

MINUTES

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

December 9, 2015
12:00 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: George Poling

Mayor Piercy opened the December 9, 2015, city council work session.

A. WORK SESSION: Joint Session on Homelessness with Human Rights Commission

City Council met with Human Rights Commission members Bonnie Souza, Chris Nunes, Ken Neubeck, Jennifer Frenzer-Knowlton, Debra Merskin, Andrew Thomson, and Edward McGlone to discuss the elimination of barriers that disproportionately affect the homeless, working with other jurisdictions, and the Housing First Model.

Council discussion:

- Need to zero in on effective targets; need to clearly understand the barriers.
- Lots of work has been done by staff and volunteers; need to keep building.
- Move forward appropriately and compassionately; more information needed.
- More information about what barriers the HRC has discussed requested; need framework.
- Need to use available resources to craft best outcomes for all.
- Community Court program and University of Oregon should be included in discussions.
- Need to work better with interjurisdictional partners; greater clarity on terminology needed.
- Need to look at housing first model and polices; housing should be 1st priority.
- City should be the hub for getting information out about services.
- Work of Mayor's task force on homelessness should be incorporated; don't start over.

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
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