

**MINUTES**

**Eugene City Council**

**Special Meeting  
McNutt Room--City Hall**

**September 11, 1994  
5:45 p.m.**

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Nancy Nathanson, Tim Laue, Shawn Boles, Kevin Hornbuckle, Barbara Keller, Pat Farr.

**COUNCILORS ABSENT:** Jim Torrey, Laurie Swanson Gribskov.

The special meeting of September 11, 1995, of the Eugene City Council was called to order by Council President Nancy Nathanson.

**I. INTERVIEW FINALISTS FOR PLANNING COMMISSION**

The council interviewed the following candidates for the open position on the Planning Commission: Sandra Bishop, Robert Conrad, Pat Emmerson, Todd Kelly, and Carlton Sinms.

The council welcomed Pat Emmerson, the first candidate for the vacant position on the Planning Commission.

Ms. Nathanson explained that all candidates would be asked the same questions and follow-up questions as needed.

Ms. Emmerson responded to each of the following questions in turn:

- 1) The Planning Commission must often balance competing interests when it develops planning documents and makes land use decisions. In your opinion, what are the most important factors for the Planning Commission to consider in its decision-making?
- 2) The Metropolitan Plan, adopted City plans, and the annual City Council Goals provide guidance on a number of key issues for the City's elected officials and its boards and commissions. In your opinion, which goals and policies should be given high priority by the Planning Commission in the coming year?
- 3) How can the commission ensure that the concept of compact urban growth is clearly articulated and implemented through City ordinances and standards?

4) Can you describe ways that the City could or should involve citizens in land use decisions? Do we do enough? Not enough? Too much?

The council asked these follow-up questions of Ms. Emmerson: 1) name some of the mistakes that planning commissions have made in planning; and 2) what do you think the Planning Commission should focus on in terms of upcoming issues.

Ms. Nathanson thanked Ms. Emmerson and indicated she would be contacted within the next two weeks and informed of the council's decision regarding the vacancy.

The council welcomed Carlton Simms.

Ms. Nathanson indicated that all candidates for the commission vacancy would be asked the same series of questions, and follow-up questions as necessary.

The council posed the same questions, referenced above, to Mr. Simms.

Mr. Simms responded to a follow-up question: what do you mean when you use the term "diversity?"

Ms. Nathanson thanked Mr. Simms and indicated he would be contacted within the next two weeks and informed of the council's decision regarding the vacancy.

The council welcomed the third candidate, Bob Conrad.

Ms. Nathanson indicated that all candidates for the commission vacancy would be asked the same series of questions, and follow-up questions as necessary.

The council asked Mr. Conrad the questions asked of the other candidates. The council had no follow-up questions for Mr. Conrad.

Ms. Nathanson thanked Mr. Conrad and indicated he would be contacted within the next two weeks and informed of the council's decision regarding the vacancy.

The council welcomed the fourth candidate, Sandra Bishop.

Ms. Nathanson informed Ms. Bishop that all candidates for the commission vacancy would be asked the same series of questions, and follow-up questions as necessary. The council asked the same series of questions asked of the other candidates.

The council asked follow-up questions of Ms. Bishop: 1) clarify comments on laws preventing high-density development in the urban core.

Ms. Nathanson thanked Ms. Bishop and indicated she would be contacted within the next two weeks and informed of the council's decision regarding the vacancy.

The council welcomed candidate Todd Kelly.

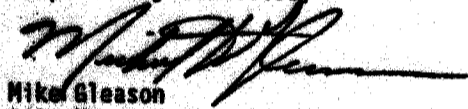
Ms. Nathanson indicated that all candidates for the commission vacancy were being asked the same questions, and follow-up questions as necessary.

The council asked Mr. Kelly the same questions as asked of other candidates, referenced above. The council had no follow-up questions for Mr. Kelly.

The council briefly discussed the candidates and agreed to postpone a decision until absent councilors Laurie Swanson Gribkov and Jim Torrey had the opportunity to listen to the meeting tapes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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City Manager

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