

M I N U T E S

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

**October 9, 2013
12:00 p.m.**

Councilors Present: George Brown, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, George Poling (via phone), Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Chris Pryor

Councilors Absent: Claire Syrett

Mayor Kitty Piercy opened the October 9, 2013, City Council work session.

A. Work Session: City Hall Rebuild Update

Facilities Design and Construction Section Manager Mike Penwell and representatives of Rowell Brokaw, The Miller Hull Partnership, and McKenzie Commercial gave a presentation on the City Hall Rebuild project.

Council Discussion/Questions:

- City Hall needs to matter to all people; it's not just a place for bureaucrats.
- More information about where the money will come from is desired.
- Funding should be integral part of discussion.
- This is a challenging project with diverse stakeholders.
- It is important to consider constructive and cultural relevance.
- We can build up and out; design is important for future needs.
- City Hall project should be a model of what can be done in challenging circumstances.
- Operating costs need to be considered, not just capital costs.
- Developer capital should be an option for financing.
- It is important that design reflects efforts to live within our means.
- Is it possible to sell the Atrium and move those affected back to City Hall?
- At what point can we apply for grants for historic preservation?

B. Work Session: Human Rights Commission Work Plan and 2012/2013 Annual Report

Equity and Human Rights Manager Mike Kinnison and Human Right Commissioners Andrew Thompson and Chris Nunes gave a presentation on the HRC 2012/2013 Annual Report

Council Discussion/Questions:

- The Human Rights Commission has been very busy.
- Communication from the HRC about what the council can do to help when bias reports are received would be appreciated.
- Need to identify and apply metrics to measure achievements of HRC.
- It is a goal to create an atmosphere where unacceptable behavior and hate speech are addressed.
- Still a lot of work to do in the community to address racism and hate activity.
- Liaison work with other commissions is very important.
- Continuing work on the social equity component of the TBL is important.

MOTION: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to approve the Human Rights Commission FY2014 work plan. **PASSED 7:0.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder