.
- Suggestion made to add the City Council to the appeals process.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to direct the City Manager to prepare an ordinance to amend the City's cell tower code provisions to include the more protective measures contained in the Glendale, California code. **PASSED 7:1**, Councilor Clark opposed.

- B. MOTION (*friendly amendment incorporated*):** Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor, moved to suspend the council's October 21, 2015, motion until after the council has had a work session to consider the outcome of a facilitated discussion that includes at a minimum the affected residents, Council of South Eugene Neighbors, and businesses and the City, utilizing the services of a neutral facilitator such as Oregon Solutions; except that the council shall not hold a public hearing on the South Willamette Special Area Zone until after the council confirms a public hearing date following the completion of the facilitated process.

Council discussion:

- Motion undoes the protection of the livability of people's homes; unwise and harms trust.
- Terrible idea; waters down everything the original motion intended.
- Council needs to step back and rethink the process; this affects all of the City.
- Proposed motion gives council a chance to be more thoughtful in decision-making.
- Adoption of any ordinance is months away; proposals allows more time for discussion and communication with neighbors and staff.
- Original direction given has no legal bearing; no need to suspend original motion.
- Many policy-makers and stakeholders have expressed alarm at far-reaching implications of the original motion.
- Unanimous council intent is to protect neighbors, not to do any harm.

MOTION TO AMEND AND VOTE: Council Clark, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to insert after “suspend the council’s October 21, 2015 motion,” the words “except the parts of that motion that direct the City Manager to not bring back R1 changes without the approval of the owner.” **FAILED 5:4**, Councilors Zelenka, Evans, Syrett, and Pryor opposed. Mayor Piercy broke the tie in opposition.

Council discussion:

- Important to maintain good faith with neighbors and protect neighborhoods and the livability of people homes.
- October 21 motion doesn’t ask for a facilitated discussion; proposed motion does and it is critical to the success of the project.
- There is apparently a lot of concern in the community about the impacts of planning for greater density; more time needed to consider these sentiments.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: PASSED 5:4, councilors Brown, Taylor, Poling and Clark opposed. Mayor Piercy broke the tie in support.

The work session adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder

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**October 26, 2015
7:30 p.m.**

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

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE TO THE FLAG (Veterans Day)

Mayor Piercy read an excerpt from a presidential proclamation to commemorate Veterans Day, followed by John Dunbar and Cathy Tiger leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

1. John Brown – Supports acquisition of land for affordable housing; thankful for City staff.
2. Drix – Supports adopting “You-gene” as a community philosophy.
3. Coreal Riday-White – Supports climate recovery ordinance and enforcement.
4. Julia Olson – Supports climate recovery ordinance and enforcement.
5. Seth Sadofsky – Supports SW-SAZ proposal and the Envision Eugene process.
6. Raging Grannies – Support climate recovery ordinance and enforcement.
7. Cindy Allen – Opposes SW-SAZ; refinement plan is needed.
8. Maryellen Larson – Opposes South Willamette Special Area Zone proposal.
9. Bob Larson – Opposes South Willamette Special Area Zone proposal.
10. Corina MacWilliams – Supports climate recovery ordinance and enforcement.
11. Wesley Georgiev – Supports climate recovery ordinance and enforcement.
12. Sage Fox – Supports climate recovery ordinance and enforcement.
13. Shayna Friedman – Supports OURS homeless camp and lifting of the camping ban.
14. Peter Grotticelli – Invited Council to visit OURS camp.
15. Christine Sundt – Opposes South Willamette Special Area Zone proposal.
16. Ambrose Holtham-Keathley – Requested support from Council for OURS camp.
17. Karen Leeson – Opposes the SW-SAZ; City needs to be more inclusive.
18. Al Kreitz – More shelter for the homeless is needed.
19. Richard Sundt – Planning in Eugene is fundamentally flawed.
20. Michael Gannon – Supports climate recovery ordinance and enforcement.
21. Vic Hariton – Citizens will lose faith and trust with SW-SAZ process.
22. Kathleen Bosteder – Opposes South Willamette Special Area Zone proposal.
23. Norton Cabell – Supports acquisition of land for affordable housing.
24. Kristen Karle – Supports acquisition of land for affordable housing.
25. Tom Bowerman – Supports climate recovery ordinance; thankful for City staff.
26. Rebecca Flynn – Supports climate recovery ordinance and enforcement.

Council discussion:

- No decisions will be made on SW-SAZ until council has a thorough discussion.
- Thanks and gratitude expressed to veterans for their service and sacrifice.
- It is refreshing and appreciated to hear praise of City staff.
- Disappointed no compromise was negotiated with OURS camp that would allow them to stay in their current location.
- Interest expressed in pursuing dusk-to-dawn camping policies/programs.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

4. ACTION: Acquisition of Land for Affordable Housing – 1505-1525 River Road

Housing Finance Analyst Ellen Meyi-Galloway gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the land banking program, affordable housing projects, and information on the acquisition of the River Road property.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to approve the use of up to \$460,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the acquisition of 1515-1525 River Road and a \$65,000 loan from the Construction and Rental Housing Fund for the acquisition of 1505 River. Direct the City Manager to include these items in the FY16 Supplemental Budget #1. **PASSED 8:0**

Council discussion:

- Overall plan is good and land banking program is a tremendous success.
- Viewed as a win/win by the Housing Policy Board.
- Important to continue to address need for affordable housing.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Lane Workforce Partnership, Chamber of Commerce, Housing Policy Board, Lane Regional Air Protection Agency, Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission.

Council discussion:

- Mayor will participate in Eugene Police Veterans Day Roll Call.
- South Willamette Economic Development Corporation and Regional Solutions will be meet next week.
- Information about upcoming neighborhood meetings was shared.
- Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission will be looking at liability insurance, will have more meetings on the issue of revenue bonds.
- MWMC will also discuss biocycle farm and greenhouse gas inventory.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder