

## MINUTES

Eugene City Council  
Harris Hall, 125 East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Eugene, Oregon 97401

July 11, 2016  
5:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Piercy opened the July 11, 2016, work session of the Eugene City Council.

### A. WORK SESSION: City Hall Update

Central Services Director Kristie Hammitt gave a PowerPoint presentation discussing the bid outreach process, bid results, cost escalation drivers, and potential council options for the City Hall project.

#### Council discussion:

- Building a new city hall is not a new issue; the longer the discussion goes on, the higher the cost.
- City hall is a place for the people, it's the heart of the city and it is time to act.
- Costs are getting out of control and more time is needed; work with County on potential options.
- City is the seat of local government and needs adequate facilities to effectively operate.
- The City owns neither the butterfly lot nor the EWEB building.
- Not ready to revisit past decisions; the longer decisions are delayed, the more challenges will emerge.
- Waiting is costly; construction of a new courthouse idea could still be five-to-ten years away.
- All cost increases for the project are the result of what council asked staff to do.
- If a decision is made to move forward with construction, there will be  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a block for future development.
- Council should do what is in the best interest of the community.
- The current space is unsatisfactory; a proper City Hall is needed.
- Goal is to make the right decision and be as frugal as possible.

**MOTION AND VOTE** *with friendly*: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to postpone direction until after the Council meets with the County Board of Commissioners in a joint work session on July 14. The Council will hold a work session on July 18 either before or after its 7:30 meeting, during which Council could choose one of the above options, or a different one, and to review our project values and redesign the project to meet those values. If the council chooses this option, then unless the Council directs otherwise, our intention would be to provide notice for a public hearing on July 25 on a supplemental budget in order to preserve Council's option of accepting the GMP following the joint meeting. **PASSED 7:1** Councilor Brown opposed.

### B. CONSENT CALENDAR

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to approve the items on the consent calendar, except item 4F. **PASSED 8:0**

**VOTE ON ITEM 4F: PASSED 7:1**, Councilor Taylor opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chuck Crockett  
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### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

League of Women Voter's representatives read the Declaration of Independence and led the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag in honor of Independence Day on July 4.

### 2. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Former Bethel School District Superintendent Colt Gill was honored for his years of service to the community, innovative ideas, projects completed, and for being appointed by Governor Kate Brown as the state's first Education Innovator Officer.

### 3. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Otto Poticha – Supported a new strategy for city hall and working with the County on options.
2. Eric Hall – Supported a new strategy for city hall and working with the County on options.
3. Charmaine Rehg – Supported a new strategy for city hall and working with the County on options.
4. Patty Hine – Supported the climate recovery ordinance amendments and the 350ppm goal.
5. Coreal Riday-White – Supported the climate recovery ordinance amendments and the 350ppm goal.
6. Laurie Powell – Supported the climate recovery ordinance amendments and the 350ppm goal.
7. Moshe Immerman – Supported more creative ideas around building a new city hall.
8. Scott Bartlett – Supported a new strategy for city hall and working with the County on options.

#### Council discussion:

- Everything staff did that caused a budget increase for city hall was directed by council.

### 5. WORK SESSION AND ACTION: City Council Review of 2016 Stormwater User Fee Increase

City Engineer Mark Schoening gave updates on the stormwater fee increase revision process; timeline; motivations for the increases; funding; and regulatory programs.

#### Council discussion:

- Money from Public Works' budget was diverted to city hall and now there's a need to backfill for it.
- Leaf program saves money for stormwater clean-up.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to affirm the 2016 Stormwater User Fee increase of 7.5 percent implemented by Administrative Order 58-16-08-F. **PASSED 5:3**, Councilors Brown, Taylor, and Clark opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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