

MINUTES

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

April 13, 2016
12:00 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Greg Evans, Chris Pryor

Mayor Piercy opened the April 13, 2016, city council work session.

Mayor Piercy adjourned the meeting of the Eugene City Council and convened a meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency.

1. ACTION: Disposition Of Real Property

Community Development Manager Denny Braud and Senior Planner Nan Laurence gave updated information on the sale of real property downtown.

Council discussion:

- Further discussion about a structured policy and notification process when the City considers selling property is needed.
- Would be a loss of great service if KLCC tower is obstructed.
- Concern expressed about setting a precedent for future housing development proposals and the potential financial deal points.
- Proposal addresses economic development and housing goals for downtown.
- Level playing field/equal access needed whenever City property is available for purchase.
- KLCC should be held harmless for any financial impacts of relocating its transmission tower.
- Impacts to other businesses in the area need to be limited.
- List of other downtown properties owned by the Urban Renewal Agency requested.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to authorize the agency director to sell the south half of tax lot 170331134200 to Granite Properties consistent with the terms included in attachment B of the AIS. **PASSED: 5:1**, Councilor Taylor opposed.

Mayor Piercy closed the meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency and reconvened the meeting of the Eugene City Council.

2. WORK SESSION: Downtown Improvements – High Speed Fiber

Community Development Manager Denny Braud and Economic Development Planner Anne Fifield gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining pilot project and providing updated information on the downtown high-speed fiber project.

Council discussion:

- The use and purpose of the Urban Renewal District is to increase the value of properties and this proposal will do that.
- Allowing the Urban Renewal District to sunset will result in an additional \$1 million a year in the General Fund which can be used to help pay for high-speed fiber and other projects.

- High-speed fiber proposal represents a very good investment on the City's part.
- A broader context with financing is important.
- This is a basic infrastructure need for the community; levels the playing field.

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chuck Crockett

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