MINUTES

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

February 22, 2016 5:30 p.m.

Councilors Present: George Brown, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, *George Poling via phone*, Mike Clark,

Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor

Councilors Absent: Greg Evans

Mayor Piercy opened the February 22, 2016, City Council Work Session.

A WORK SESSION: Introduction to a Science-Based Greenhous Gas Target

Climate and Energy Analyst Matt McRae and Portland State University Professor Dr. Andrew Rice gave a PowerPoint presentation discussing carbon budget concepts, methodology, and findings.

Council discussion:

- Understanding implications of climate change and mitigating strategies keeps City on track.
- The City and the U.S. should set the example and cooperate with other countries.
- Appreciate connection of local work with global look; regional efforts are important.
- It will take billions of smaller actions together to make a big difference.
- Population control could have a big impact on climate change efforts.

B. WORK SESSION: Downtown Improvements - Broadway Plaza

Community Development Manager Denny Braud and Senior Planner Nan Laurence gave a PowerPoint presentation on Broadway Plaza, including historic context, downtown context, urban design observations, and expressions of interest for redevelopment.

Council discussion:

- Redevelopment should not be considered in light of deed restriction.
- Places to sit and gather downtown are needed; consider improvements like opening walls.
- Council needs to take more time to discuss the direction it wants to go.
- Maintain public space downtown; square should be open to the public at all times.
- A roof or cover is needed at Kesey Square to make it a viable space; additional public space is less than 500 ft. away at Park Blocks.
- Work towards a win/win solution with all parties collaborating together; City should facilitate.
- Plaza ineffective as currently configured; Council is not constrained by the deed restriction.
- Usage data for plaza and park needs requested.
- Timely decision should be made to leverage all opportunities; use of park funds inappropriate.
- Any proceeds if sold should go towards upgrades to Park Blocks.
- Possible funding options and ongoing potential property taxes for buildings requested.

The work session adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett Deputy City Recorder

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1. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to approve the items on the consent calendar. **PASSED 5:0** (Councilor Poling absent.)

2. ACTION: Sale of Willow Creek Property

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to approve the sale of the Willow Creek property. **PASSED 6:0**

3. PUBLIC FORUM

- 1. Joshua Skov- Supported climate ordinance and carbon budget methodology.
- 2. Coreal Riday-White Supported climate ordinance and carbon budget methodology.
- 3. Donna Riddle Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space.
- 4. Laurie Jones Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space; curfew free.
- 5. Gordon Levitt Supported climate ordinance and carbon budget methodology.
- 6. Fred Roellig Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space.
- 7. Kim Roellig Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space.
- 8. August Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space..
- 9. Isaac Paris Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space.
- 10. Jeff Geiger Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space; more events needed.
- 11. Nathaniel Mitchell Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space; close Broadway.
- 12. Cynthia Kokis Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space; add places to sit.
- 13. Kristy Murray Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space.
- 14. Vickie Webb Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space.
- 15. Connor Salisbury Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space.
- 16. Sue Sierralupé Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space; add improvements.
- 17. Sabra Marcroft Supported removal of barriers to being homeless.
- 18. Stefan Strek- Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space.
- 19. David Reynolds Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space.
- 20. Sue Wolling Supported SW-SAZ as it offers housing options that are not available.
- 21. Joella Ewing Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space.
- 22. Linda Reynolds Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space; add tables/chairs.
- 23. Babe O'Sullivan Supported SW-SAZ and 20-minute neighborhoods.
- 24. Anya Dobrowolski Supported SW-SAZ as it offers better housing options.
- 25. Joseph Newton Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space..
- 26. Esteban Vollenweider Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space; address issues.

- 27. Cameron Fox Supported climate ordinance and increased funding for bike/ped plan.
- 28. Corina MacWilliams Supported climate ordinance and carbon budget methodology.
- 29. Shiona Martin Supported climate ordinance and carbon budget methodology.
- 30. Zondie Zinke Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space.
- 31. Peter Grotticelli Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space.
- 32. Tamara Miller Supported tobacco- and smoke-free parks, including Park Blocks.
- 33. Kimberly Gladen Supported tobacco- and smoke-free parks, including Park Blocks.
- 34. Karena Dalyea Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space.
- 35. Matthew Yook Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space.
- 36. Gwendolyn Iris Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space.
- 37. Kristin Bartus Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space.
- 38. Wyatt McCord Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space.
- 39. Scott Landfield Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space.
- 40. Wayne Martin Supported more imaginative initiatives to help with homeless issues.
- 41. Daniel Costello Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space.
- 42. Eugene Drix Encouraged everyone to think new.
- 43. Steve Brigham- Supported keeping Kesey Square a public open space.

Council discussion:

• Council has received a large number of emails from both sides of Broadway Plaza issue.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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