

MINUTES

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

**January 11, 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 January 11, 2016, City Council Work Session.

A. WORK SESSION: Downtown Improvements

Community Development Division Manager Denny Braud and Economic Development Planner Anne Fifield led the council in a discussion on high speed fiber, what it means for the downtown, and next steps.

Council discussion:

- Providing high-speed fiber is the single-most important economic development tool the council can pursue.
- Timing of this initiative is important; city will enjoy significant advantage if it can move quickly.
- Urban renewal dollars are appropriate funds for this capital project.
- A list of potential buildings that would be included in this project requested.
- Internet access is an essential aspect of public life; will benefit both business and residents.
- How the City communicates about this initiative with the community is important.

Community Development Division Manager Denny Braud and Urban Design Planner Will Dowdy gave a PowerPoint presentation discussing the changing story of the Park Blocks, downtown context, and issues and observations.

Council discussion:

- Space well used by Saturday and Farmers' markets
- Park blocks need a new look; simple sprucing-up measures could go a long way.
- More amenities are needed; current design is restrictive and needs to be opened up.
- More places for people to sit are needed; Kesey Square should be saved as a public space.
- Urban renewal dollars are available and should be used for this.
- Public engagement process to determine future of Park Blocks and Riverfront is needed.
- A broader coordinated discussion on the future of downtown is also needed.
- There is general support in the public for more green space downtown.
- 2006 Parks Master Plan should be considered in this discussion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chuck Crockett

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder

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7:30 p.m.**

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Mayor Piercy opened the January 11, 2016, City Council Meeting.

1. ELECTION OF 2016 COUNCIL OFFICERS

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to elect Greg Evans as President of the City Council for 2016. **PASSED 8:0**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to elect Alan Zelenka as Vice President of the City Council for 2016. **PASSED 8:0**

2. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Mariah Leung – Supported a resolution denouncing anti-Muslim rhetoric.
2. Colin Taylor – Supported more public space downtown and keeping Kesey Square open.
3. Sage Fox – Supported immediate action on the climate recovery ordinance.
4. Corina MacWilliams – Supported immediate action on the climate recovery ordinance.
5. Wesley Georgiev – Supported immediate action on the climate recovery ordinance.
6. Catalina Gallardo – Supported immediate action on the climate recovery ordinance.
7. Maggie Clark – Supported immediate action on the climate recovery ordinance.
8. Debby McGee – Supported immediate action on the climate recovery ordinance.
9. Cynthia Kokis – Supported a resolution opposing the Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal.
10. Kari Westlund – Supported efforts to move high speed fiber forward in downtown.
11. Patty Hine – Supported immediate action on the climate recovery ordinance.
12. Zondie – Supported keeping Kesey Square a free and open space.
13. Plaedo Wellman – Supported keeping Kesey Square a free and open space.
14. Mark Davis – Supported efforts to move high speed fiber forward in downtown.
15. Dan White – Supported efforts to move high speed fiber forward in downtown.
16. Larry Sullivan – Supported efforts to move high speed fiber forward in downtown.
17. Todd Edman – Supported efforts to move high speed fiber forward in downtown.
18. Donna Riddle – Said more open space is needed in downtown Eugene.
19. William Ivanoff – Supported development of Kesey Square.
20. Lon Otterby – Supported a resolution opposing the Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal.
21. Matt Miller – Supported efforts to move high speed fiber forward in downtown.
22. Art Bowman – Supported a resolution opposing the Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal.
23. Gwendolyn Iris – Supported keeping Kesey Square a free and open space.
24. Michael Adams – Supported keeping Kesey Square a free and open space.
25. Kimberly Cullen – Supported improvements to and public engagement on the Park Blocks.
26. Susan Costa – Supported development of Broadway Plaza.
27. Melissa Achten – Supported development of Broadway Plaza and the Park Blocks.
28. Tad Erickson – Supported economic development efforts in downtown Eugene.
29. Logan Flores – Supported keeping Kesey Square a free and open space.
30. Laurie Powell – Supported immediate action on the climate recovery ordinance.
31. Mike Biglan – Supported efforts to move high speed fiber forward in the downtown.
32. Brittany Quick-Warner – Supported efforts to move high speed fiber forward.

33. Megan Richter – Supported development of the Park Blocks.
34. Linda Kelley – Supported immediate action on the climate recovery ordinance.
35. Marc Cronk – Supported keeping Kesey Square a free and open space.

Council discussion:

- The council will receive regular updates on progress being made on the climate recovery ordinance.
- The vacancy rate for rental units in Eugene is very low; more housing is needed
- Support expressed for a resolution denouncing anti-Muslim rhetoric.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

The Mayor adjourned the meeting of the Eugene City Council and convened a meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency.

4. URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY ACTION: Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of the Annual Financial Report of the Urban Renewal Agency for the City of Eugene for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to adopt Resolution 1078, acknowledging receipt of the Annual Financial Report for the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. **PASSED 8:0**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency and reconvened a meeting of the Eugene City Council.

5. WORK SESSION AND ACTION: Presiding Judge Salary

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to authorize the Council President to sign an amendment to the City's contract with Judge Allen increasing the hourly pay from \$121 to \$130, and making that change retroactive to January 1, 2016. **PASSED 8:0**

6. ACTION: Resolution Opposing Extension Of Harmful Trade Practices

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to approve a resolution opposing the extension of harmful trade policies as represented by the transpacific partnership. **PASSED 8:0**

Council discussion:

- The TPP is not good for the planet, workers or democracy.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chuck Crockett

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