

MINUTES

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

May 9, 2016
5:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Piercy opened the May 9, 2016, City Council Work Session.

A WORK SESSION: Downtown Improvement – Farmers’ Market

Community Development Manager Denny Braud and Senior Planner Nan Laurence gave a PowerPoint presentation discussing the Farmers’ Market value, activity level, existing conditions, goals, options, and funding.

Council discussion:

- The Urban Renewal District money (500k) earmarked for Farmers’ Market improvements has remained untouched and there are no concrete plans to use it.
- The 4J School District is very concerned about the loss of revenue if the Urban Renewal District would terminate.
- The market is too cramped and has insufficient space; council should clarify what it is willing and able to do and then act.
- The Farmers’ Market is in need of immediate attention.
- The community cares deeply about the future of the market.
- Extension of the URD is unnecessary, alternative funding sources are available to pay for Farmers’ Market projects and improvements.
- Public/private partnership opportunities are available and should be explored.
- County has a large responsibility in this initiative; encourage them to help.

B. WORK SESSION: Downtown Improvements – Park Blocks and Open Space

Community Development Manager Denny Braud and Senior Planner Nan Laurence gave a PowerPoint presentation discussing downtown improvements and open space funding options, network of spaces, public engagement and place-making, and capital improvements.

Council discussion:

- Engagement of neighborhoods is needed.
- As downtown revitalizes, greater effort to make it welcoming and usable for all in our community is needed.
- Spending \$25 million downtown is not a viable option.
- Park Blocks need permanent restroom, more seating and more lighting.
- Phased approach is key; start with basic improvements first.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

The work session adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder

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**May 9, 2016
7:30 p.m.**

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

Mayor Piercy opened the May 9, 2016, City Council Meeting.

1. Mayor Piercy read a proclamation declaring May 12, 2016 as Eugene Symphony Day.

2. **PUBLIC FORUM**

1. Ed Moye – Opposed the South Willamette Special Area Zone (SW-SAZ).
2. Susan Ban – Supported the proposed Housing First resolution
3. Karen Creighton – Concerned about summer programs and small budget for Sheldon Center.
4. Seth Sadofsky – Opposed proposal to withdraw the SW-SAZ.
5. Corina MacWilliams – Supported immediate implementation of Climate Recovery Ordinance.
6. Thomas Price – Supported council asking more questions of Sustainability Commission.
7. Jennifer Smith – Opposed proposal to withdraw the SW-SAZ.
8. Vic Hariton – Opposed the SW-SAZ and supported stopping the plan.
9. Sage Fox - Supported action on and implementation of the climate recovery ordinance.
10. Jenny Gordon - Supported immediate implementation of Climate Recovery Ordinance.
11. Laurie Powell - Supported immediate implementation of Climate Recovery Ordinance.
12. Emily Semple – Supported idea of a city shelter and greater effort to help the homeless.
13. Merle Weiner – Opposed proposal to withdraw the SW-SAZ.
14. Richard Guske – Supported idea of a city shelter to help homeless.
15. Lonnie Douglas – Supported cancelling the City Hall project and looking for other options.
16. Jack Richardson – Supported improvements for the Farmers’ Market.
17. Jennifer Frenzer-Knowlton – Supported a city shelter and revised Housing First resolution.
18. Sue Sierralupé – Supported more bathrooms downtown.
19. Michael Gannon – Supported education efforts for pedestrian rights.
20. Eliza Kashinsky – Opposed withdrawal of the SW-SAZ and supported a facilitated conversation.
21. Judi Horstmann – Opposed withdrawal of the SW-SAZ and supported a facilitated conversation.
22. Cindy Kokis – Supported a city shelter and more sanitation efforts.
23. Kimberly Gladen – Discussed inadequate enforcement of the laws in the downtown plaza.
24. Spencer Nelson – Opposed the idea of a \$15.00 minimum wage.

Council discussion:

- There was no dishonest or ill intent with regard to SW-SAZ.
- More oversight would be needed to keep downtown bathrooms safe and operational.
- Requests for a refinement plan for the South Willamette area are acknowledged.
- The City Manager has consistently followed direction from Council on the City Hall plan.

2. ACTION: Housing First Resolution

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to adopt Resolution 5153 as amended with friendly (below), in support of the Housing First strategy. **PASSED 8:0**

- **Amend the second sentence of Section 1 to read: “To that end, the City of Eugene is committed to a Housing First approach as a core strategy to address the need for adequate low-cost housing.”**
- **Amend the second sentence of Section 2 to read: “The Housing First approach is not intended to be a substitute for the current programs or future program expansion and innovations of the City that address those emergency shelter needs.”**

Council discussion:

- Modifications are intended to clarify what the intentions are.
- Emergency and temporary shelters need to be added to the inventory of community resources.
- City can’t do this alone; multi-governmental strategy is important.

3. ACTION: Motion to Withdraw South Willamette Special Area Zone

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to withdraw the entire South Willamette Special Area Zone adoption package, including but not limited to the creation of the South Willamette Special Area Zone. **PASSED 8:0**

Council discussion:

- Despite good intentions, this project didn’t work.
- Important for council to recognize that the wrong approach and process was taken and try again.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder