

MINUTES

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

**January 22, 2014
12:00 p.m.**

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

Mayor Piercy opened the January 22, 2014, City Council work session.

A. **WORK SESSION: Civic Stadium Business Plan Review**

MOTION: Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to direct the City Manager to immediately inform the District 4J that we are modifying our initial contingent offer. The City of Eugene's revised purchase offer of \$4.5 million to 4J for the Civic Stadium property is now contingent on other parties committing sufficient funds and providing a plan to finance, renovate, operate and maintain Civic Stadium within nine months of 4J's acceptance of the City's offer. The other parties' initial financial commitment shall be sufficient, in the Council's opinion, to rehabilitate the grandstand, playing field, and to reopen for active use as a sports and entertainment complex. The Council will decide within six months of 4J's acceptance of the City's offer whether to accept the financial commitment and the plan, otherwise the City will withdraw its offer to 4J.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to direct the City Manager to immediately withdraw the City's proposal from 4J. **FAILED** 1:7, Councilor Poling in favor.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to remove all contingencies from the City's offer to 4J. **FAILED** 2:6, Councilors Brown and Taylor in favor.

MODIFIED MAIN MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Evans moved that the City Manager inform 4J that the City's \$4.5 million offer is modified to be contingent on a Council decision to be made within nine months of 4J's acceptance of the City's offer that the Council is ready to proceed with the purchase of Civic Stadium. **PASSED** 5:3, Councilors Pryor, Clark and Poling opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved that the City Manager inform interested parties that the Council's future purchase of Civic Stadium will, at minimum, be contingent on identifying an entity or entities who submit a plan for renovation, operation and maintenance of Civic Stadium that satisfies Council. This plan will include an updated renovation estimate. The entities must be able to demonstrate they have obtained sufficient financial capital to implement their plan

which shall include the rehabilitation of the grandstand, playing field and the creation of a viable sports and entertainment complex. The demonstrated financial resources shall be no less than \$3 million. **PASSED: 6:2**, Councilors Clark and Poling opposed.

(Above motion incorporates friendly amendments to add "entities" and to require submitted plans to include an updated renovation estimate.)

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michelle Mortensen

Michelle Mortensen
Deputy City Recorder