

MINUTES

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

**May 23, 2016
5:30 p.m.**

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

Mayor Piercy opened the May 23, 2016, City Council Work Session.

A WORK SESSION: West Eugene Enterprise Zone & E-Commerce Zone Re-Designation

Community Development Manager Denny Braud gave a PowerPoint presentation discussing the Enterprise Zone; public benefit criteria, the E-Commerce Zone process, zone activity, and re-designations.

Council discussion:

- A comparison of the City's enterprise zone with others in the state was requested.
- Companies are generally able to meet the criteria already created.
- Local, small businesses have benefitted most from this incentive; enables them to stay and invest in the community.
- Payoff is most apparent in economic development opportunities.
- Revisiting local criteria is advisable; well worth the investment.
- Support expressed for establishing a committee to review the criteria; no rush to complete review before zone extension is approved.
- Approve Enterprise Zone by July 1st so there are no gaps or loss of e-commerce opportunities.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to ask City staff to prepare an outline of a process for updating the public benefit criteria to present to council when the Enterprise Zone is brought back for renewal. **PASSED 8:0**

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

Council discussion:

- Work is being done on diesel fuel reductions through a state legislative work group.
- Human Rights Commission discussed and supported resolution on refugees.
- Citizens are happy about the recent improvements to Fox Hollow Road.
- MPC is setting greenhouse gas targets for the State.

C. UPDATE: Railroad Quiet Zone

City Engineer Mark Schoening gave a brief update on the progress and status of the railroad quiet zone project.

Council discussion:

- Support expressed for plans to do a triple bottom line analysis on the project.
- Project represents a citywide benefit; makes sense to break it up into phases.

- Proposal raises a larger question of gentrification issues in affected neighborhoods.
- Cautious about phased approach as other areas of the community want **it**.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

The work session adjourned at 6:52p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chuck Crockett

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder

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**May 23, 2016
7:30 p.m.**

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Mayor Piercy opened the May 23, 2016, City Council Meeting.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Piercy read an excerpt from a Presidential Proclamation on Memorial Day followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Chris Steiner and Alondra Duran from Willamette High School.

2. RESOLUTION

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to adopt a resolution declaring the City of Eugene's commitment in protecting refugees and celebrating the contributions of refugees to their new communities in the United States. **PASSED 8:0.**

3. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Willie Mims – Invited Council to the Mims House Memorial Monument unveiling.
2. Coreal Riday-White – Supported action and implementation of the climate ordinance.
3. William Ivanoff – Supported embracing refugees and City support for the homeless.
4. Jordan Katzeff – Supported action and implementation of the climate ordinance.
5. Zach Mulholland – Supported action and implementation of the climate ordinance.
6. Jonathan Brandt – Supported a railroad quiet zone; will create jobs and city revenue.
7. Ronald Dalton – Thanked Council for Opportunity Village and the lease extension.
8. Christina Kazlas – Thanked Council for Opportunity Village and the lease extension.
9. Brent Was – Thanked Council for Opportunity Village and the lease extension.
10. Carlos Vasquez – Thanked Council for Opportunity Village and the lease extension.
11. Corina MacWilliams – Supported action and implantation of the climate ordinance.
12. Drix – Presented a new concept that everyone is now your friend.
13. Neil Afnold – Supported more funding for foster youth and programs.
14. Nicholas Ward – Showed his love for the Council.
15. Peter Grotticelli – Supported more efforts to help the homeless.

4. PUBLIC HEARING: A Special Ordinance Granting an Exemption to the Application of Section 6.200 of the Eugene Code, 1971 (Ordinance to Renew Five-Year Exception to Application for Controlled Ecological Burning)

There was no testimony for this item.

5. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Adopting an Amended Urban Renewal Plan for the Downtown Urban Renewal District

1. Laura Keir – Encouraged public support for improvements to Farmers’ Market.
2. Angela Norman – Encouraged public support for improvements to Farmers’ Market.
3. Linda Perrine – Encouraged public support for improvements to Farmers’ Market.
4. Thomas Murray – Encouraged public support for improvements to Farmers’ Market.
5. Bobbie Cirel – Encouraged public support for improvements to Farmers’ Market.
6. Carl Berg – Encouraged public support for improvements to Farmers’ Market.
7. Shareen Vogel – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
8. Kelly Bosch – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
9. Tobey Ritchie – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
10. Ashley Petsch – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
11. Thomas Pettus-Czar – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan.
12. Tony McCown – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
13. Mary Spilde – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
14. Pat Farr – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
15. Janet Brown – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
16. William Ivanoff – Opposed an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
17. Judy Morse – Supported LCC building being turned into a movie theatre.
18. Katie Hall– Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
19. Larissa Straily– Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
20. Annie Loe – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
21. Erik Quick-Warner – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan.
22. Alyssa Windell– Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
23. Bonny Bettman McCornack – Opposed an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal plan.
24. Kari Westlund – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
25. Emily Semple - Opposed an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
26. Stephen Parac– Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
27. Gerry Gaydos – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
28. Milton Oda– Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
29. Sherry Schaefer – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
30. John Park – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
31. Tenille Woodward – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
32. Lindsey McCarthy – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
33. Jamie Shelton – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
34. Larry Banks – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
35. Clif Cox – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
36. John Simpson – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
37. Brian Weaver - Opposed an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
38. Jenette Kime – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
39. Rob Bennett – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
40. Gary Wildish – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
41. Jerry Harris – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
42. Linda Lynch – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
43. Lee DeVeau - Opposed an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
44. Paul Nicholson - Opposed an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
45. Sarah Bennett – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
46. Liora Sponko – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
47. Ronald Bevirt - Opposed an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
48. John Stapleton– Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
49. Pete Knox– Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
50. Lena Houston Davisson – Opposed an ordinance for the Urban Renewal plan for downtown.
51. Joshua Purvis – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
52. Brittany Quick-Warner – Supported an ordinance for the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
53. Ryan Olds – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
54. John Barofsky – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.

55. Galen Mittermann – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
56. Dave Hauser – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
57. Brennan Besancon – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
58. Larry Price – Supported an ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for downtown.
59. Moshie Zimmerman - Supported all projects as long as General Fund is fully funded.
60. Theresa O’Hara – Opposed the proposed ordinance if it will raise property taxes.

Council discussion

- Farmers’ Market is wonderful but extension of the Urban Renewal District is not the answer; these projects can be funded in other ways.

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chuck Crockett

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Deputy City Recorder