

## MINUTES

Eugene City Council  
McNutt Room--City Hall

September 18, 1995  
6:15 p.m.

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Nancy Nathanson, Tim Laue, Shawn Boles, Pat Farr, Kevin Hornbuckle, Barbara Keller, Laurie Swanson Gribskov, Jim Torrey

The adjourned meeting of September 13, 1995, of the Eugene City Council was called to order by Her Honor Mayor Ruth Bascom.

### I. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

#### A. Information Briefing: Lane County Financial Plans--Sheriff's Levy

Warren Wong, Administrative Services Director, introduced the item and the speakers, Lane County Commissioners Bobby Green and Jerry Rust, Sheriff Bob McManus, and County Administrator Bill Van Vactor.

Mr. Van Vactor stated that the meeting was the beginning of a process of dialogue between the City of Eugene and Lane County, and noted that the speakers had not come prepared with a great amount of detail. He gave a broad overview of the state of Lane County with regard to financial concerns, making the following points:

- Lane County has, historically, depended on the Oregon-California Railroad Land OMC funds and its revenue was therefore unpredictable;
- Lane County has relied heavily upon the timber industry;
- Lane County currently operates under a formula adopted by the United State's Congress that took the average of the timber harvest from 1986-1990 and reduced that by 15 percent to create a starting point. The amount is then reduced 3 percent per year for 10 years, and Lane County has the option, after 5 years, of going back on the original formula;
- Lane County now has a predictable revenue base, but it decreases every year;
- Lane County would carry a deficit of \$3.89 million into FY96-97;
- Lane County would have a deficit of \$11 million without the existing law enforcement levy;

- Lane County had moved to an eight-year financial plan;
- Lane County is considering the option of moving the Sheriff's Department off of the General Fund which would free up \$10.9 million of General Fund money, which would allow for the spending of \$5.9 million per year.

Mr. Van Vactor stated that Lane County's plan would allow the jurisdiction to function for five years and address the specific impacts of the Sheriff's levy. He said that the plan did provide financial stability for the organization. He further explained that because the proposal was specific to the Department of Public Safety only, it would not include money that was currently in the law enforcement levy that Lane County spent on programs such as Department of Youth Services, Pathways, and a psychiatric hospital. He said that these programs totaled \$2.25 million and that money would have to come out of the \$5.9 million.

Responding to Mr. Laue's question about additional expenses, Mr. Van Vactor stated that there would be additional costs to the organization that would be covered under the \$5.9 million that would be available.

The speakers made it clear that they were not at the meeting to present a specific proposal, but rather open the lines of communication between Lane County and the City of Eugene. Mr. Rust said that, for the purposes of exercise, the Sheriff had proposed a three-year \$40 million levy, that would be rolled up at the end of three years.

Mr. Torrey stated that it was hard for him to visualize this idea without seeing something written on paper. He said that he wanted the City Council to be "full-time players and partners" with Lane County in the creation of this proposal.

Responding to Mr. Boles' question about where Lane County would get the funds to keep the jurisdiction running, specifically the programs such as the Juvenile Justice Center, Mr. Van Vactor stated that, after three years Lane County staff, would reevaluate their fiscal situation and have discussions about what would be included in the levy. Mr. Boles stated that he had difficulty dealing with ad-hoc proposals, and he hoped that the jurisdictions would continue to answer the question of whether or not they were "in enough pain yet to consider integrated public safety services."

Ms. Nathanson asked for clarification about which programs and services would remain in the Lane County budget and which ones would move to the Sheriff's budget. She stated that she would also like to get a better idea of which kinds of things would be enhancements and which ones would be restorations. She asked if the presenters had taken this idea to the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG). Mr. Van Vactor stated that George Kloeppel had invited them to make a presentation to the LCOG board. Ms. Nathanson added that she wanted further clarification on the issues of rural versus urban and who would fund what portions of the programs.

Ms. Swanson Gribskov flagged the following issues of concern:

- How is the financial need assessed in the first place;
- Why Lane County was considering a levy and not a tax base;
- The issue of the \$2.25 million portion of the budget in the \$7 million law enforcement levy.

She made the point that she got lost in the numbers without a specific written proposal.

Mr. Van Vactor reiterated that the existing levy was \$7 million, of which \$2.25 million was for non-department public safety law enforcement related programs. He said that the proposal was to move the Sheriff's office completely out on a levy of its own. He said that \$10.9 million would become available for other expenditures.

Mr. Green thanked the council for giving them an opportunity to present their ideas. He said that it was the first time in history that Lane County had come to Eugene with the purpose of discussing these issues. Mr. Green said that the City of Eugene did have a tremendous impact upon the Sheriff's operating capacity, particularly on the jail, and added that this meeting was a time to set the stage for having further dialogue about this issue.

Sheriff McManus stated that 60-70 percent of the persons in the Lane County jail were sent there by actions taken by the cities of Eugene and Springfield. He noted that over the years, the population had increased and Lane County was not able to keep up with the workload. He referred the councilors to a diagram that depicted the number of people utilizing the Lane County jail per month for the last three years.

Sheriff McManus made the point that there had not been a month in which Lane County had operated below the level of 271 people in the system. He said that Lane County was doing a good job keeping offenders of person-centered crimes off the streets, but property offenders were being released because Lane County did not have the capacity to hold them. He said that citizens were becoming frustrated because criminals were being released. He said he wanted to stop this trend.

Sheriff McManus explained that the proposal was comprised of a two-tier levy: 1) tier one that would pay for programs that we all use and that benefitted the entire community; and 2) tier two that contained detectives, uniformed patrol, and dispatch. He said that the focus of the new proposal was to create more efficient booking areas, add 48 additional beds to the jail by adding staff; and reopening the Forest Work Camp.

Sheriff McManus reiterated the point that the City of Eugene Department of Public Safety relied heavily upon the existence of some Lane County safety operations. He said that Lane County was requesting Eugene's help to create more balance and liveability.

Mr. Hornbuckle said that it was unacceptable and unnecessary to solve one problem by creating another problem. He stated that this levy would increase the cost of housing. He said that he disagreed with splitting the Sheriff's levy out of the general fund because policing and corrections were not a separate problem, and splitting it out increased the "blackmail factor." He recommended that the levy programs be added to the Sheriff's budget and that the Forest Work Camp be reinstated with a "price tag" which would be funded through a progressive income tax. He said that voters were more afraid of increased costs than they were of crime.

Ms. Keller remarked that having an open discussion of cooperation between agencies was not the same thing as being sold on one agency's concept on how to solve a problem. She said that she wanted to start with a clean slate and begin the discussion of these issues again. She said that the City of Eugene was moving away from reactive policing and toward community policing and prevention services. She asked the speakers what would be included in the proposal for prevention and social services. She added that the councilors needed to ask themselves if they wanted to underwrite, not only the Sheriff's department, but also the answer to Lane County's budget problems. She asked what kind of control the County Commissioners would have over the Sheriff's Department in the event of the proposal being accepted.

Ms. Keller requested that the commissioners review the issue of the projected increase of assessment values. She noted that the figures used by the commissioners were very optimistic.

Ms. Nathanson said that she found the Sheriff's description of the cycle of crime and criminal release to be very troubling. She noted that she needed to learn more about the statistics around repeat offenders and jail releases and the relationship to the proposed use of funds. She wondered whether increased funds for operations were adequate and whether capital expenditure was also necessary.

Mr. Farr emphasized that his experience with the Sheriff's Department was that its employees behaved very professionally and efficiently. He asked what percentage of the Sheriff's budget went to corrections. Sheriff McManus stated that in the first year of the proposed levy, \$23 million would be allocated with \$6 million going to the Police Department.

Mr. Farr requested a more detailed analysis of the matrix of jail releases.

Mr. Boles noted concern about the problem of adding staff to corrections and police, saying that in doing so the number of people utilizing the jail would increase and overcrowding would remain a problem. He asked if deputies would be allocated in tier one. Sheriff McManus stated that the deputies that were officers were in tier two, and noted that all police services were in tier two.

Mr. Boles suggested considering a proportional costing plan. Sheriff McManus stated that it was another option and he did not mind considering it.

Mr. Torrey requested that the presenters bring to the council a copy of the Lane County budget document for review at the next council meeting. He added that the general public did not understand everything that was being discussed at the meeting, and said that it would be good to get some citizen input to the discussion. He said that the jurisdictions needed to learn how to better understand and meet the needs of all their citizens.

Ms. Swanson Gribkov stated that this was truly a systems problem, and she wondered at what level this idea was debated, discussed, and fit within a systems context rather than as a stop-gap need. Sheriff McManus stated that the policy group was designed to discuss issues in the context of the system, but it was new and had not yet tackled issues such as this one.

Mr. Rust stated that earlier someone had asked why not go for a tax base, and he explained that Lane County had in place its 1919 tax base, and had not had success in passing a newer base. He said that Lane County had success with levies because they were for fixed terms, for fixed amounts, and people knew exactly what they were buying. He said it would take 30-60 days to work with the numbers to create a workable proposal.

Mr. Boles commented that he was not sure where this issue would be solved, but it might be helpful for the council to start by getting some information about the Coordinating Council.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Gleason  
City Manager

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I. PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Bascom explained the rules pertaining to public forum.

Jennifer Self, 303 Broken Oak Loop, representing Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), read a letter from the President of PFLAG, asking the council to acknowledge the Governor's proclamation of October as Gay and Lesbian History month.

Dave Sweet, 2519 Kincaid, accused City Councilors of unethical conduct and lying, asking them to resign.

Sherri Brooks, 1520 Buck Street, described events that occurred July 23 at the Vortex Festival in Jacobs Park, in which her son was injured. She described Eugene police officers as "heavy handed." Ms. Brooks told the council she planned to take further action.

George Towe, 1506 Lorane Highway, spoke in opposition to the City's proposal for improvements to Lorane Highway. He said he was a member of the design review committee which was established to look at options, but, to date, the committee has received no reasonable alternatives. Mr. Towe told the council that 95 percent of respondents to a questionnaire did not favor the City's plan, citing concerns of speed, safety, and loss of scenic aspects.

Darelle Baker, 1455 Lorane Highway, spoke in opposition to the City's proposal for improvements to Lorane Highway. Ms. Baker argued that the road has a unique character, and should receive different treatment than gridded roads within the city. She suggested the City limit its changes to Lorane Highway to maintenance and repaving for bicyclists and walkers.

Celia Salehi, 1401 Lorane Highway, spoke in opposition to the City's proposal for improvements to Lorane Highway, expressing concern about safety and cost to property owners.

Al Lang, 970 Lorane Highway, spoke in opposition to the City's proposal for improvements to Lorane Highway, describing himself as an adjunct professor in safety studies. Mr. Lang expressed concern about the environmental impact of the proposed improvements, and encouraged the council to use the money for educational purposes instead.

Anthony Cormier, 2575 Adams, representing People for Real Solutions, read a statement about the Vortex Festival incident on July 23, stating that he would like to see acknowledgment and accountability on all sides.

Carolyn Hewitt, 141 Tatum Lane, read the remainder of the statement begun by Mr. Cormier. She expressed concern that people in the park did not receive medical attention. Ms. Hewitt emphasized that People for Real Solutions want to work toward nonviolent solutions, and encouraged the police force to participate. She added that she would like to see pepper spray used in a more appropriate fashion, and that police officers limit their activity to addressing criminal activity.

Hungry Bear, PO Box 12175, criticized police actions at the Vortex Festival, describing the actions as use of excessive force, poor conflict resolution, and poor judgment. He argued that other vendors were regularly allowed to set up booths at other events. He also stated that the group had not become violent until after the police officers' intervention.

Andrew Levin, General Delivery, opposed police actions at the Vortex Festival. He accused a police officer of assault and described the reactions of the crowd as self-defense.

Daniel Ernst, 1020 West 3rd Avenue, opposed police actions at the Vortex Festival. He told the council that cannabis was a plant with many uses, and encouraged the council to help bring some tolerance to it.

Jonathon Fischer, 366 Clark Street, opposed police actions at the Vortex Festival, stating that it was the police presence that caused the agitation. Mr. Fischer said he had received adequate warning prior to being maced, although others did not.

John Walsh, 751 East 16th Street, opposed police actions at the Vortex Festival, urging a police citizen review board that did not include police officers, another investigation of the events at the festival, and civil disobedience training for police personnel.

Steve Brown, 1244-1/2 Lawrence Street, opposed police actions at the Vortex Festival, describing himself as a business owner and responsible citizen. Mr. Brown said his main concerns were that emergency vehicles were not allowed to help injured children, and police were excessive in their use of pepper spray. He also opposed the crowd throwing bottles and rocks at officers. Mr. Brown listed demands of the People for Real Solutions, including: 1) a thorough investigation of crimes committed by police at the Vortex Festival, 2) mandatory police training, and 3) a public meeting to set up a citizen review board to monitor police actions.

Sharon Sturtz, 1660 Lorane Highway, spoke in opposition to planned improvements to Lorane Highway. She asked the council to help the residents seek modest solutions, such as resurfacing and adding a pedestrian/bicycle lane. Ms. Sturtz argued that the road was not a collector, but a country lane. She told the council that some retired people will lose their homes if the plan is implemented.

Bruce Wild, 931 Lorane Highway, spoke in opposition to proposed improvements to Lorane Highway. Mr. Wild reiterated the survey results and efforts of the citizen review committee. He said the proposal was too enormous, and threatens public safety.

Kevin King, 1130 Lorane Highway, spoke in opposition to proposed improvements to Lorane Highway.

David Ouellette, 1176 Lorane Highway, expressed appreciation to the council for providing time for residents to express their views. He described the issue as emotionally charged, and said he had not felt heard by the Public Works staff.

Mayor Bascom reminded the group of the rules concerning public forums. She said the council would be unable to hear the person who wished to speak about Hyundai since the issue would be on the council's agenda within a 30-day period.

John Gever, 2435 Jackson Street, suggested the council revisit the issue of economic development, particularly standards. Mr. Gever started to speak about the Hyundai issue, but Mayor Bascom ruled him out of order. Mr. Gever went on to express opposition to the Metro Partnership.

Paul Nicholson, 1855 E. 28th, reported that recent bicycle theft problems are becoming more serious. He said the pattern indicates theft during broad daylight, thefts happening in seconds, and the breaking of locks, even kryptonite locks. Mr. Nicholson encouraged the council to invest some money in helping solve this problem.

Mr. Nicholson also expressed disagreement with the council's ruling disallowing some testimony, which he described as squelching the public's right to speak.

Larry Sanderson, 985 Lorane Highway, spoke in opposition to the proposed improvements to Lorane Highway. He said the road has significant historic value, and that the improvements could cause future problems that will be harder to solve than the current ones.

Francina Verriit, 931 Lorane highway, spoke in opposition to the proposed improvements to Lorane Highway.

There being no further requests to speak, Mayor Bascom concluded the public forum and thanked citizens for their input.



## II. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of July 19, 1995, Special Meeting; July 24, 1995, Meeting; July 26, 1995, Lunch Work Session; and August 7, 1995, Dinner Work Session
- B. Call for an October 23, 1995, Public Hearing: Street Vacation Request (DAG Trust Partnership)(SV 95-2)

Ms. Nathanson moved, seconded by Mr. Laue, to approve the items on the City Council Consent Calendar, as listed above. The motion carried unanimously, 8:0.

## III. ORDINANCE CONCERNING TOWING CODE

CB 4549--An ordinance concerning motor vehicle impoundment; amending Sections 5.135, 5.225, 5.285, 5.685, 5.695, 5.697, 5.699, 5.700, 5.705, and 7.095 of the Eugene Code, 1971; adding new Sections 5.696 and 5.698 to that code; and repealing Sections 5.650 and 5.655 of that code.

Ms. Nathanson read the bill number and moved, seconded by Mr. Laue 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 who was responsible for towing vehicles. Kay Kronholm, Public Works, responded that parking enforcement responds to abandoned vehicle tows; the police department handles tows related to criminal activity or when a driver is unable to safely operate a vehicle. This is handled through a contract with private towing companies. Mr. Boles asked whether the changes were compatible with structural changes in the organization which place the responsibility with the parking control officers; Ms. Kronholm answered, yes.

Ms. Keller asked what initiated the changes. Ms. Kronholm responded that the changes were to bring the code into compliance with City practices, to accurately reflect new notification procedures in State code, and to comply with recent Federal case law. Ms. Keller suggested that the changes would move authority from the written ordinance adopted by a council to the City Manager, as well as reducing citizen protections in terms of notice. Ms. Kronholm responded that the determination was made to propose a notice of at least three days, rather than the 24-hour notice recently adopted by the State. She said the shorter notification in the Administrative Rules would allow the department to respond more quickly in case of a dangerous situation. Ms. Keller questioned moving the notice requirements to administrative rules, rather than leaving requirements in the ordinance. Ms. Kronholm assured the council that notification requirements would be spelled out in the Administrative Rules. City Attorney Bill Gary added that placing the notice requirement in administrative regulation was consistent with the council's general practices for issues that require adjustment according to court

decisions. Mr. Gary also confirmed that notice would be required under the constitution, and could not be eliminated.

Mr. Farr asked whether different vehicles received different treatment or priority. Ms. Kronholm responded that determinations on all complaints were made within 24 hours, at which time some vehicles might receive a higher priority. She added that the department has some flexibility to work with people who call and need more time to move their vehicle. Mr. Farr asked who bears the cost of disposal of an abandoned vehicle. Ms. Kronholm responded that the tow companies file a lien on the vehicle, and then sell or dispose of it.

The motion carried unanimously, 8:0.

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

Mr. Boles said he had pushed for these changes and believed the notification requirements were more than adequate. He also remarked that the changes reflect structural changes in the organization, moving this responsibility off the backs of the police department.

Ms. Keller said she could not support the motion, particularly without the rules attached.

The motion passed 6:2, with Ms. Keller and Mr. Hornbuckle voting in opposition and became Ordinance 20023.

#### IV. ORDINANCE CONCERNING EMINENT DOMAIN FOR EAST BANK BIKE PATH

CB 4550--An ordinance authorizing the institution of proceedings in eminent domain for the acquisition of property interests from the Greenway Bicycle Bridge north to the Delta Highway/Green Acres Road intersection for construction and maintenance of the East Bank Trail bicycle/pedestrian path.

Mayor Bascom introduced the item, noting that Les Lyle, Public Works, was available to answer questions. Mr. Torrey asked what had been done since the last update. Mr. Lyle said the entire corridor had been surveyed, but formal negotiations had not yet begun.

Ms. Nathanson read the bill number and moved, seconded by Mr. Laue, that the bill, with unanimous consent of the council, be read the second time by bill number only, and that enactment be considered at this time. The motion carried unanimously, 8:0.

Ms. Nathanson moved, seconded by Mr. Laue, that the bill be approved and given final passage. The motion carried unanimously, 8:0 and became Ordinance 20024.

V. RATIFICATION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEPTEMBER 7, 1995

Mayor Bascom told the council that this motion from last Wednesday's meeting had not been addressed adequately, according to the City Attorney. Therefore, it was brought before the council again.

Ms. Nathanson read the motion as previously made at the September 13 meeting, as follows:

"Ms. Keller moved, seconded by Mr. Hornbuckle, to amend the recommendations of council officers to include a discussion at the council level of the process and timing for the interim City Manager and City Manager search."

Ms. Keller clarified her motion, as brought up at the council officers meeting. She said her motion was to ask council officers to schedule a discussion by the full City Council of the timing, criteria, and methodology for the replacement of the City Manager. Ms. Keller emphasized the need to begin work on the search quickly, particularly in view of the need to start the process with an established council, rather than a new council.

By way of explanation, Mayor Bascom said the council officers recommendation had been to visit the issue again in October and begin to establish a time line at that time.

Mr. Farr agreed that timing was essential in the process, and that there was some urgency to begin it. He also agreed that the whole council needed to participate in the process discussion.

Mr. Torrey agreed that it was important for the council to agree on criteria and process for selecting a new City Manager. However, Mr. Torrey disagreed with the need to rush into the process. He brought up the possibility of an initiative measure that could impact the decisions council would make on this issue.

Mr. Boles said the motion was simply a direction to council officers to move forward with scheduling this item, at which time the discussion about timing, criteria, and process could be entertained. Mr. Hornbuckle agreed.

Mayor Bascom observed that the City Manager is still on board for another five to eight months. She supported the idea of moving forward after the timing is known. Mayor Bascom said there was some impression that the council wanted to decide when the City Manager would leave, a view not supported by the majority of the council.

Ms. Swanson Gribskov observed that the council officers recommendation was to take no action on the item at the time, but bring it up at the next meeting. She described the issue as "splitting hairs."

Mr. Laue stated that he would support the motion, because of the importance of recognizing a wish of even a minority of the council to bring an item up for public discussion.

Ms. Nathanson agreed with the importance of discussing timing and process. However, Ms. Nathanson said the council did not have adequate information to begin the discussion. She supported the idea of council beginning to scope out the work ahead of it.

The motion carried unanimously, 8:0.

Ms. Nathanson moved, seconded by Mr. Laue, to ratify the council officers recommendations of September 7, 1995, as amended. The motion carried unanimously, 8:0.

The council took a five-minute break. Councilor Hornbuckle was excused for the remainder of the meeting. Wayne Hill, Elise Myers, and Rob Adams, members of the Willamalane Parks and Recreation District Board, joined the City Council.

**VI. JOINT PUBLIC HEARING WITH WILLAMALANE PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT BOARD: DRAFT EAST ALTON BAKER PARK PLAN**

Teresa Bishow, Planning and Development Department, introduced other members of the core staff team John Etter, Public Works, and Philip Farrington, Willamalane. Ms. Bishow requested that the elected officials either adopt the plan with the change suggested by the Willamalane Board or refer the plan back to the Citizen Planning Committee with clear direction concerning any issues that needed to be addressed. Mr. Farrington reiterated reports in the agenda packet illustrating that the plan is consistent with the ballot measure, the Alton Baker Park Master Plan, the Metro Plan, the Willamalane Comprehensive Plan, and the proposed management plan. Mr. Farrington asked the council and Board to adopt the plan with the change previously submitted by the Willamalane Board.

Mayor Bascom opened the public hearing.

Ari MancI, representing the Citizens Planning Committee (CPC), described the focus of the plan as creating a place for urban dwellers to experience a variety of habitats. Mr. MancI said the committee recommended adoption of the plan, with the change to design principle 12.0 as recommended by the Willamalane Board.

Mr. MancI pointed out that the plan was schematic, rather than specific, and would need to be developed as the uses become apparent, within the context of the plan vision. He added that the plan needed community involvement and support.

Gary Ross, member of the CPC, read a written statement to the council, as part of the record. He stated that the CPC drafted a plan that met the intent of the ballot measure while addressing park stewardship and maintenance. He added that the plan was based on review of diverse viewpoints and the CPC primarily reached consensus during the plan's development. Mr. Ross described several examples where the CPC had already worked with Eugene and Willamalane staff to ensure changes to the park were in harmony with the proposed plans.

He concluded by describing future work of the CPC. He also commended the staff team for their work.

Riley "Tex" Matsler, described his education and experience in the field of park and recreation development and management, including being one of the original planners of Alton Baker Park. Mr. Matsler said the areas in which he agrees with the plan are the size, topography, value of the river and canal, and the maintenance of passive type of development. However, Mr. Matsler said he disagreed with the remainder of the plan. He said his input had not been considered by the committee, and he distributed a document to the council and board members. Mr. Matsler supported the development of a variety of uses for the park, including play areas, swimming, and picnic areas. Mr. Matsler said the committee opposed any development in the park, and he urged the council to disband the committee.

Charlie Ogle, Chair of the Many Rivers Group of the Sierra Club, and Executive Director of the Constitutional Law Foundation, said he was speaking on behalf of both groups. Mr. Ogle praised the work of the citizen planning committee, and encouraged the council and board to adopt the plan. Mr. Ogle mentioned two items in the plan. First, the plan encourages use of the bicycle paths for commuting, which he supported, but noted it also holds a danger. He said bicycle commuting is not a passive activity, and should be recognized as a nonconforming, pre-existing use. Mr. Ogle urged the council to begin looking at alternatives for bicycle commuters. Second, in the history section, page 5, a statement indicates that the plan captures the spirit and intent of ballot measure 20-01. Mr. Ogle said the intent of the ballot measure was to create a Lane County charter amendment; therefore, the intergovernmental agreement does not truly capture the spirit and intent of the measure, and he urged the council to keep that in mind.

Chris Ramey, Director of Facilities Planning for the University of Oregon (UO), asked the council and board to delay action on the plan until it had information on the consequences of reducing parking at Autzen Stadium. Mr. Ramey emphasized that the UO was generally in support of the plan, but that the area which reduced stadium event parking needed further review. He reiterated the expected consequences of this reduction as outlined in a letter from UO Vice President for Administration Dan Williams. Mr. Ramey confirmed the desire of the UO to work with the committee to resolve the problems surrounding this issue.

Junior Robertson, 15th and Jefferson, spoke in support of the plan, thanking committee members and staff for their hard work. Mr. Robertson explained some of the reasoning behind some of the points in the plan.

Mary Kolego, 385 Lawrence Street, described herself as a member of CPC, but said she was speaking as a citizen. Ms. Kolego responded to the testimony given by Mr. Ramey, asking the council to consider the impact on the park of the games and events at Autzen Stadium. Although she acknowledged that the UO's solutions sounded reasonable, she added that there was a price to pay for added parking.

Mayor Bascom closed the public hearing.

Ms. Swanson Gribkov praised the work of the CPC, and asked for further information about the issue raised by the UO.

Mr. Ross told the council that the CPC had been unaware of the UO's concerns until they were reported in The Register-Guard. However, he expressed his belief that the concerns could be addressed through dialog between the CPC and the UO, within the auspices of the plan.

Mr. Hill applauded the committee for its support of alternative transportation; specifically, bicycles. He described the park plan as an important opportunity to maintain a passive area between the developed areas in Alton Baker Park and Day Island Park. Mr. Hill supported the plan, adding that he strongly supported the Leo Harris Parkway as a logical dividing point. He urged adoption of the plan, stating that he believed the UO issues could be resolved without changes in the plan.

Mr. Boles asked whether this plan was consistent with suggestions from organizations such as FRESH about contiguous natural parkland; Ms. Bishow answered yes. Mr. Boles asked about the boat ramp issue. Ms. Bishow responded that an agreement had been reached between the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, staff, and boaters for an alternative boat ramp in the western portion of Alton Baker Park. Mr. Boles asked about the timing and potential cost sharing of the mitigation activities. Mr. Farrington responded that no specifics had been presented up to this point, including cost-sharing discussions. Mr. Ross added that the BMX group had indicated a willingness to work with the CPC and the City on cost sharing.

By way of background, Ms. Keller reported that the initial idea to transfer the park from Lane County to Eugene and Willamalane came from the supporters of the ballot measure. She expressed appreciation to the CPC and supported the plan as following the intent of the measure. Ms. Keller also expressed support for the Willamalane amendment. Ms. Keller then spoke to the UO concerns, reiterating the council's intent to move away from increasing automobile traffic, particularly in light of the impact on the park.

Mr. Torrey asked CPC members whether they believed it would be appropriate for the council to delay action for two weeks to allow them time to work with the UO. Mr. Ross responded that he believed the CPC and UO could come to an agreement, but the issue did not need to delay approval of the plan. Ms. Bishow clarified that Mr. Ramey had supplied written testimony in March 1995 regarding the parking issue and attended a couple of committee meetings. She said if the elected officials chose to adopt the plan, staff was comfortable interpreting the plan as not prohibiting parking in the area noted by the UO.

Ms. Nathanson said she was not prepared to adopt the report until the council was able to discuss, review, and make clarifications about the issues raised.

Mayor Bascom agreed, adding that the City's relationship with the UO is a longstanding one in the park, and she wanted clarification on the issues.

Mr. Boles supported adopting the plan and allowing issues to be negotiated by interested parties. He said he was struck by the idea of the Leo Harris

Parkway as a natural boundary between the park and Autzen Stadium uses. However, Mr. Boles expressed concern that the academic tail is still being wagged by the athletic dog.

Ms. Swanson Gribkov urged the council to allow time to explore the options to allow for a win-win solution.

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Ms. Swanson Gribkov, to delay adoption for two weeks to allow the UO and other interested parties to negotiate issues with the Citizen Planning Committee.

Mr. Boles thanked the CPC for what he called a "sterling planning effort," adding that he would not support the motion for the reasons he expressed earlier.

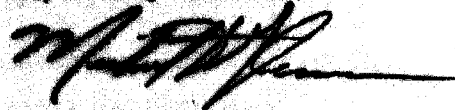
Ms. Keller said she would support the motion, in the hope of reaching unanimous support. Mr. Laue agreed, commending the CPC and staff who worked on the plan.

The motion passed 6:1, with Mr. Boles voting in opposition.

Ms. Bishow noted that the CPC would meet again October 3, and hoped to schedule the issue on a council agenda shortly after that. Mr. Hill noted that the Willamalane Board would meet October 19.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Micheal Gleason  
City Manager

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