

MINUTES

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

October 14, 2013  
7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Kitty Piercy opened the October 14, 2013, City Council Meeting.

**1. PUBLIC FORUM**

1. *Charliene Toler*, requested a legal place to sleep and places for Conestoga huts.
2. *Jai Veda*, requested viable location, facilities, and decriminalization of the poor.
3. *Ronnie Aurena*, asked the council to help homeless and collaborate with EPD.
4. *Leslie Robnett*, said the City Budget needs to consider homelessness issues.
5. *Julia Olson*, encouraged consideration of a climate recovery ordinance.
6. *Tayo Olson*, asked the council to support a bike sharing system and climate protection.
7. *Aima*, asked the council to look at climate change and emissions issues.
8. *Kyra Gunther*, talked about the consequences of climate change.
9. *Esteban Camacho Steffensen*, talked about a public mural painting on climate change.
10. *Elizabeth Brown*, brought up climate change issues and supported an ordinance.
11. *Gordon Levitt*, brought up climate change issues and supported an ordinance.
12. *James Beason*, thanked the council for allowing Whoville and helping homeless.
13. *Charles Hibberd*, asked the council to help the homeless find jobs.
14. *John Simpson*, shared highlights and updates on the EWEB Board's activities.
15. *Erik de Buhr*, asked the council to consider his proposal for sites for Conestoga huts.
16. *Wayne Martin*, asked the council to consider a motion on sites for homeless.
17. *Joe Tyndall*, brought up issues and safety concerns with Conestoga huts and heating.
18. *Todd Hurlburt*, asked the council to approve the homeless proposal.

**2. Consent Calendar**

**MOTION and VOTE:** Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. **PASSED 8:0**

**3. WORK SESSION: Downtown Parking**

Parking Services Manager Jeff Petry gave a presentation on the downtown parking

program.

**Council Discussion/Questions:**

- In FY10 the City lost \$210k of revenue from the removal of parking meters.
- Parking fund does transfer and can transfer money to the general fund.
- Customers like it, business don't see any real big benefit.
- New businesses downtown have created greater need for parking.
- Need to encourage use of alternate modes to access downtown, decrease reliance on parking.
- Downtown is getting better; it's not one thing, it's many, including free parking.
- All of downtown should offer free parking; expand parking time limit from two hours to three hours.
- Free parking has welcoming effect.
- Meters make it easier to go somewhere else besides downtown.
- How much did we spend on meters, monitors and repairs?
- We are making progress in encouraging use of parking garages with updates and added art.
- What is the potential seismic vulnerability of the parking garages?

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett  
Deputy City Recorder