

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Approval of Council Minutes

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ISSUE STATEMENT

This is a routine item to approve City Council minutes.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2011, Work Session, May 23, 2011, Work Session, May 23, 2011, Regular Meeting, June 13, 2011, Regular Meeting, and June 16, 2011, Boards and Commissions Interviews.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. May 18, 2011, Work Session
- B. May 23, 2011, Work Session
- C. May 23, 2011, Regular Meeting
- D. June 13, 2011, Regular Meeting
- E. June 16, 2011, Boards and Commissions Interviews

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MINUTES

Eugene City Council
 McNutt Room—City Hall
 777 Pearl Street—Eugene, Oregon

May 18, 2011
 Noon

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Betty Taylor, George Brown, Andrea Ortiz, George Poling, Mike Clark, Chris Pryor, Alan Zelenka, Pat Farr.

Her Honor Mayor Kitty Piercy called the May 18, 2011, work session of the Eugene City Council to order. The council was joined by Human Rights Commissioners Elizabeth Andrade, Iva Boslough, Raydeen Cuffe, Toni Gyatso, and Martha Fish. Councilor Pat Farr represented the council on the commission. Assistant City Manager Sarah Medary, Keli Osborn, Francisca Johnson, Raquel Wells, Holly LeMasurier, and Michelle Mortensen of the City Manager's Office were also present. Public Works Director Kurt Corey and Central Services Director Kristi Hammitt, executive liaisons to the City's Human Rights Board, also participated.

**A. WORK SESSION:
 Human Rights Project Listening Session**

Mayor Piercy recognized that much of the work done in the past by the Human Rights Commission (HRC) had been institutionalized and carried forward by other entities. The commission was evolving toward a new role. She suggested the purpose of the meeting was to keep the HRC moving forward in a meaningful way taking advantage of the contributions those present could offer. She expressed appreciation to the HRC for its work and commended its strong and admirable history.

City Manager Jon Ruiz facilitated the meeting. He recognized the pending departure of Human Rights Analyst Holly LeMasurier and thanked her for her work on behalf of the City of Eugene. Those present recognized Ms. LeMasurier's contributions with a round of applause.

City Manager Ruiz recalled that during the council's meeting with the HRC in March the council expressed interest in having a broader conversation with the community about the HRC and human rights. He anticipated the outcome of that conversation would be council policy direction about the future focus of the HRC and further definition of how the Human Rights City framework applied to Eugene and the roles and responsibilities of the various stakeholders in the framework. The meeting was a listening session with the stakeholders represented by the HRC; its input would be added to the other input collected for presentation to the council when staff sought more specific policy direction about the framework.

At the request of City Manager Ruiz, those present introduced themselves, described how they were connected to human rights work in general, and why it was important the City was connected to human rights and equity work. The following reasons were mentioned in response to the question of why it was important the City was connected to human rights and equity work:

- The City can model human rights and be a community leader for human rights. The City has legal obligations to protect human rights. Its service delivery and budget priorities reflect the City's human rights priorities. (Osborn)
- It is important to keep up with emerging issues affecting the diverse groups that live in Eugene so the City organization can make necessary adjustments and changes. The City must provide equal protection and accessible services to all citizens. The HRC serves as a sounding board for residents to share their human rights concerns. (Poling)
- The commission could help the City track the social equity element of the Triple Bottom Line (TBL). The HRC could help the council define social equity, help ensure that social equity occurs, and monitor the City's progress in achieving it. (Farr)
- The HRC has a legacy of leadership. Other communities look to Eugene for its expertise in piloting new programs, its support for diverse voices, and its leadership in community education. The City's work on the Human Rights Framework would put it on the cutting edge and give it an opportunity to demonstrate continued leadership. The Human Rights Center and HRC play a role in the work of the Police Auditor and Sustainability Commission. The HRC helps to lift community voices that are otherwise unheard. (LeMasurier)
- It is important that the City support the work of the HRC to maintain social justice for all citizens. (Andrade)
- It is important that the City protect the political, social, and economic rights of citizens. The City needs to evolve as the culture evolves. (Gyatso)
- The City's visions and values are in part based on the pillar of human rights because of its fundamental importance to the community. The HRC embodies the importance of that value. (Pryor)
- It is important that elected officials and City employees, as representative of the entire community, demonstrate value for human rights or they cannot expect other community members to. The City should use its powers and tax dollars wisely to ensure they reflect the value of equity in all its applications—social, economic, and environmental. (Ortiz)
- Eugene should be involved in human rights because people of color encounter overt racism in the community all the time. Eugene needs more community education about human rights so that when people witness acts of racism they know how to react. (Boslough)
- While the community has made progress, it is clear there is more work to be done as evidenced by signs of hate around us. It is important to continue the work. The TBL is a real effort to create equitability in every decision the City makes. The City also has an important role to play in community education and in teaching people to stand up and speak out against injustice so that all feel welcome in Eugene. The City's budget is also related to human rights because of the services that give people the means to live and work safely. (Piercy)
- It is important to integrate human rights into everything we do. The City must set the example. One of the City's visions is to value all people, and it is important that all voices be heard. The HRC is a forum for those voices. The HRC also serves to help protect human rights and expand them where appropriate. The HRC could help the City to make progress on the social equity element of the TBL. (Zelenka)
- The City has a role in human rights as well as a calling and duty to protect the weak and disadvantaged. Eugene has a long way to go and there is much work to be done. (Brown)
- The City has the duty to embrace all the different voices in the community and determine how the community could benefit from all their different contributions. The Human Rights Center is a welcoming place for those quiet voices that often do not feel safe coming forward, but who could express their concerns to the HRC with confidence they would be heard and they would receive a response. (Mortensen)

- It is important to recognize the gap in understanding that exists among people and broaden the community's knowledge of human rights. Human rights should be both an umbrella philosophy and a lens through which all City decision-making occurs. (Hammitt)
- Consider the City's role in terms of the white privilege model; the City is a major landowner with the right to make and enforce laws and determine what services to provide, and it is important that decisions related to those areas are made through a human right lens to ensure they are the right decisions. (Medary)
- The City has a responsibility to create bridges and opportunities for those who cannot look out for themselves or share their perspectives. The HRC raises awareness of those voices and the poor conditions that people sometimes live in. (Wells)
- The principles of diversity, equity, and human rights form the underpinnings for a respectful work place. A respectful work place is necessary to allow those who provided services to the community to work at their highest level, which is what the community expects and needs. That strengthens the organization, which helps reinforce a similar culture in the community. (Corey)
- It is important to protect human rights because people are sometimes treated differently because of how they look. Anti-immigrant sentiment adds to that, and sometimes the community is not safe. Eugene has a municipal model that works but it needs to be revised in response to changes in the community so Eugene is open and safe for everyone. (Johnson)
- The purpose of government is to protect people's rights and establish justice. The best work of the HRC helps the council to achieve those goals. (Clark)
- The HRC helps to keep commissioners connected to accessibility and homeless issues. (Fish)

Those present briefly discussed the symbolic nature of local resolutions directed at actions taken by governments in other states, such as a resolution directed against the laws passed in Arizona related to illegal immigration, as opposed to potentially more effective resolutions aimed at actions taken by units of governments more directly related to the City of Eugene.

City Manager Ruiz asked those present to consider what issues addressed by the council would benefit from a human rights perspective.

Mayor Piercy could think of few topics the council discussed that lacked a human rights component and suggested the question was better cast as what was the appropriate role of the HRC. She suggested that the HRC could bring items to the council that it believed required more attention.

Ms. Taylor suggested the commission could offer input on the Downtown Public Safety Zone.

Ms. Andrade believed that more community education about human rights in general was needed.

Mr. Poling suggested the HRC could help the City transition its current focus on fostering affordable housing and employment in downtown to accomplishing those same goals in other areas of the community.

Ms. Mortensen emphasized the HRC's interest in homelessness and its desire to place more energy on the topic. She advocated for the creation of a more fluid communication system between the HRC and the council. She questioned whether the council-commission "buddy" system worked as effectively as possible and called for more discussion of that. She thought such communication was vital.

Mr. Pryor asked the HRC for its perspective on whether human behaviors as opposed to human conditions justified something like the Downtown Public Safety Zone. He also asked for HRC discussion

on what constituted a behavior as opposed to what constituted a condition and what the City could do to address both.

Mr. Zelenka indicated that it was his expectation that the HRC would raise emerging issues with the council. He also anticipated the council would hold shorter and more frequent meetings with its advisory bodies to increase communication levels. He asked the HRC to assess the strategies and tactics coming out of the Envision Eugene process.

Speaking to the subject of council committee assignments, Ms. Ortiz suggested the council discuss what she termed the “imaginary line” that kept one councilor from becoming involved in another councilor’s assignment. She considered that a barrier.

Ms. Ortiz hoped the City’s boards and commissions training included education on the City’s Human Rights Program.

Mayor Piercy said the council shared the commission’s concerns regarding homelessness because of its implications in so many areas, such as public safety and livability. She acknowledged the scope of the problem and the many service areas it touched upon and advocated for development of a work plan focused on homelessness.

Ms. Osborn recommended that the council provide specific direction to the HRC on such issues as homelessness when it seemed appropriate. Ms. Wells concurred. She said clear direction and focus helped the commission achieve tangible wins. She asked if the council had any questions it wished the HRC to ask the community during the course of the Listening Project and to share those with her via e-mail. She also envisioned that the council’s requests for assistance defining the social equity element of the TBL could be a separate commission work plan item.

Ms. Gyatso agreed with Ms. Mortensen that the communication between the HRC and council needed to be improved. Ms. LeMasurier suggested that the council could employ its liaison to the HRC, Mr. Farr, to provide direction to the HRC.

Ms. LeMasurier shared comments made by commissioners unable to attend the meeting, who wished her to mention the re-establishment of the Human Rights Support System (HRSS) and the need for staff support of that function. She said many commissioners and community members were interested in the HRSS and wanted the City to be able to do more local enforcement of human and civil rights in areas such as housing and discrimination in public places.

City Manager Ruiz posed the following question:

What advice do council members and the mayor have for HRC members for enhancing commission effectiveness and the relationship between the council and commission?

- Utilize this commission more in making decisions (include Human Rights lens).
- Make sure Councilor Farr knows what you’d like council to know or respond to. He can and wants to help.
- Use memos to inform us.
- If there is a problem communicating or otherwise, let us know. We want to help.
- We all read the e-mail.
- Help to revise the old ordinance because the structure of the current commission no longer works for the work needed.
- Help move forward with less bureaucracy.

- Open communication.
- Match who you place on the HRC with what actually work you would like to see done. Make sure skills are what you are looking for.
- Provide HRC with specific topics to focus on.
- Let us know what you want from us.
- More robust discussion of annual HRC work plan to be sure it is focused and in alignment with council.
- Regular check-ins on progress and emerging issues.
- Facilitate more fluid conversations with commissioners.
- E-mail us at mayorandcc@ci.eugene.or.us . If there is anything at all that you feel is important and not getting any traction. That really does get my attention.
- Ability to access members/council.
- Report back to both commission/council.
- Provide opportunities for direct communication—either at meetings or one-on-one.
- Once a month each commission rotates on council chamber to meet and talk about issues.
- Establish comfortable communication options—identify roles, how things work, what’s okay, what works, what are barriers.
- Give us direction about issues to focus on. There are so many emerging issues that we sometimes get sidetracked.
- Verbally, whenever possible, state your support of human rights.
- Listen to us more carefully, in our needs to help the community.

What is your advice to HRC to strengthen relationship with City Council?

- Continue to bring forward concerns and issues to council attention.
- Create a HRC report quarterly or more often to let us know what you’re hearing.
- Be clear if you speak for yourself or HRC.
- Give us perspectives that we might not normally consider or think of.
- Be a conduit for issues within HRC communities.
- Advise the council of the human rights implications related to decisions we are making.
- Meet with us to answer questions.
- Re-start advocacy program with adequate resources to work on case-load.
- Provide quarterly reports to help individual council people.
- Don’t let any single issue consume you and get bogged down, losing sight of other issues.
- Continue “HRC Buddy” communications and monthly/weekly updates of activities/issues.
- Bring emerging issues to councils’ attention as soon as possible even if there is no plan of action in place.
- More robust discussion of annual HRC work plan to be sure it is focused and in alignment with council.
- Regular check-ins on progress and emerging issues.
- Bring emerging issue and critical issues to the council’s attention and if possible ask for council action.
- Use multiple communication venues: one-on-ones, memos to council, liaisons, meetings with council, in work sessions.
- Ability to access members/council.
- Personal invitations to outreach efforts—specific to wards.
- Report back to council success/failure.
- Report back to both commission/council.
- Stay tuned to council tentative agenda. There are issues you may want to ask questions about, weigh in on, etc.

- Liked what Chris said would love to read result of that conversation (referencing the behavior versus condition conversation).
- Help council see all the flavors and sides and colors of what a just city would look like to you.
- Communicate how we get there.
- Focus your efforts, don't spread yourself too thin, be reasonable about what is possible.
- Remember you are part of the "City structure" and advisory to council should be a main focus.
- Be proactive not reactive. Focus on small wins and successes.

Mayor Piercy adjourned the work session at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Kimberly Young)

MINUTES

Eugene City Council
McNutt Room—City Hall
777 Pearl Street—Eugene, Oregon

May 23, 2011
5:30 p.m.

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Betty Taylor, George Brown, Andrea Ortiz, George Poling, Mike Clark, Chris Pryor, Alan Zelenka, Pat Farr.

Her Honor Mayor Kitty Piercy called the May 23, 2011, work session of the Eugene City Council to order.

A. ITEMS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Piercy reported that she met with the leadership of the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce to discuss how to boost local economic development efforts. She said the Chamber had donated to the Honor Guard Fund to assist with the memorial for Officer Chris Kilcullen. Mayor Piercy reported she had received a note of thanks from the Springfield Chamber of Commerce for participating in the ACE Awards, as well as that chamber's congratulations on Eugene's progress in downtown.

Mayor Piercy also noted the recent WeGene! Awards Celebration, the Asian Kite Festival, the 25th Annual HIV-Alliance River Walk, and the "topping-off" ceremony for the Inn at Fifth. She reported she had served as a judge in the Miss Whiteaker Pageant on May 21, and residents of the Whiteaker neighborhood held a neighborhood garage sale. Public Works Day occurred on May 19 at the Roosevelt Yards and the City's Fleet Services was recognized for its good environmental practices. She reported that construction had begun on Willakenzie Crossing, a new low-income housing development.

Mayor Piercy also reported that Dr. Charles Martinez was leaving his position as Vice President of Equity and Diversity at the University of Oregon and was returning to teaching and research. She had attended a gathering in his honor where she thanked him for his work in the community on behalf of the City Council.

Ms. Taylor had also attended the topping off ceremony for the Inn at Fifth and termed it an exciting event. She reported on the Lane Work Force Partnership, saying it was experiencing budget problems and would likely have to lay off employees and thus would not be able to help as many people retrain for and find jobs.

Mr. Zelenka reported that he was working with a group led by Rick Wright of the Market of Choice on a new proposal to save Civic Stadium. The group would present its proposal to the 4J School District Board of Directors soon.

Mr. Zelenka distributed copies of the Fairmount Neighborhood History Project to the council and called councilors' attention to a map in the document that showed the route of the old community trolley system. He reported that at one time, Fairmount was an incorporated community and was later annexed by Eugene. He added that the history project was funded through a neighborhood matching grant.

Mr. Farr said the Bethel Parks Scoping Project was underway and a meeting had occurred at Irving Elementary School to discuss the potential of a new YMCA at Bethel Park near Meadowview School. He said the proposal was in the preliminary stages and nothing was firm. He anticipated there would be additional opportunities for public comment.

Mr. Farr confirmed, in response to a question from Mayor Piercy, that the proposed YMCA was to be located on land leased from the City. He added that the City had planned at one time to build a community center at the park but because of budget issues that prospect was many years away.

Mr. Poling reminded residents of the May 26 Harlow Neighborhood Association meeting at the North Park Community Church.

Mr. Poling had attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Willakenzie Crossing development and said many different people and organizations had made the development possible. He noted the fact the 64-unit development contained 16 housing units designed to accommodate developmentally disabled individuals.

Mr. Poling had attended Public Works Day and spoke of the many children in attendance and their enjoyment at seeing the heavy equipment used by the department. He encouraged people to attend the event in the future.

Ms. Ortiz invited the council to We Are Bethel event on June 4.

Mr. Pryor acknowledged the recent election and congratulated successful candidates and those who put forth successful measures.

Mr. Pryor said the Housing Policy Board's Evaluation Committee was meeting May 24 to review the criteria for the Request for Proposals for the next affordable housing project.

Mr. Pryor acknowledged the completion of the City budget process and congratulated all those who worked on the budget.

Mayor Piercy recognized the election of Mr. Pryor's spouse, Rosemary Pryor, to the Board of Directors of Lane Community College.

Mr. Brown reported that the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC) approved an increase of four percent for the regional rate, which equated to about 83 cents monthly for the average household. The increase allowed all MWMC projects to move forward in a timely fashion and maintained the agency's bond rating. He noted that the local rate would increase by three percent but Eugene's rates would still be lower than those of Springfield. Mr. Brown said the council would be asked to ratify the agency's budget at its regular meeting later that night.

City Manager Ruiz thanked the City Budget Committee for its work on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 budget.

City Manager Ruiz invited the council to the Eugene Police Department Employee Awards on May 31.

City Manager Ruiz reminded the council that the City's "Summer in the City" series would begin on June 22 with the TrackTown12 One-Year-Out Party.

City Manager Ruiz noted the progress being made on various projects in the downtown area.

**B. WORK SESSION:
Report to City Council from Police Auditor**

The council was joined by Police Auditor Mark Gissiner. Mr. Gissiner provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Police Auditor 2010 Annual Report*. He reported the following:

- 99.2 percent of arrests and citations generated no use of control report (119/14,626)
- The average turnover time for Internal Affairs reports on allegations was 79 days
- The average turnover for service complaints was 23 days
- 62 percent of service complainants satisfied with outcome
- The Eugene Police Department (EPD) had a 27 percent sustained rate, compared to 10 percent in Boise, 10 percent in Cincinnati, 13 percent in Berkeley, and 10 percent in Los Angeles

Mr. Gissiner discussed taser use by the EPD and compared it to taser use in other United States communities, reporting that tasers were deployed by EPD officers at a rate of 1.3 times per 10,000 residents, the lowest rate of the various cities used in the comparison. He was unable to find a city of a similar size with lower taser use.

Mr. Gissiner noted that the Police Auditor's Office would return about 12 percent of its budget to the General Fund because the Deputy Police Auditor position had been vacant for part of fiscal year 2011. He had hired Leia Pitcher to fill that position and he commended her work as well as the work of Senior Administrative Assistant Vicki Cox. He noted that the Police Auditor's Office had done intake on more than 300 complaints in 2010.

Mr. Gissiner reported that he continued to place focus on policy revisions related to search and seizure, vehicle pursuits, use of K-9s, and processes for officer-involved shootings.

Mr. Gissiner shared a flow chart of the complaint process to demonstrate its complexity. He then shared trends in complaints for the years 2008-2010 and data for 2010 regarding complaints by classification and by month. He provided data on 2010 allegations, noting that 27 percent were sustained, and shared the adjudications for 2010 allegations by complaint classification. Mr. Gissiner also shared a graph showing disciplinary actions taken in 2010 for each sustained allegation.

Mr. Gissiner provided data on service complaints in 2010 and reported that service complaints in areas of concern had decreased. He noted the increase in policy complaints and inquiries between 2008 and 2010.

Mr. Gissiner shared a graph showing a decline in police vehicle accidents and pursuits between 2008 and 2010.

Mr. Gissiner concluded his presentation by noting that police commendations were down but had been on an upward trend since 2002.

Mayor Piercy briefly reviewed the mission and duties of the Police Auditor's Office and expressed appreciation to Mr. Gissiner for his work in fulfilling the duties of his office as well as for his work in identifying trends that the EPD wanted to reverse.

Ms. Ortiz asked Mr. Gissiner if he had received any complaints about the Downtown Public Safety Zone that allowed him to identify enforcement trends the EPD might wish to address. She asked the status of the lawsuit filed against the City by the former Deputy Police Auditor. Ms. Ortiz also requested information about policies or training the EPD had in place related to gangs, such as policies and training related to profiling, for example. Mr. Gissiner said he had not identified any trends related to the zone. He said that Judge Wayne Allen had shared with him that police officers requesting exclusions were documenting those cases thoroughly, making it easier for the judge to make a decision. He said those receiving exclusions were generally involved in criminal activity and did not make complaints.

Mr. Gissiner could not speak to Ms. Ortiz's question regarding the lawsuit.

In regard to Ms. Ortiz's question about policies related to gangs, Mr. Gissiner said he had not received many complaints. He suggested that gang members did not generally make complaints because they did not wish to bring attention upon themselves.

Mr. Pryor expressed appreciation for Mr. Gissiner's report. He noted that less than one-quarter of one percent of police interactions resulted in a sustained complaint, suggesting to him that the Police Auditor's Office was moving Eugene in the right direction. He believed the result of the Police Auditor's efforts should be continued process improvement on the part of the EPD, and he thought that was happening. Mr. Pryor acknowledged the complexity of the complaint process but suggested such complexity might be necessary to maintain a robust complaint system that contributed to the outcomes he wanted to see achieved.

Mr. Gissiner said he believed the EPD had a way to go in terms of building relationships through chance encounters between the police and citizens. He said the department was aware of that, and spoke of the public's positive response to Chief Kerns when he greeted people on the street. He also noted that fallen Officer Chris Kilcullen had received many commendations for his personable approach to residents and said that was the direction the department needed to go to become one of the nation's top police departments.

Mayor Piercy suggested the key issue was the service the EPD provided, and she believed that communication and good contact with the public was part of that service.

Mr. Farr agreed with the mayor. He said a pleasant approach helped to create a pleasant interaction.

Mr. Farr noted that all the lines on the complaint process flow chart came together at the complaint classification point. He asked Mr. Gissiner to discuss the classification process. Mr. Gissiner said that some members of the Civilian Review Board (CRB) had been dissatisfied with how he classified complaints in the past, but said he tried to be consistent in making what were subjective decisions. He looked at many factors, including the facts of the case, the level of contact, and any injury involved before classifying the complaint. He noted that on occasion, complaints were reclassified as a result of the investigative process. He emphasized the timeliness of the process. Mr. Gissiner noted that he offered the CRB the opportunity to review any case and ask him questions about his decision-making.

Mr. Farr recognized that the classification process could be a potential "choke point" in the process and commended Mr. Gissiner for his skill in classifying complaints.

Ms. Ortiz left the meeting.

Mr. Clark commended Mr. Gissiner's annual report and expressed appreciation for the work of Mr. Gissiner, his staff, and the CRB. He asked how many complaints Mr. Gissiner had received about the Downtown Public Safety Zone. Mr. Gissiner said he had received a complaint from someone who had to patronize a bank inside the zone to cash a check from the Lane County Sheriff's Office. He could not recall any complaints specific to enforcement of the zone.

Mr. Poling also commended the Police Auditor's annual report. He agreed with Mr. Pryor's remarks about the progress Mr. Gissiner had made. He said Mr. Gissiner's work had helped to build relationships between the police and citizens. He believed the Police Auditor's Office was performing as it should. Mr. Gissiner suggested that the office's clear expectations helped in regard to building relationships, and in addition the process had sufficient nimbleness to ensure that cases were investigated immediately, which also helped. He thought the public appreciated that, as well as the fact the CRB could look at any complaint it wished. Mr. Gissiner suggested his next major task was to educate people about the independent nature of the Police Auditor's Office as many residents appeared to believe it was part of the EPD.

Mr. Poling commended the goal of quick investigations as it lessened the stress on officers and the complainant.

Speaking to the subject of domestic violence, Mayor Piercy asked to be reassured that officers had received adequate training in that area. Mr. Gissiner noted the crisis intervention training received by all officers, which helped them diffuse what were often violent and charged encounters. He suggested more evaluation would be useful.

Responding to a question from Mayor Piercy about complaints received about traffic stops, Mr. Gissiner said the number had dropped but he acknowledged that no one was happy about receiving a traffic ticket.

Mayor Piercy stressed the importance of making like comparisons to track progress over time. Mr. Gissiner concurred, and said he attempted to compare the City to agencies with similar operational characteristics and oversight systems.

Mayor Piercy adjourned the work session at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Kimberly Young)

MINUTES

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May 23, 2011
7:30 p.m.

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Betty Taylor, George Brown, Andrea Ortiz, George Poling, Mike Clark, Chris Pryor, Alan Zelenka, Pat Farr.

COUNCILORS ABSENT: Andrea Ortiz.

Her Honor Mayor Kitty Piercy called the May 23, 2011, regular meeting of the Eugene City Council to order.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Piercy opened the Public Forum.

Eugene Drix, 307-1/2 High Street, noted the renaming of the Autzen Bridge to be the Dave and Lynn Frohnmayer Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge and suggested that was quite a lot to say. He proposed the bridge instead be called the “Frum” Bridge and made a play on words involving the “To” and “Frum” Bridge. Drix also noted his attendance at the ceremony for fallen Officer Chris Kilcullen at Matthew Knight Arena. He commended the arena, suggesting it was not just Eugene’s building but the State of Oregon’s building as well. Drix believed it would be the center of wonderful things yet to happen. He thanked those involved with its construction and thanked Matthew Knight for the beautiful new “O-rena.”

Matt Denberg, 2032 Kimberly Drive, representing the Disciples of Dirt Mountain Bike Club, thanked the council for its decision to move forward with the purchase of the Meissen property. However, the purchase had complicated a community-initiated parks development project involving the City and his organization. It caused the Parks and Open Space Division to reconsider its plans for Suzanne Arlie Park, which required a master plan revision for which there was no funding. Mr. Denberg said his organization was willing to do what it could to build the trails but needed the City to revise the master plan for the park. He asked the council to direct staff to reprioritize funding to pay the costs of revising the master plan.

Steve Mertz, 1761 Lawrence Drive, also representing the Disciples of Dirt, supported Mr. Denberg’s proposal, which he considered a great opportunity for the community. He believed it was silly to leave park land that residents could otherwise recreate on to lay fallow, and suggested that park land was in better shape when people used it.

Mayor Piercy closed the Public Forum. She thanked those who offered testimony and solicited comments from the council.

Councilor Zelenka invited the representatives of the Disciples of Dirt Mountain Bike Club to share more information with the City Council.

2. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. **Approval of City Council Minutes**
 - April 18, 2011, Work Session
 - April 25, 2011, Regular Meeting
 - April 27, 2011, Work Session
 - May 16, 2011, Public Hearing
- B. **Approval of Tentative Working Agenda**
- C. **Ratification of Intergovernmental Relations Committee Minutes of April 13, 2011**

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 7:0

3. **ACTION:**
Ratification of the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC) FY12 Regional Wastewater Program Budget and Capital Improvements Budget

City Manager Jon Ruiz introduced the item. He said that the MWMC approved the proposed fiscal year (FY) 2012 regional wastewater program budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) on April 8. In accordance with the intergovernmental agreement establishing the MWMC, the City and its partners to the agreement were required to ratify that action. Both the Springfield City Council and Lane Board of County Commissioners had approved the FY12 budget and CIP earlier in the month.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to ratify the FY12 MWMC budget.

Councilor Farr determined from Wastewater Division Finance and Administration Manager John Huberd that the average monthly bill for the regional user fee would increase by about 83 cents per month as a result of the four percent proposed increase. Councilor Farr said that the council did not increase residents' bills without thought, recalling that at one time the council placed a one percent utility fee on the ballot which would have generated about \$1 monthly for low-income housing, but the proposal had failed by a large margin.

Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 7:0.

4. **ACTION:**
Approval of Minutes, Findings and Recommendations from the Hearings Official and Adoption of an Ordinance Levying Assessments for Paving, and Constructing Curbs, Sidewalks, Medians, Street Lights, Stormwater Drainage, and Water Quality Facilities on Crest Drive from Blanton Road to Lincoln Street, Storey Boulevard from Crest Drive to Lorane Highway and Friendly Street from Lorane Highway to 28th Avenue; and Providing an Immediate Effective Date (Contract 2009-30) (Job #4546)

City Manager Ruiz reported that the ordinance must have a two-thirds majority to take immediate effect and avoid additional interest costs. He also reported that an additional four property owners qualified for

the low-income assessment subsidy program as a result of the council's recent action amending the code to allow residents to rely on current income levels.

At the request of Councilor Taylor, City Engineer Mark Schoening reviewed the Eugene Code provision as they related to assessments for undeveloped properties of less than one half-acre, vacant properties of more than one-half acre, and partially developed properties.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to approve the March 23, 2011, Minutes, Findings, and Recommendations of the Hearings Official. Roll call vote: The motion passed, 6:1; Councilor Clark voting no.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to adopt Council Bill 5045, an ordinance levying assessments for paving and constructing curbs, sidewalks, medians, street lights, stormwater drainage, and water quality facilities on Crest Drive from Blanton Road to Lincoln Street, Storey Boulevard from Crest Drive to Lorane Highway, and Friendly Street from Lorane Highway to 28th Avenue; and providing an immediate effective date.

Responding to a question from Councilor Farr, Mr. Schoening explained the parameters of the City's low-income assessment subsidy program as it applied to the project in question. He agreed with a statement from Councilor Farr that citizens from across the city shared in the cost of providing the subsidy. Councilor Farr further determined from Mr. Schoening that the subsidy involved in the project was not significantly larger than the subsidy for the Elmira Road project.

Councilor Farr indicated opposition to the motion because the time for applying for the subsidy had been extended, and he opposed the degree of subsidy involved to the property owners in question.

Councilor Taylor believed that in a just world, the City would pay for the entire road improvement given all citizens could use the road. She said the application period for the subsidy was extended because people had lost their jobs and the amendment allowed them to apply for the subsidy based on their current incomes, not their past incomes.

Councilor Farr contrasted the percentage of children receiving free and reduced lunches in the project area to those living in the Elmira Road project area and suggested that was one accurate way to measure need in the area. He did not want to subsidize those living in higher income areas with the money from lower income residents.

Councilor Clark said he would vote no on the motion because upon initial formation of the local improvement district, a sufficient number of residents had remonstrated to postpone it, and he said at the time he would support that action. His no vote was a way to maintain consistency with that position.

Responding to a question from Councilor Clark, City Attorney Brotherton confirmed that the motion would not have an immediate effect date if the final vote was not a two-thirds majority of councilors. Mr. Schoening said that would add costs in the form of added interest, which would be paid by the City.

Councilor Zelenka asked questions of Mr. Schoening clarifying the parameters of the subsidy program.

Councilor Pryor indicated support for the motion as a one-time action.

Responding to a question from Councilor Farr, Mr. Schoening said the project would largely eliminate the balance in the City's low-income assessment subsidy fund.

Councilor Farr contrasted the assessed value of housing in South Eugene to the assessed value of housing in the Bethel area and said he did not mind opposing the motion because he was concerned that people living in rich neighborhoods were being subsidized by those living in poorer neighborhoods.

Mayor Piercy pointed out the subsidy in question was based on income and available to all, no matter where one lived.

Councilor Brown agreed with Mayor Piercy. He said not every resident of south Eugene was a millionaire. Plenty of south Eugene residents were experiencing economic distress. He pointed out that many people involved in both projects qualified for the subsidy. Councilor Brown did not like to hear comments that divided the community, which he considered counterproductive to the goal of improving the community's streets.

Roll call vote: The motion passed, 5:2; councilors Clark and Farr voting no.

Mayor Piercy acknowledged the motion had passed without sufficient support to take effect immediately.

Mayor Piercy adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Kimberly Young)

MINUTES

Eugene City Council
 Council Chamber—City Hall
 777 Pearl Street—Eugene, Oregon

June 13, 2011
 7:30 p.m.

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Betty Taylor, George Brown, Andrea Ortiz, George Poling, Mike Clark, Chris Pryor, Alan Zelenka, Pat Farr.

Her Honor Mayor Kitty Piercy called the June 13, 2011, regular meeting of the Eugene City Council to order.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Piercy reviewed the rules of the Public Forum.

Ruth Duemler, 1745 Fircrest Drive, anticipated that as many as 2,700 Lane County families would lose their Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) allocation and become homeless. She said the community must do more to see those families housed. Ms. Duemler suggested allowing homeless people to camp in trailers in the City's parks. She thought people might be willing to donate trailers to families who had nothing. She reminded the council that Portland provided the homeless with a place to store their belongings during the day and that service was needed in Eugene as well.

Ms. Duemler spoke to the needs of homeless residents confined to wheelchairs, saying the Eugene Mission did not take them and because of ShelterCare budget reductions such individuals were sleeping under bridges. Ms. Duemler also suggested the cost of recovering an impounded vehicle was beyond the means of the homeless, so once impounded the vehicle and their belongings were gone forever. She asked that such individuals be provided with a place to park their vehicles to avoid impoundment.

Jeremy Laurence, a homeless resident, requested a portable toilet be placed in downtown and be made available on a 24-hour basis. Mr. Lawrence believed states were eligible for federal funding to purchase and develop a building that could be used for a permanent boarding center. He emphasized "anything little thing" would help the homeless.

Mark Callahan, 3621 Mahlon Avenue, expressed his support for Councilor Clark's suggestion that the council recite the Pledge of Allegiance prior to some meetings. He suggested the pledge united Americans under one flag and one nation no matter one's political identity or geographic residence. He considered the flag to be a symbol of hope, courage, and character. He was saddened that two words, "Under God," were so controversial for some that it precluded them from participating in the pledge in such a forum as a City Council meeting. Mr. Callahan invited others to join him as he pledged allegiance to the flag.

Ann Bridgeman, 1970 Columbia Street, asked the council to support a resolution soon to be proposed by Councilor Brown calling for United States funds to be redirected away from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to domestic priorities. She said the federal government had spent more than \$1 trillion on the wars, partially funded through debt but also with money that could have aided Americans. Lane County

and Eugene had experienced millions in budget reductions since the wars began. She believed it was necessary for the council and other elected officials to place pressure on Congress to stop the wars. Ms. Bridgeman pointed out the fact the defense budget had doubled since 1998 to \$725 billion, which was more than necessary to keep the country secure. She cited some of the local domestic priorities that needed more funding, such as the schools, First Place, environmental programs, and infrastructure support.

Michael Carrigan, 1439 West 4th Avenue, representing the Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC), joined in Ms. Bridgeman's request and reported that if the City adopted Councilor Brown's resolution, it would be joining many other municipalities across the country. He noted that Mayor Piercy had submitted a similar resolution to the US Conference of Mayors and 70 mayors had signed on to the resolution.

Mr. Carrigan referred the council to the Web site for the National Priorities Project, where it could find information about how much the war had actually cost Eugene: <http://nationalpriorities.org/> He estimated the wars had cost Eugene about \$358 million. That translated into real services and programs, such as health care for low-income children, elementary school teachers, and assistance to veterans.

Mr. Carrigan believed the American people wanted the wars and the deaths they caused to end, and cited a Gallup poll indicating 59 percent of Americans wanted to bring the soldiers in Afghanistan home in support of his remarks. He asked the council to support Councilor Brown's resolution as he thought its action could have an impact beyond Eugene.

Duncan Rhodes, 1005 Lewis Avenue, #1, believed the Whiteaker neighborhood had a disproportionate number of homeless people. He reported that neighbors had recently met to discuss their concerns about homeless camping in Sladden Park. He agreed the homeless needed services such as 24-hour toilets and potable water.

Speaking to Councilor Clark's proposal that the council recite the Pledge of Allegiance, which he characterized as a "loyalty oath," Mr. Duncan termed the idea ridiculous and suggested it would lead to McCarthy-like hearings.

Bill Eddie, 830 Crest Drive, said the Crest Drive area street project was done and Crest, Storey, and Friendly streets were more dangerous than before. The rebuilt streets were too narrow and invited accidents, particularly in the curbed sections of the road. Mr. Eddie said he had to come to a stop when he encountered a large vehicle to let it pass, and the steep curb and drainage ditch left no room for maneuver. He had seen vehicles stuck up to their axels in the drainage ditch in an effort to avoid a collision. Mr. Eddie believed bicycle safety was ignored in the design, which he found strange in a community that promoted the use of bicycles as an alternative mode. In addition, there was no accommodation on the streets for any type of bus.

Mr. Eddie reported he had contacted the Public Works Department to share his concerns and had learned that City Engineer Mark Schoening was reluctant to sign off on the project or had refused to. If that was the case, Mr. Eddie suggested a moderately talented attorney could sue the City for millions in the case of a serious injury or fatal accident that could attributed to the street design. He believed there was still time to improve the safety of the streets through widening in certain areas, the installation of speed bumps in steeper areas, and the reduction of the steep curb cut to give vehicles more room to maneuver. Mr. Eddie suggested that if councilors had driven the streets they might agree with him, and observed that he had heard anecdotally that the mayor was concerned about the design. He asked the City to rely on its engineers and not on the whims of neighborhood associations for future road project designs.

Gary Jenkins, PO Box 40821, Eugene, asserted that on March 13, 2010, Eugene Police Chief Pete Kerns had lied to the media and Eugene citizens when he stated an officer was brutally attacked by his son and wife. He shared a photograph of a person he alleged to be an officer involved in the incident. He maintained that his son had been attacked by the police and had received 40 stitches in his head as a result of the attack. His family continued to deal with the aftermath of the incident. Mr. Jenkins said he was also accused of attacking an officer and suggested if that was true he would be in jail. He said that while the Civilian Review Board stated it had done a complete investigation, the board did not have his photograph. He called on the City Council to allow his case to be reviewed again. He said several residents signed a petition calling for a third party to investigate his allegations.

Mr. Jenkins believed Chief Kerns was abusing his authority. He called on the police to be responsible for their actions. His wife was willing to take a polygraph test to prove her innocence. She was now a felon because of the incident and she had never before been in trouble in her life. His family was homeless because of the incident and because of his wife's felony status it was difficult for them to find a place to live. He reiterated his request for assistance.

Maria Jenkins, PO Box 40821, Eugene, said her husband did not mention that the officer in question weighed 200 pounds and was depicted as smiling and laughing in the photograph, which was taken ten minutes after the officer asserted she had been attacked. She believed that Chief Kerns "worked the system" to his advantage with the result that she was in jail for four months and her son for two months, causing her family to "plead out." She asserted that Chief Kerns kept her family separated, which she maintained was a violation of her civil rights. She questioned why her husband was not charged.

Ms. Jenkins said her son was experiencing physical problems as a result of the incident and could not be hired because of that and because he was a felon. She attributed her family's homelessness status to the fines she paid monthly for a crime she did not commit. She was willing to take a polygraph test to prove her innocence. She asserted the incident created a legal liability for the City, which was why she believed Chief Kerns he lied to the public. She weighed 108 pounds and physical disabilities that made it impossible for her to fight a larger officer.

Ms. Jenkins questioned if it was City policy for the police to exit their vehicles carrying a flashlight with the "intent to maim and hurt somebody." She asserted her son fled the scene because he did not know what was going on, and as a result had been struck on the back of the head, pepper-sprayed, and his head was "beat in with a flashlight." She said he was struck in the same place he had been injured as a child in an automobile accident and was now facing many problems. Ms. Jenkins said that was wrong, and it was wrong for the City to close the case without having seen all the evidence.

Wayne Ford, 85560 Svarverud Road, representing the Homeless Action Coalition, shared a story about a past police response to a five-year warrant related to an outstanding camping violation for a person who was housed in a facility for the criminally insane to demonstrate the cost of enforcing the ordinance without any appreciable return. He asked how much the City spent to enforce the camping ordinance, and how much cost it cost the public to impound the vehicle of a homeless person who was too poor to get it back. Mr. Ford believed the City need to take such factors needed to be taken into account.

James Baptist, no address given, suggested the Pledge of Allegiance was one of the best things that children could learn. He believed the phrase "Under God" was necessary. He believed the council needed to address conditions downtown. He feared that the City would raise property taxes until nobody could live in the community except for those who lived in the streets. He said businesses paid the taxes for those who needed to be taken care of, but they were being devastated. Mr. Baptist questioned whether

Eugene would see any more money if the wars stopped tomorrow given all the debt faced by the United States. Eugene would have to learn to live on its own, and needed to stop raising taxes for such things as street projects when people had no money. He said if taxes increased more, he would merely pass it on to his tenants, who would then face losing their home. He advocated for job creation and downtown business support. Mr. Baptist acknowledged conditions downtown had improved over the last year but he thought more could be done.

Tom Kamis, 856 Lincoln Street, said many concerned downtown business owners and residents had asked the council in the past to take action to fight criminal behavior downtown. He suggested that council tolerance of such behaviors helped to explain the recent overdose of a high school freshman girl in a downtown public bathroom. The girl in question was well-known to the Eugene Police Department (EPD) but had been given free rein downtown to panhandle and was suspected of prostitution. Mr. Kamis had personally encountered her half-dressed, smoking methamphetamine with a 40-year old man behind the Atrium Building. He asked how such behavior could be tolerated and suggested that if a councilor's daughter was involved something might happen.

Mr. Kamis said that the issue downtown was not about homelessness, but about behavior that seemed to be deemed good by the council. Eugene was a destination and sanctuary for criminal travelers, homeless people, and mentally ill individuals prone to violence. The fact that the tools given to the EPD were not supported by the City and the City's lawyers gave more power to offenders than to law enforcement. Mr. Kamis cited a range of criminal activities witnessed by residents and said that the council and the City's lawyers appeared to believe such behaviors represented protected free speech. He said the council's inaction on what he termed assaults on its citizens was a crime.

Mr. Kamis proposed a different approach: that the City actually does something about the problems he discussed. He suggested the City consider the approaches used in cities such as Albuquerque, Berkeley, and Austin to limit panhandling in high crime areas of such as at automated teller machines, churches, transit stops, restaurants, sidewalks cafes, food carts, and bars. He said that Medford and Roseburg had adopted traffic ordinances that prohibited panhandling at traffic stops. Other communities, such as Dallas, Cincinnati, Minneapolis, and Greensboro issued licenses to panhandlers.

Mr. Kamis said he continued to believe in downtown but he also believed the council had a duty to act, and its actions would speak louder than words. He said the councilors stated their support of downtown businesses at election time, but when it came time for action, nothing happened. He said that coming downtown on First Fridays did not give the councilors a good idea of what happened downtown the rest of the month.

Mayor Piercy closed the Public Forum. She thanked those who spoke but pointed out that while anyone could address the council about any subject, those remarks were not always factual or true but were reflective of their opinions and values.

Addressing the remarks made by Mr. Kamis, Mayor Piercy acknowledged there were public safety issues downtown but the council was working diligently on them. She cited data-led policing and the addition of police officers as real actions taken by the City to reduce crime downtown.

Mayor Piercy solicited council comments.

Councilor Ortiz indicated interest in further information about the allegations made by Gary and Maria Jenkins. She shared with Mr. Ford that policy changes meant that the incident he described could no longer occur.

Councilor Ortiz expressed appreciation to Mr. Kamis for his remarks. She believed the City had done a lot to improve conditions downtown, although that might not be apparent to downtown residents and business owners. She said the issue permeated the council's work, and much of the extra funding that went to the EPD was focused on downtown. She acknowledged Mr. Kamis' frustration and expressed appreciation for his efforts downtown.

Councilor Ortiz suggested the council hold a work session on panhandling. She believed that panhandling on busy intersections could create safety problems.

Speaking to Councilor Ortiz's remarks about the Jenkins case, Mayor Piercy said that legal constraints precluded the council from becoming involved with personnel issues.

Speaking to Mr. Kamis' remarks regarding panhandling, Mayor Piercy said it was against the law for people to step in the street to panhandle, but the Oregon Constitution protected the rights of panhandlers to seek charity from passersby.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- April 20, 2011, Work Session
- May 9, 2011, Work Session
- May 9, 2011, Regular Meeting
- May 11, 2011, Work Session
- May 24, 2011, Boards and Commissions Interviews
- May 25, 2011, Boards and Commissions Interviews

B. Approval of Tentative Working Agenda

C. Ratification of Intergovernmental Relations Committee Minutes of June 1, 2011

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

3. ACTION:

An Ordinance Establishing the S-HBS Historic Brunner-Schmitz House Special Area Zone, and Amending the Eugene Zoning Map

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to adopt Council Bill 5048, an ordinance establishing the S-HBS Historic Brunner-Schmitz House Special Area Zone and amending the Eugene zoning map. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

4. ACTION:

An Ordinance Granting an Exemption to the Application of Section 6.200 of the Eugene Code, 1971 (Ordinance to Renew Five-Year Exception to Application for Controlled Ecological Burns)

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to adopt Council Bill 5049, an ordinance granting an exception to the application of the Eugene Code, 1971, Section

6.200, for prescribed wetland management burning. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

**5. ACTION:
Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

Civilian Review Board

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to reappoint Eric Van Houton to Position 1 on the Civilian Review Board for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2014. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to reappoint Snell Fontus to Position 2 on the Civilian Review Board for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2014. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to appoint George Rode to Position 5 on the Civilian Review Board, an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2012.

Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to amend the motion by substituting the name of Robert Case for George Rode. Roll call vote: The vote on the amendment to the motion was a 4:4 tie; councilors Poling, Clark, Pryor, and Farr voting yes, and councilors Taylor, Ortiz, Zelenka, and Brown voting no. Mayor Piercy cast a vote in opposition to the amendment and it failed on a final vote of 5:4.

Councilor Ortiz moved to amend the motion by substituting the name of Lizbeth Metteer for George Rode. The amendment to the motion died for lack of a second.

Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to appoint Deborah Velure to Position 7 on the Civilian Review Board, an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2012.

Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Ortiz, moved to amend the motion by substituting the name of Lizbeth Metteer for Deborah Velure. Roll call vote: The amendment to the motion failed, 6:2; councilors Ortiz and Zelenka voting yes.

Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Historic Review Board

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to appoint Heather A. Kliever to Position 6 on the Historic Review Board for a four-year term ending on June 30, 2015. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Lane Regional Air Protection Agency

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to reappoint Scott Lucas to Position 2 on the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency for a three-year term beginning

July 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2014. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to appoint Stacy Vynne to Position 4 on the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2014.

Councilor Ortiz, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to amend the motion by substituting the name of Jeannine Parisi for Stacy Vynne. Roll call vote: The amendment to the motion passed, 6:2; councilors Taylor and Brown voting no.

Roll call vote: The amended motion passed, 6:2; councilors Taylor and Brown voting no.

Lane Workforce Partnership

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to reappoint John Lively to Position 2 on the Lane Workforce Partnership, a term ending on December 31, 2013. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to reappoint Gary Wildish to Position 8 on the Lane Workforce Partnership, a term ending on December 31, 2013. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to reappoint Shondra Holliday to Position 14 on the Lane Workforce Partnership, a term ending on December 31, 2013. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0,

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to reappoint Rosie Pryor to Position 9 on the Lane Workforce Partnership, a term ending on December 31, 2013. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Planning Commission

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to reappoint William Randall to Position 5 on the Planning Commission for a four-year term beginning on July 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2015. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to reappoint Richard Duncan to Position 7 on the Planning Commission for a four-year term beginning on July 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2015. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0

Police Commission

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to reappoint Kaitlyn Lange to Position 1 on the Police Commission, the unexpired term ending on June 30, 2012.

At the request of Councilor Farr, Mayor Piercy reviewed the Police Commission appointment process, stressing it was a council-adopted process that called for her to interview and recommend the applicants for commission vacancies.

Roll call vote: The motion passed, 7:1; Councilor Farr voting no.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to appoint Bob Walker to Position 4 on the Police Commission for a four-year term beginning on July 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2015. Roll call vote: The motion passed, 7:1; Councilor Farr voting no.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to appoint Jesse Lohrke to Position 5 on the Police Commission for a four-year term beginning on July 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2015. Roll call vote: The motion passed, 7:1; Councilor Farr voting no.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to reappoint Tamara Miller to Position 6 on the Police Commission for a four-year term beginning on July 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2015.

Councilor Clark commended the volunteer service of Ms. Miller, a past chair of the Police Commission.

Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to reappoint James Manning to Position 7 on the Police Commission for a four-year term beginning on July 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2015. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Toxics Board

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to appoint Thomas Carmichael to Position 1, an industry representative on the Toxics Board, for an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2013.

Councilor Poling expressed disappointment that the council received so few applicants for its boards and commissions positions. However, he would support the recommended names. Councilor Poling encouraged citizens to become involved and apply.

Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to appoint Sheena Gardner to Position 2, an industry representative on the Toxics Board, for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2014. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to appoint Christine Zeller-Powell to Position 4, an advocacy representative on the Toxics Board, for an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2013. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to appoint Allison Guzman to Position 5, an advocacy representative on the Toxics Board, for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2014. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to reappoint Stephan Flanagan to Position 7, a neutral representative on the Toxics Board, for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2014.

Councilor Farr stated that once again, Ward 6 would be underrepresented on City boards and commissions due to a lack of applicants. He joined Councilor Poling in encouraging more people to apply. He noted that one Ward 6 applicant was bypassed in the process.

.Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0

Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to reappoint William Hughes to Position 1 on the Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee, for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2014. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to reappoint Elliott McIntire to Position 2 on the Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee, for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2014. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to appoint Patricia Moore to Position 6 on the Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee, an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2012. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to appoint John Andriola to Position 8 on the Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee, for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2014. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to reappoint Mary Morrison to Position 9 on the Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee, for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2014. Roll call vote: The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Mayor Piercy congratulated all the successful candidates for City boards and commission appointments. She thanked all those who applied. Mayor Piercy adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Kimberly Young)

MINUTES

Eugene City Council
Council Chamber—City Hall
777 Pearl Street—Eugene, Oregon

June 16, 2011
5:30 p.m.

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Betty Taylor, George Brown, George Poling, Andrea Ortiz, Chris Pryor, Alan Zelenka.

COUNCILORS ABSENT: Mike Clark, Pat Farr.

A. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS INTERVIEWS

The council interviewed Ken Beeson for a vacancy on the Budget Committee, asking the following questions:

1. *Suppose the City of Eugene is projected to experience a long-term financial deficit where its expenditures are expected to exceed revenues for the foreseeable future. What policy options would you consider to create a balanced City Budget?*
2. *What City services do you consider to be the most important to the community in general and to you personally?*
3. *Taking into account broad community input is an important part of the Budget Committee discussions and decision-making. What types of information and community feedback would you consider as part of analyzing and discussing the City's budget?*

The council interviewed Ron McMillin and Rod Buck for vacancies on the Human Rights Commission. Each candidate was asked the following questions:

1. *What are the top community human rights concern(s) you could see the commission focusing on that would help the council and City staff to meet the needs of our community? And, what specific action might the commission take to address the concern(s) you have identified?*
2. *Volunteering for a City human rights organization that advises elected officials and works with City staff is different from a community-based human rights organization. Given those differences, what skills or abilities do you have that would make you effective in this role?*
3. *During a commission meeting a community member comes to the meeting and asks the commission to take a position on their issue/concern. You are aware that another part of the community holds the opposite view and it is an issue you know very little about. What could the commission do in a situation like this? And, what role could you see yourself playing?*

Ms. Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder