

## MINUTES

Eugene City Council  
Council Chamber—City Hall

May 13, 1996  
7:30 p.m.

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Tim Laue, Laurie Swanson Gribkov, Shawn Boles, Pat Farr,  
Kevin Hornbuckle, Nancy Nathanson, Jim Torrey.

**COUNCILORS ABSENT:** Barbara Keller

Her Honor Mayor Ruth Bascom called the Regular City Council meeting to order.

### I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND TIME ESTIMATES

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Ms. Swanson Gribkov, to approve the order of the agenda. The motion carried unanimously, 7:0.

### II. AWARD PRESENTATIONS

#### A. Tree City, USA

Scott Plamondon, Urban Forester, introduced Oregon Department of Forestry District Forester Darrel Spiesschaert, who presented the City with the Tree City, USA award and flag. He reviewed the standards achieved for the award, adding congratulations to Eugene for receiving the award for the 18th year. Mr. Spiesschaert also presented the Growth Award to recognize environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care.

#### B. NeighborWoods Program

Mr. Plamondon introduced NeighborWoods Coordinator Mike Bellmore. Mr. Bellmore reported that over 950 trees had been planted this year by NeighborWoods volunteers, in multiple areas of the city. He also noted the education component of the program, working with 4J and Bethel School District students.

Each councilor recognized the NeighborWoods volunteers from their respective wards, as follows:

Ward 1	Ron and Donna Terzenbach
	Karl and Jeanne Wagenknecht
	Deborah Killian

Ward 2	Jeff Anderson Robert Horner Megan Banks
Ward 3	Marvin Glover Bob Botte Annette Guardjian
Ward 4	Sandra Moran Pat Simmons Joe Potter
Ward 5	Joe and Mary Jo Honochick Connie Early Ken Riveniter
Ward 6	Dwight Souers Nancy Case Ken Wood
Ward 7	Vicki Mercer Linda Gaugaghi John Skillern
Ward 8	Ted Booth Vickie Lavis Irene Eastman

Mr. Farr added recognition for Denny Guehler, who coordinated a tree planting in Ward 6.

### III. PUBLIC FORUM

Pavel Goberman, PO Box 50624, Eugene, said that he had not received a positive response to his proposal for a fitness program. Mr. Goberman said his program would save more money than the current program referred to in his response from the Human Resources Department.

Wayne Michaels, PO Box 8526, Coburg, introduced his company, Envirotech, stating that it produces water-saving products.

Kurt Jensen, 1672 Happy Lane, urged the council to increase efforts to prevent bicycle thefts. He said thefts have reached an "epidemic" level and that the police department was unresponsive.

Bonnie Radomski, 2875 Mill Street, related an incident in which her son's racing bike was stolen and police officials did not respond to a call. She asked the council to take steps to address the theft problem.

**Tim Kaiser**, 1870 West 12th Avenue, stressed the need to increase awareness of bicycle theft prevention through education and more enforcement.

**Richard Edwards**, 194 Sunshine Acres Drive, representing the Harlow Neighbors Association, asked the council to assist in funding a noise abatement sound wall on the north side of I-105 between Coburg Road and I-5. He said the noise problem had increased significantly, and was unbearable. Mr. Edwards reported that the project was estimated to cost \$1.3 million to \$1.5 million, and would be funded 50 percent by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), 12.5 percent by Lane County, and 12.5 percent by the Harlow neighbors.

**Pat Sullivan**, 3674 Oxbow Way, also asked the council to help fund the sound wall project on I-105. She reviewed the efforts by the neighbors to facilitate the wall, comparing the funding package to the Beltline noise wall.

**Rex Redmon**, 33-1/2 East 20th Avenue, Eugene, said bicycle theft was a serious problem and asked the council to support more enforcement and stiffer penalties. Mr. Redmon said bicycles should not be allowed to be sold without a serial number. He also noted that bicycle riding was one way to support the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) Goal 12.

**Paul Nicholson**, 1855 S. 28th Avenue, Eugene, submitted written testimony and spoke about bicycle theft. He said bicycle theft should be allowed the same status as other property crimes and urged the council to take action.

**Jan Vandertuin**, 455 West 1st Avenue, said his bicycle had been stolen within two weeks of moving to Eugene. He urged the council to support more secure facilities and enforcement equity for bicycles. Mr. Vandertuin said the city needed a bicycle garage and facilities in schools.

**John Brown**, 1260 Charnelton, asked the council to take action on public safety issues by making these issues top priority.

**Julie Ghormley**, 45 Rustic Place, asked the council to help resolve the noise problem on I-105.

**Jeffrey Rosas**, 1161 Jefferson, expressed astonishment that bicycle thefts go unprosecuted when people are being prosecuted for smaller thefts.

**Misha Seymour**, 1313 Lincoln, #306, Eugene, spoke in opposition to the Rapid Deployment Unit (RDU) and the SWAT teams, stating that people were getting \$200 tickets for trespassing. Mr. Seymour called these tickets a violation of human rights and asked that fines be lowered and that a citizen review board be formed for the police department.

**Kiki Metzler**, 1025 West 25th Avenue, Eugene, said she had written a letter to council members about Hyundai and had not received a response. She read the letter which expressed concern about potential toxins from the plant. Ms. Metzler requested a public vote for this and any similar project prior to approval.



#### IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of April 8, 1996, Dinner Work Session; April 8, 1996, Meeting; April 10, 1996, Lunch Work Session
- B. Call for Public Hearing on Street Vacations: Gillespie Heights (SV 96-1) and Tim Fassbender (SV 96-2)
- C. Operating Funds for Local Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOS)

Ms. Nathanson asked that the minutes of April 8, 7:30 p.m., be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion at the end of the agenda.

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Ms. Swanson Gribakov, to approve the items on the City Council Consent Calendar, except the minutes of April 8, 1996, 7:30 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously, 7:0.

#### V. PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF EUGENE ALARM ORDINANCE

Police Sgt. Frank Bone introduced the item, noting that it was based on efforts to reduce repeat calls for service and false alarms. Sgt. Bone reviewed the proposed changes to the current ordinance, including a fee to recover the City's response costs for third and subsequent false alarms in a calendar year.

Ms. Nathanson asked whether the proposed ordinance had been changed to address concerns about distinguishing between personal and commercial alarms and alarms required by code. Sgt. Bone responded that it had. Ms. Nathanson asked whether an evaluation component was included in the ordinance, and asked to flag that issue.

CB 4570—An ordinance concerning alarms systems, and amending and renumbering Section 4.935 of the Eugene Code, 1971 to 4.933; adding new Sections 4.934 and 4.935 to that code; amending Sections 4.936, 4.937 and 4.990 of that code; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Bascom opened the public hearing. There were no requests to speak. Mayor Bascom closed the public hearing.

Mr. Boles asked about the exemption for fire alarms. Fire Protection Engineer David Boverman responded that the frequency of false fire alarms was much lower than police alarms. Mr. Boles also confirmed that the proposed fee included administrative costs of the first two notifications.

Ms. Norris read the council bill number and title.

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Ms. Swanson Gribkov, that the bill, with unanimous consent of the council, be read the second time by council bill number only, and that enactment be considered at this time. The motion carried unanimously, 7:0.

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Ms. Swanson Gribkov, that the bill be approved and given final passage. The motion carried unanimously, 7:0 and became ordinance 20043.

Ms. Nathanson moved, seconded by Mr. Laue, to direct the City Manager to review and analyze the implementation of the ordinance one year after its effective date, report to the council, and recommend modifications as appropriate. The motion carried unanimously, 7:0.

**VI. PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE CONCERNING A CITY-INITIATED STREET NAME CHANGE FROM GOODPASTURE LAKES LOOP ROAD TO GOODPASTURE LAKES LOOP (SC 96-2)**

Ms. Norris told the council that Jerry Jacobson, Planning and Development, was available to answer questions on this item. Mr. Torrey asked why the name was not simplified to "Goodpasture Loop," as suggested in a letter from a citizen. Mr. Jacobson said most residents indicated a preference for a name which included the word "lakes."

Mr. Boles asked what controls were in place for street name changes. Mr. Jacobson answered that staff worked closely with Lane Council of Governments (LCOG), the US Postal Service, and 9-1-1, as well as notification to residents.

CB 4571--An ordinance concerning the change of name of Goodpasture Lakes Loop road, located north of and intersecting with Goodpasture Island Road.

Mayor Bascom opened the public hearing. There were no requests to speak. Mayor Bascom closed the public hearing.

Mr. Torrey moved, seconded by Mr. Farr, that the street name be changed to "Goodpasture Loop Road."

In response to questions, Mr. Jacobson pointed out that the name "Goodpasture Loop" had been cleared with all the above agencies.

The motion carried unanimously, 7:0.

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Ms. Swanson Gribkov, that the bill, with unanimous consent of the council, be read the second time by council bill number only, and that enactment be considered at this time, and the ordinance reflect the name change from Goodpasture Lakes Loop Road to Goodpasture Loop Road.

The motion carried unanimously, 7:0.

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Ms. Swanson Gribkov, that the bill be approved and given final passage. The motion carried unanimously, 7:0 and became ordinance 20044.

**VII. RESOLUTION CONCERNING MULTIPLE UNIT PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM**

**Res. No. 4486**—A resolution approving a multiple-unit property tax exemption for property located at the corner of 10th Avenue and High Street, Eugene, Or (The Guard Publishing Company)

Ms. Norris told the council that another property at 632 East 15th Avenue had been pulled from the agenda for further work.

Richie Weinman, Planning and Development, introduced the issue, stating that the program was developed to encourage housing downtown. He said the proposed property was a 58-unit project downtown. Staff analysis determined that the project met the program criteria.

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Ms. Swanson Gribkov, to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Hornbuckle asked why the value of the exemption was not included in the staff briefing. Ms. Norris said this information had not typically been included, but could be at council's request. Mr. Boles stated that he had specifically requested this information previously.

Mr. Boles noted that he had tried to delay processing these applications until the criteria could be reviewed, but since the council had decided to continue with the current criteria, he would support the application.

Mr. Hornbuckle stated that the value of the exemption for Guard Publishing was \$500,000 over 10 years. He said this action amounted to the City subsidizing big business. Mr. Hornbuckle opposed the resolution, stating that it would increase homelessness.

Ms. Swanson-Gribkov confirmed her intent to support the program until it is reviewed. Mr. Farr agreed, noting that the application had been processed properly and the council was obligated to approve it. Mr. Hornbuckle argued that there was no legal compulsion to approve.

The motion carried, 6:1, with Mr. Hornbuckle voting in opposition.

**VIII. RESOLUTION CONCERNING CORRECTION TO RESOLUTION 4472, MULTIPLE UNIT RENTAL HOUSING TAX EXEMPTION**

Ms. Norris stated this item had been brought back to correct a staff error regarding the number of ADA accessible units. She said the development proposed 55 units, three of which will be accessible, with three others convertible.



**Res. No. 4587**--A resolution amending Resolution No. 4472 approving a multiple-unit rental housing property tax exemption for property located at 701 and 725 East 14th Avenue and 1357 and 1377 Hilyard Street (Carmichael).

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Ms. Swanson Gribkov, to adopt the resolution. The motion carried 6:1, with Mr. Hornbuckle voting in opposition.

**IX. ORDINANCE CONCERNING A MORATORIUM ON MULTIPLE-UNIT RENTAL HOUSING TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM**

City Attorney Glen Klein confirmed that passage of this ordinance would put a moratorium on applications for the program, other than the one just passed, the one pulled from this agenda, and an expected proposal for housing at the west end of downtown (Broadway/Charnelton).

**CB4572**--An ordinance suspending the processing of applications for multiple-unit property tax exemption under Sections 2.945 and 2.947 of the Eugene Code, 1971; establishing exceptions thereto; and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Ms. Swanson Gribkov, that the bill, with unanimous consent of the council, be read the second time by council bill number only, and that enactment be considered at this time. The motion carried unanimously, 7:0.

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Ms. Swanson Gribkov, that the bill be approved and given final passage.

Mr. Farr stated that he would support the motion to move it forward, but reiterated his concern that this action could discourage potential downtown housing proposals. He added that the council should be removing, not adding delays to the process.

After confirming that no applications were waiting, Mr. Torrey said he intended to vote no, stating that this action was a mistake.

Ms. Nathanson said she was interested in encouraging downtown housing, but supported reviewing the program. She added that she was willing to work with the State legislature on other options.

The motion carried 6:1, with Mr. Torrey voting in opposition and became ordinance 20045.

**X. ADOPTION OF THE EUGENE-SPRINGFIELD CONSOLIDATED PLAN--ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN**

Linda Henry, Planning and Development, pointed out the revised pages 10 and 17 to the draft plan.

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Ms. Swanson Gribkov, to adopt the FY96-97 One-Year Action Plans for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME

Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Funding, including the revised pages 10 and 17. The motion carried unanimously, 7:0.

**XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FINDINGS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF HEARINGS OFFICIAL AND PASSAGE OF AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR SANTA CLARA AREA BASINS "N," "P," "Q," AND "R"**

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Ms. Swanson Gribkov, to approve the Hearings Official's minutes, findings, and recommendations of April 30, 1996. The motion carried unanimously, 7:0.

**CB 4573**—An ordinance levying assessments for sanitary sewers in the Santa Clara area for Basins "N," "P," "Q," and "R"; and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Ms. Swanson Gribkov, that the bill, with unanimous consent of the council, be read the second time by council bill number only and that enactment be considered at this time. The motion carried unanimously, 7:0.

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Ms. Swanson Gribkov, that the bill be approved and given final passage. The motion carried unanimously, 7:0 and became ordinance 20046.

**XII. ORDINANCE ACCEPTING JURISDICTION OVER COUNTY ROADS**

**CB 4574**—An ordinance accepting jurisdiction over County Roads and portions thereof located within the City of Eugene

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Ms. Swanson Gribkov, that the bill, with unanimous consent of the council, be read the second time by council bill number only and that enactment be considered at this time.

Mr. Boles asked whether the roads met City standards. Eileen Argentina, Public Works Engineering, replied that some were fully improved, others unimproved. Mr. Boles stated that he thought the council had discussed not accepting jurisdiction of roads that did not meet standards. He added that he would not support the ordinance.

Assistant City Manager Les Lyle told the council that this was part of the Urban Transition Agreement with Lane County. He said the agreement would need to be amended to accommodate Mr. Boles' request.

Ms. Swanson Gribkov asked how jurisdiction was decided on road segments. Ms. Argentina responded that decisions were based on annexation activity of surrounding areas. Ms. Swanson Gribkov asked that this issue be flagged for further discussion. Ms. Nathanson remarked that public safety was also a factor in deciding road jurisdiction.



After confirming that the Urban Transition Agreement did not provide adequate funding to bring roads up to City standards, Mr. Laue stated that he agreed with Mr. Boles about this need. However, Mr. Laue added that the council would need a separate venue for addressing this issue.

The motion carried unanimously, 7:0.

Ms. Norris read the bill number and title.

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Ms. Swanson Gribkov, that the bill be approved and given final passage. The motion carried 4:3, with Mr. Hornbuckle, Mr. Laue, and Mr. Boles voting in opposition and became ordinance 20047.

The council then returned to the item pulled from the Consent Calendar.

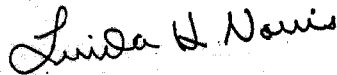
**A. Approval of City Council Minutes of April 8, 1996 Meeting**

Ms. Nathanson requested that the second to last paragraph on page 3 be amended to add the words "uses on" following the word "conflicting."

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Ms. Swanson Gribkov, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously, 7:0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda H. Norris  
City Manager pro tem

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