

MINUTES

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

November 18, 2015
12:00 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Greg Evans

Mayor Piercy opened the November 18, 2015, city council work session.

A. WORK SESSION: Economic Prosperity – Tech Cluster

Economic Development Planner Anne Fifield, Lane Workforce Partnership Executive Director Kristina Payne and Technology Association of Oregon Director Matt Sayre gave a PowerPoint on efforts to assist the local technology industry.

Council discussion:

- Efforts will have long-term positive impact for the people of Lane County.
- Collaboration is paying off; exciting to see ideas being turned into action.
- Real leadership is emerging from this process.
- Expanding fiber optics is critical for spurring economic development.

B. WORK SESSION: Transportation Safety -Vision Zero and the Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets

Transportation Planning Manager Rob Inerfeld discussed the Vision Zero goals with transportation and proposed resolution.

MOTION AND VOTE (*friendly amendment incorporated*): Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to adopt the substitute draft of the vision zero resolution that was provided by BEST, and adding a new Section 6 that creates a task force to involve the community in identifying the detail and impacts of what a Vision Zero policy for the city would mean. **PASSED 7:1**, Councilor Clark opposed

Council discussion:

- Traffic safety is one of the most pressing issues for the community.
- Fundamental responsibility of the City to provide safe streets and infrastructure.
- Adoption of initiative would give staff clear direction on future transportation policy decisions.
- This action could have long-term impacts; more analysis needed.
- Important to follow adoption of policy with meaningful action.

The meeting adjourned at p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder