

## MINUTES

City Council  
McNutt Room--City Hall

October 9, 1996  
11:30 a.m.

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

**COUNCILORS ABSENT:** Laurie Swanson Gribkov.

The Lunch Work Session meeting of the Eugene City Council of October 9, 1996, was called to order by Her Honor Mayor Ruth Bascom.

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

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Mr. Boles, that the order of the agenda be approved. The motion was adopted unanimously, 6:0, Councilor Keller having not yet joined the meeting.

### II. ITEMS FROM THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

#### A. Leaf Blower Regulation on Council Agenda

Mr. Hornbuckle asked why, in the face of a majority of councilors expressing interest in considering regulation of the hours in which leaf blowers could be used, Council Officers had determined to not place the issue on an agenda of a meeting.

Mr. Laue reported that Council Officers had determined to not place consideration of regulating hours for the use of leaf blowers on the agenda of a council meeting when one member who had expressed interest in such a consideration changed positions, leaving a minority in support of it.

#### B. Policy on Photographing Police on Duty

Mr. Hornbuckle said that it had been reported to him that police confiscate cameras, or otherwise harass persons observing arrests. He asked for The Department of Public Safety policy on such actions.

Ms. Keller joined the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

#### C. Candidate Forum

Mr. Hernbuckle announced that the Socialist Party of Oregon would hold a candidate forum at 7 p.m. on October 10, 1996, at Grower's Market, 454 Willamette Street.

#### D. Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority

Mr. Boles stated that the Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority (LRAPA) had scheduled a public hearing on November 13, 1996, regarding making permanent a temporary rule concerning hazardous air pollutants (HAPS).

Mr. Boles also stated that LRAPA had constituted an ad hoc committee at the request of the City of Springfield to consider the correspondence of rules of LRAPA and rules of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). He said that initial appointments to the committee represented area industries and that he was seeking persons to recommend for appointment who would represent the public interest.

#### E. Hyundai Testimony-Wetlands Amendments

Mr. Boles requested that a written explanation be provided for a failure to provide to councilors information addressed to them regarding the construction of the Hyundai plant in Eugene. He said he had learned of the information through area print media and determined that it had been received August 23, 1996, but not forwarded.

#### F. Methadone Clinic Siting and Social Services Dispersal

Mr. Boles requested, if time was available at the end of the agenda, that issues related to the siting of a methadone treatment clinic and dispersal of social services throughout the community be discussed. He reported that councilors would receive communication regarding the topic from Jon Belcher and other members of the Westside Neighborhood Quality Project.

Mr. Torrey stated that he supported discussion by the council of issues surrounding siting of the methadone treatment clinic and dispersal of social services.

#### G. "Right-to-Know" Ballot Measure Information

Mr. Boles requested an updated memorandum about the "right to know" ballot measure cost information. He said it was his understanding that all costs involved were to be borne by those who were regulated, or provided information.

#### H. Neighborhood Crime Statistics

Mr. Boles stated there was confusion regarding crime rates in the community. He requested that statistics for the last five years regarding "Part One" and "Part Two" crimes, by neighborhoods, be provided to the Council Committee on Public Safety (CCPS) at its next meeting.

Ms. Norris stated that the request might be difficult to fulfill because data collection by neighborhoods had only recently been instituted; however, city-wide information would be provided.

#### **I. Housing Code Project**

Mr. Boles asked if a response was being prepared to a memorandum addressed to Councilor Nathanson from the chair of the Housing Code Project Departmental Advisory Committee, regarding unclearness in the council's charge to the committee.

Ms. Nathanson said that she had assumed it was inappropriate for her to individually respond to the memorandum from the chair of the Housing Code Project Departmental Advisory Committee because it had questioned an action of the council as a whole. She stated that she had held conversations with staff of the committee and felt the intention of the council would be more clearly communicated to members.

#### **J. Hyundai Material Transportation Routes**

Mr. Torrey requested information regarding questions raised during a meeting of the Council Committee on Environment and Economics about determination of appropriate routes for transportation of material to and from the Hyundai plant under construction in Eugene.

Ms. Nathanson stated that she had requested discussion of hazardous material transportation routes to the Hyundai plant when the council considered the Memorandum of Understanding regarding its construction. She said she believed the full council would support incorporation of such a discussion in its work plan.

#### **K. Dogs at Large**

Mr. Laue requested information regarding the appropriate resource for citizens to report "dogs at large" during times when the Lane County Animal Regulation Authority was not operating.

#### **L. Brittany Drive and 18th Avenue Safety Issues**

Ms. Nathanson requested a status report on conversations between the City and 4J School District regarding development of cooperation for programs such as volunteer safety monitors and paid street crossing guards for school children at the intersection of Brittany Drive and 18th Avenue.

#### **M. EWEB Water Service Development Charges**

Ms. Keller requested councilors to indicate support for a position of the Housing Policy Board (HPB) by signing a letter to the Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) requesting a waiver of water Service Development Charges (SDCs) for low-income housing projects. She stated she had reported City policy regarding payment of low-income housing development permit fees and SDCs, utilizing recommendations of the HPB, to EWEB representatives and elected officials.



Mr. Farr reported on a meeting with elected officials and representatives of EWEB. He said he felt concerns of the utility and the City regarding SDCs were strikingly similar and that cooperative work would be productive in the future.

**N. Dog and Skateboard Ordinance**

Ms. Keller requested that the council discuss the Public Safety "sweeps" in the West University Neighborhood. She said she had favored adoption of the ordinance prohibiting dogs and skateboards in a designated area of the neighborhood, but that it seemed to have been mistakenly interpreted by residents and law enforcement personnel to support ridding the City of certain elements of the community. She stated that she was opposed to such an interpretation and would raise issues concerning it when the ordinance was on the agenda of a forthcoming council meeting.

Ms. Norris stated that the purpose of the "sweeps" in the West University Neighborhood was to enforce the Dog and Skateboard Ordinance, enforce other existing laws, and eliminate criminal and anti-social behavior in the area, not to drive any persons out of the city. She said that she felt the Department of Public Safety was clear about its actions in the enforcement process.

**O. Police Citizen Oversight Committee**

Ms. Keller requested that the council discuss, if there was time at the end of the agenda, re-creation of a citizen oversight committee for Police Services.

Ms. Norris reported that a City Council meeting with the Human Rights Commission was being scheduled and that a citizen review board of police services was included on the agenda.

**P. Bethel-Danebo Road Construction**

Mr. Farr stated that he was relieved road construction in the Bethel-Danebo area of the city was nearing completion because, on a recent day, all entrances and exits were concurrently blocked.

**Q. Council Committee to Finance Affordable Housing**

Mr. Farr expressed appreciation for council action funding a survey conducted by the Council Committee to Finance Affordable Housing.

**R. Hyundai System Development Charges Allegations**

Mr. Farr asked if the City was planning to respond to recent allegations about malfeasance on the part of public officials and staff regarding SDC fees levied on the construction of the Hyundai manufacturing plant.

Ms. Norris stated that she had not intended to respond to the allegations, but explained that the City had levied SDC fees on the project which were currently in force. She said that the process to alter the SDC rate schedule included a 45-day public hearing comment time period and that it was City practice to charge fees in effect at the time a permit application was submitted, not requiring payment according to a schedule which might be adopted in the future.

Mr. Farr said he regretted that it was possible to make allegations without substantiation.

#### S. Mayoral Trip to Sister City

Mayor Bascom reported on her visit to Eugene's Sister City, Chinju, Korea. She described similarities between the two cities; her uniqueness as a female elected official to the Chinju City Council; and economic, political, and cultural factors of the area she observed.

#### T. West Eugene Wetland Plan Amendments

Ms. Norris stated that recent media reports had incompletely described issues related to adoption of West Eugene Wetland Plan amendments. She explained that at the time the plan was adopted, certain areas were undesignated for preservation, restoration, or development. She said that a process was currently underway in which amendments were being adopted on the recommendation of the Planning Commission to complete the plan. She said that the Planning Commission had made recommendations about sites within the last 12 months; but, during the spring and summer of 1996, owners of three properties affected, including Hyundai Corporation, had submitted additional information about rare plants and wetland boundaries on the basis of studies required to be completed during that time. She explained that the Lane Board of County Commissioners had requested that its planning commission review the newly submitted additional information before it took action. She said that although the City Council could have acted directly on the additional information, it had seemed more appropriate that a process similar to that of the County be followed. She said that City planning commissioners had been asked to reconsider their previous recommendation to the council based on the additional information and that it would then be considered by the council.

There being sufficient time, the council returned to items flagged for discussion.

#### F. Social Services Dispersal

Mr. Boles noted that development of a plan for dispersal of social services throughout the community had been under consideration by the council for some time and that it was time to be proactive about the issue.

Mr. Boles moved, seconded by Mr. Torrey, to direct staff to prepare a scoping proposal for instigating social services dispersal in the community.

Mr. Torrey stated that he supported the motion.

Ms. Keller stated that she also supported the motion, but suggested that the Housing Dispersal Policy could not serve as a model for the proposed dispersal of social services because the location of such services was not implemented by City financial support.

Mr. Laue said he understood the need to develop such a policy, but was concerned that it might be legally impossible to do so.

Ms. Norris suggested, because of the complexity of the issues involved in the proposal, that it be brought to the council at its next Trimester Work Session.

Mr. Hornbuckle said he supported the motion, but agreed that issues involved were complicated and that he would determine if he supported a dispersal policy at a later time.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 7:0.

### III. OPTIONS CONCERNING MULTI-UNIT RENTAL HOUSING TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM

Mayor Bascom determined from City Attorney Glenn Klein that consideration of the following motion made at the September 25, 1996, meeting of the council was appropriate without a motion to lift it from the table:

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Ms. Swanson Gribskov, to maintain the existing program boundary area.

Ms. Keller moved, seconded by Mr. Boles, to amend the motion to limit the program boundary area to what is commonly known as the downtown core area with an extension to include west 13th Avenue near the University.

Richie Weinman, Planning and Development Department, provided the staff presentation. He summarized issues related to the ten-year multi-unit rental housing tax exemption in the core area of the City enabled by State law. He reviewed ramifications of the following questions related to the issue:

1. *Should the boundary of the program be amended?*
2. *Should location of units, affordability, accessibility, and density be continued or added as qualification criteria for the program?*
3. *Should a lengthened public comment period for applications be provided?*
4. *Should the low-income impact fee be assessed sooner?*
5. *Should home ownership exemptions be granted, as provided for in new State legislation allowing them in "transit-oriented" development districts?*
6. *Should parking space requirements be incorporated into the program?*

Ms. Nathanson said she felt incorporation of parking space requirements and home ownership exemptions should be considered in the renewal of the exemption program.

Ms. Nathanson said she would not support the amendment to limit the boundaries of the program because council would continue to have authority to approve or deny requests for the exemption on a project-by-project basis. She said she would also not support limiting the boundaries because it would eliminate an incentive to redevelop structures which needed attention because of safety concerns.



Ms. Keller pointed out that the council did not have a history of denying applications for multi-unit rental housing tax exemptions and that it was appropriate to carefully set the area in which the program would be most beneficial. She said that discussion with a housing developer had indicated to her that redevelopment of less-than-desirable housing in the West University Neighborhood was unlikely as long as owners' return on investment continued at high levels.

Mr. Torrey said he was prepared to vote on the motion, since the reason for postponing its consideration had been to allow Councilor Nathanson an opportunity to speak regarding it.

Mr. Hornbuckle suggested that the tax exemption program subsidized the interests of landlords and that better multi-unit housing could be provided by government developed housing programs.

Mr. Farr stated that he favored creation of low-income housing in the West University area by the private development sector.

The motion to amend the motion was defeated, 5:2, with Councilors Boles and Keller voting yes.

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Mr. Boles, that consideration of the Multi-Unit Rental Housing Tax Exemption Program be extended by ten minutes, and that the extra time be taken from that allotted for discussion of siting a State correctional facility. The motion was adopted, 6:1, with Councilor Hornbuckle voting no.

Ms. Keller stated that she would forego proposing that the boundaries of the Multi-Unit Rental Housing Tax Exemption Program be limited to the Transit-Oriented Overlay District because there did not appear to be support for such a motion. She said she would oppose the motion under consideration because it would negatively impact the West University neighborhood.

Ms. Nathanson said she believed there was a difference of opinion regarding the impact on the West University neighborhood of the exemption program. She stated that she had asked staff for an opinion about whether conditions could be imposed on approval of applications for the exemption. She said she hoped an answer could be provided at the time an application was received.

The motion to maintain the existing Multi-Unit Rental Housing Tax Exemption Program boundary was adopted, 4:3, with Councilors Boles, Hornbuckle, and Keller voting no.

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Mr. Boles, to approve the conceptual changes to the Multiple Unit Rental Housing Tax Exemption Program and direct staff to return to the City Council with the necessary ordinances.

Mr. Torrey moved, seconded by Mr. Laue, to add the phrase "which include a strong statement that application does not guarantee granting of an exemption."

With the assurance of staff that his concern would be incorporated in the ordinances prepared, Mr. Torrey requested that his motion be withdrawn. Seeing no objection, Mayor Bascom granted his request.

The motion to approve the conceptual changes and direct staff to return ordinances was adopted, 4:3, with Councilors Boles, Hornbuckle, and Keller voting no.

#### IV. STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Michael Redding, Administrative Services Department, presented background information regarding the potential siting of a State correctional facility in the City of Eugene. He said that the City was one of four sites under consideration, sites will be nominated on October 15 and October 22. Public hearings for the sites would be held between October 31 and November 19, and conditions for locating sites in communities needed to be submitted ten days before the site's hearing.

Mr. Redding reported that a meeting of representatives of regional entities had led to State Legislator Kitty Piercy writing to the State Department of Corrections, requesting that the hearing about siting a facility in Eugene be held late in the process; and, if Eugene was chosen as a site, that it not be one of the first built to allow time to fully develop potential conditions or concerns.

Jan Childs, Planning Division Manager, discussed land use issues related to the siting of a State correctional facility in the City of Eugene. She said that Tax Lot 200 was under consideration for the siting. She said only 200 acres of the parcel was within the City of Eugene Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and was zoned Industrial with an Urbanizable Land Subdistrict and a requirement for Site Review. She said the portion of Tax Lot 200 outside the UGB was zoned EFU-40, exclusive farm use with a 40-acre minimum lot size. She added that all other area in the vicinity of the site was also outside the UGB and that a majority of it was zoned EFU-40.

Ms. Childs stated that siting of the facility raised visual and aesthetic issues. She said that research with cities in which correctional facilities were already sited was underway to determine ancillary development impacts which could be anticipated. She noted that significant permitting and inspection issues were associated with the siting of a large facility and that whether they would be the concern of the City or County would be determined by its location within or outside the UGB.

Mr. Redding reported that the State had contracted for a site evaluation report which would be available on October 15 or October 22.

Glen Svendsen, Public Works Administration, said location of the proposed facility within or outside the City's UGB would determine public infrastructure requirement conditions which could be imposed on its development.

Regarding stormwater issues, Mr. Svendsen said that hydric soils and jurisdictional wetlands had been identified on the proposed site which would require that the development meet Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Army Corps of Engineers permitting standards. He added that the Junction City Water Control District would be concerned that stormwater runoff levels be maintained at pre-development levels to eliminate erosion and capacity impacts on its channels and current summer-time use of the channels to drain agricultural property. He said that if the property were annexed to the City, Eugene stormwater development standards would be in place before the prison was scheduled for construction.



Regarding sanitary sewer issues, Mr. Svendsen said that the City had plans in place to provide sanitary sewer service to the portion of the property within its UGB. He said that if a prison were sited on the portion of the property outside the UGB, it would be preferable for it to develop on-site treatment facilities to eliminate effects on the regional wastewater system. He said DEQ had indicated such a plan could be acceptable, if it did not involve discharge to surface drainage. He said that if service to the portion of the property outside the UGB was required, drainage and other factors would require construction of an additional pump station and larger sizing of pressure lines and pump stations.

Regarding transportation issues, Mr. Svendsen said that cooperation between the County and the City's Traffic Engineer would be required for reconstructing roads and a bridge, providing two railroad crossings, and improving Highway 99 signalization access. He said that it would likely be preferable for transportation improvements to be included as part of conditions imposed on development of the project, rather than expecting them to be paid for by SDCs.

Regarding natural gas issues, Mr. Svendsen said that a large natural gas main passed near the property under consideration and that no additional capacity for a correctional facility site would be required.

Regarding airport conflicts, Mr. Svendsen said the proposed site was generally within the approach path of its cross-wind runway, requiring it to be subject to Federal Aviation Authority review considerations of height restrictions, lighting, and impact on aircraft control.

Marty Douglass, Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) staff, said that electric service to the proposed correctional facility site was provided by the Blachley-Lane Electric Cooperative.

Regarding water service to the proposed site, Mr. Douglass said that EWEB had been informed that 1.4 million gallons of water a day would be required for the facility itself and an additional 1 million gallons a day were said to be needed for "irrigation purposes." He said that providing such a quantity of water would require extension of two major distribution lines, that the cost of providing service to the area of the site outside the City's UGB would be higher than to the area within it, and that the cost of installing the less expensive service had been estimated at \$770,000, which would be required to be paid by the developer before construction could begin. He said that EWEB would act on a water SDC proposal within a month which could impose a fee of \$3-5 million on the project, depending on the quantity of water used. He said a separate service agreement would need to be developed for the proposed facility because it was outside EWEB's existing rate structure.

Mr. Douglass stated that the major issue for EWEB related to the projected facility was that its requirements and current use estimate projections exceeded the potential of existing water storage capacity.

Mr. Douglass reminded councilors of the City's extra-territorial water extension policy which prohibited EWEB from delivering water to development outside the City's UGB.

Glenn Klein, City Attorney, stated that issues raised by locating the proposed correctional facility outside the UGB included whether water and sanitary sewer could be provided by EWEB and the City, and whether preemption of local land use regulatory powers by "super-siting" State legislation

included preemption of prohibitions on extra-territorial extension. He said that if the State chose to site a prison in a location which did not request to be chosen, the State would be required to make findings about why it chose the site over another area which had asked to be considered. He suggested that if the council went on record as opposing siting a prison in Eugene, the State would be required to be more specific regarding reasons for its location there.

In response to a question from Mr. Hornbuckle, Mr. Klein explained that the Oregon Department of Corrections would nominate potential prison sites, a special corrections authority would rank them, and the Governor would choose the actual locations. He said that challenges to any of the steps in the process would go directly to the Oregon Supreme Court for determination.

Mayor Bascom stated that council action related to the potential siting of a State correctional facility in Eugene would be taken at its October 14, 1996, meeting.

Mr. Boles said he believed it was illogical, as suggested by some, that because area voters supported Ballot Measure 11, siting of a correctional facility in Lane County should result.

Mr. Boles asked when it would be known if the proposed facility would be located within or outside the UGB. He said he believed a great deal of council support or opposition to its development could hinge on that issue.

Mr. Boles asked whether comments presented to councilors in a letter from Ron Chase, Executive Director of Sponsors, Inc., would be incorporated in proposed conditions for development of a prison in Eugene being prepared by staff.

Mr. Boles asked if it would be possible to incorporate recovery of operating and maintenance costs for City infrastructure into conditions imposed on development of a prison within the City.

Mr. Boles asked for clarification regarding extraordinarily high water use indicated to be needed by the proposed facility.

Mr. Svendsen stated that the design engineering firm providing information regarding the project had indicated that it would require an average of 600,000 gallons of water a day, up to 1.4 million gallons a day at peak usage times. He said that the County Jail, with less than one-fourth the number of beds, used an average of 850,000 gallons of water a month. He said that he had not been able to determine what could be planned for the facility which could require such large water use supplies.

Mr. Redding stated that due to the lack of information regarding the project, staff had filed a "Freedom of Information Act" request to secure the site evaluation report prepared for the State to assist in preparing development condition proposals. He reported that third-hand information had been received which indicated there was the potential that the State would develop the proposed facility outside the Eugene UGB.

Mr. Redding stated that issues raised by Mr. Chase and whether operating and maintenance costs could be incorporated would be considered in development of proposals for conditions related to siting a prison within the City.

Mr. Boles said he believed the council would need to create separate responses to the potential of whether a correctional facility would be located within or outside the UGB.

Mr. Boles asked for analysis of "super siting" legislation to determine if it was possible for the State to contract with non-government agencies to provide program elements such as employment for prisoners.

Mr. Torrey said he was operating on the assumption that a correctional facility would be located in the Eugene area. He said he was most concerned that a strong negotiating position be maintained regarding conditions to be imposed.

Mr. Torrey asked how many gallons of wastewater would be generated by 1.4 million gallons of daily water use.

Mr. Torrey requested that non-construction factors, such as the cost of required social services and impacts on affordable housing, be conveyed in conditions prepared for consideration of siting a correctional facility in the area.

Ms. Norris stated that development of condition proposals would be enhanced by City contacts with other areas in which correctional facilities are located and by involving representatives from other area governments and public agencies. She said that the involvement of elected officials in development of conditions would be significant.

Ms. Norris said that cost issues related to growth and providing services to the proposed facility were significant and that payment in lieu of tax arrangements would be recommended since State facilities were not obligated to pay property tax assessments.

Mr. Svendsen stated that the Department of Public Works was cooperating with EWEB to determine what use would be made of the suggested daily 1.4 million gallons of water to determine how much wastewater could be generated.

Ms. Keller encouraged councilors to read copies of a letter from the Director of Lane County Community Corrections Dave Koch distributed at the beginning of the meeting. She stated that her conditions for supporting siting of a correction facility in the area included that it must be within the UGB; must meet all regulations and pay all fees required of any development, including in lieu of taxes charges; must pay all capital and operating and maintenance expenses of the City; and must not compete with the local labor pool in any resident work program. She said that her trust of State actions in the siting process was low.

Ms. Nathanson asked for an analysis of whether siting a facility partially within the UGB allowed City conditions to be placed on the entire project.

Ms. Nathanson requested information regarding development of safe railroad crossings for the proposed correctional facility.

Ms. Nathanson stated that she questioned the accuracy of maps and other information used by State consultants in preparing site analysis regarding the siting of a correctional facility in Lane County.



Ms. Nathanson asked if it would be possible to require as a condition for locating a prison that residents be from the local area. She also asked if it would be possible to require that an aggressive alternative transportation mode plan for employees be adopted.

Mr. Farr agreed that the map containing the proposed location for siting the correctional facility contained a great deal of outdated information. He said it raised questions regarding the validity of deliberations based on it.

Mr. Farr asked if an FAA review would include consideration of the pending development of new airport runways. Ms. Norris replied that such runways would be included.

Mr. Farr asked if water resources could be developed on-site to provide a portion of the needs of the proposed facility. Ms. Norris replied that the issue would be raised with State officials, but that previous discussions had indicated that consideration of such an alternative would be unlikely.

In response to a question from Mr. Farr, Mr. Redding explained that consideration was being given to siting six-eight medium-security facilities, and several work camp and other types of corrections facilities throughout the State.

Mr. Hornbuckle said he was convinced the diligence of staff and councilors would provide an adequate basis for decisions to be made regarding siting of a correctional facility. He suggested that capitalist class relations had contributed to passage of ballot measures which had led to the necessity of siting new correctional facilities throughout the State.

Mr. Laue said that he had questions about whether unplanned additional development would be encouraged by providing water and sewer service to the proposed correctional facility site, whether mitigation of transportation congestion was possible, whether area roads and highways would be capable of handling necessary traffic capacity, and whether the Blachley-Lane Electric Cooperative could provide adequate power service to the facility.

Mr. Laue said he was concerned that the process followed for siting correctional facilities throughout the State was not providing adequate planning information for local governments involved.

Mr. Laue asked for information regarding the potential of local hiring of employees for a correctional facility located in Lane County.

Mayor Bascom said she was concerned that methods for compensation to local government for its considerable expense in connection with the siting of a correctional facility be incorporated into conditions proposed for consideration. She suggested that "new ways of thinking" could be useful.

Ms. Norris stated that a significant amount of new information would be available for council deliberation at its meeting on October 14. She said the first draft of proposed conditions for siting a correctional facility in Lane County and answers to questions raised by councilors would be delivered to councilors on October 11.

#### V. COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMICS

Due to insufficient time, Ms. Keller proposed that consideration of issues related to the Council Committee on Environment and Economics be postponed until a later meeting.

Mayor Bascom determined there was consensus to accept the proposal of Ms. Keller.

On the request of Mayor Bascom, consideration of the remaining items on the agenda of the meeting was reversed.

#### VI. RATIFICATION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Laue moved, seconded by Mr. Boles to approve the Council Officers' recommendations of September 26, 1996, as distributed with the agenda of the meeting.

Ms. Nathanson requested clarification regarding Council Officer item 1.b--Dates Held for City Manager Applicant Interviews. Mayor Bascom stated that clarification would be provided.

The motion to approve the Council Officers' recommendations was adopted, 6:1, Councilor Keller voting no.

#### VII. SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS

Sheri Pearsall, Administrative Services Department, served as staff resource as councilors discussed The Sister City program.

Ms. Keller described citizen involvement in the establishment of a Sister City relationship with Irkutsk, Russia and raised issues related to the program. She said she believed an increased number of citizens should be involved in the program before consideration be given to increasing the involvement of the City of Eugene.

Mr. Boles stated his belief that the City budget should provide for an official delegation trip to each Sister City every two years.

Mr. Hornbuckle stated his belief that the Sister City program received covert Federal funding from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for "reactionary purposes" and contained few opportunities for involvement by average citizens.

Mr. Laue said it would be difficult to support increasing the number of Eugene's Sister Cities when budget allocations for the current program were being reduced.

Ms. Nathanson said she wanted to be able to honor the Sister City commitments already made before considering adding to the number involved. She said she had questions about the program, in light of the decision to eliminate its public funding while using staff time to host delegations and meetings,

but was impressed with citizen involvement in other participating cities. She said that if funding for the program was considered, she hoped that support of more than travel expenses of official delegations would be considered.

Mr. Torrey said pending tax limitation ballot measures suggested that decisions whether Eugene should add to its number of Sister Cities should be postponed.

Mayor Bascom described a "protest art" display she visited on her trip to Chinju, Korea. She said the number of citizens participating in the Eugene Sister City program was high.

Ms. Keller commented that the Sister City program had fostered increased international understanding and created cultural richness for Eugene. She supported consideration of adding to the number of Sister City relationships established, especially with a city in Mexico.

Mr. Hornbuckle agreed that the Sister City program had had positive effects in Eugene. He said his negativity was regarding the general impact of the program.

Ms. Nathanson asked if councilors would support staff exploring ways a relationship with Cholula, Mexico, could be expanded into a full-scale Sister City relationship.

Ms. Keller moved, seconded by Ms. Nathanson, to postpone further discussion of extension of the Sister City program until after the seating of the new City Council in January 1997. The motion was adopted, 6:1, Councilor Hornbuckle voting no.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda H. Norris*

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City Manager pro tem

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