

MINUTES

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

**January 27, 2014
5:30 p.m.**

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

Councilor Pryor convened the January 27, 2014, City Council work session, noting that Mayor Piercy was in Washington DC on the United Front trip.

A. WORK SESSION: Rest Stop Discussion

The City Attorney introduced the item and provided background information. The council discussed sunset date options and their interest in working with the County to share responsibility for the homeless issues.

MOTION: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved that City Manager bring back for public hearing on February 18, a proposed ordinance extending the sunset date on the rest stop ordinance until July 1, 2014.

AMENDED MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Brown moved to change the sunset date to October 31, 2014 (*to coincide with the Opportunity Village pilot timeline*). **PASSED 6:2;** Councilors Taylor and Poling opposed.

AMENDED MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to direct the City Manager to begin negotiations with the County for how we might work more effectively on a project together or transition that responsibility to them. (*Clarified to mean: direct the City Manager to bring back to council options in conjunction with discussion with the County for how we might transition this to a more regional approach.*) **PASSED 8:0.**

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: PASSED 8:0.

B. WORK SESSION: Fireworks

Eugene Police Lieutenant Scott Fellman and Fire Marshal Al Gerard introduced the item and provided information and statistics on accidents, injuries and safety concerns related to legal and illegal fireworks.

Council raised and discussed several ideas, including:

- Increase fees for permits to sell fireworks.
- Increase fines for violations and keep the money at the municipal level.
- Increase enforcement efforts (expensive and resource-intensive).
- Educate the general public about more responsible use of fireworks.

- Identify a revenue source to cover the cost of enforcement.
- Use technology to pinpoint where complaints are coming from.
- Empower neighbors to help the City report and track violators (via smart phones, GPS).

Staff was asked to bring back to council a broad range of options, from small, incremental changes to a complete ban on fireworks in Eugene.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michelle Mortensen

Michelle Mortensen
Deputy City Recorder

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7:30 p.m.**

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

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1. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Gwendolyn Iris, urged Council to allow Whoville to remain open.
2. Aaron Taylor, reported that his church relies on fireworks sales to do charitable work.
3. Wayne Martin, said he has a plan for council to consider prior to any action on Whoville.
4. Duncan Rhodes, expressed bicycle safety concerns related to parked cars on 5th Avenue.
5. Mary Ellickson, expressed safety concerns about fireworks, noting the dangers
6. Fredric Bliss, expressed concerns about fireworks, noting they're dangerous and noisy.
7. Randi Zimmer, read a letter from the Chavez family about the dangers of fireworks.
8. Jean Stacey, requested that council make changes to Whoville so it can be legal and work.
9. Dan Bryant, supported Whoville and reported that Opportunity Village is working well.
10. Art Bowman, supported Whoville and asked the council to find a way to keep it open.
11. Sue Sierralupé, expressed concerns about the impacts of cold weather on the homeless.
12. Plaedo, supported Whoville and asked Mayor and Council to keep it open.
13. Jeremy Spafford, expressed concerns about homelessness and the current economy.
14. Jerry Smith, supported the homeless and more places for people to sleep.
15. Frank Bertrand, expressed concerns about safety and asked to ban consumer fireworks.
16. Barb Prentice, supported efforts to help the homeless and asked to allow Whoville.
17. Steven Hiatt, supported keeping Whoville open and working toward better shelters.
18. Michael Adams, urged the council to keep Whoville open until other shelter is available.
19. Denise Hinz, asked the council to purchase and preserve the Amazon Headwaters land.
20. Keegan Keppner, supported Whoville and asked the council to focus on 'equality'.
21. Alley Valkyrie, asked the council to keep Whoville open.
22. Michael Carrigan, thanked council for its work on homelessness and supported Whoville.
23. Ann Kelvin, supported Whoville and asked the council not to close it.
24. Jack Dresser, supported Whoville and asked the council not to close it.
25. Mary Broadhurst, supported homeless efforts and asked council to keep Whoville open.
26. David Strahan, supported Whoville and asked the council to keep it open.
27. Lisa Warnes, asked the City to purchase and preserve the Amazon Headwaters land.
28. Andrew Heben, asked the council to keep Whoville open until another option is available.
29. Emily Semple, asked the council to keep Whoville open and to help the homeless.
30. Jennifer Frenzer-Knowlton, supported homeless work and asked to keep Whoville open.
31. Jana Thrift, read a letter from the Human Rights Commission regarding homelessness.
32. Ian McTeague, supported Whoville and asked to keep it open until another option is found.
33. Al Johnson, urged the City to purchase the Amazon Headwaters land.
34. Belle Burch, supported the homeless and asked the council to keep Whoville open.

35. Ambrose Holtham-Keathley, supported Whoville and asked the council to keep it open.
36. Marina Hajek, supported option #3 for the South Willamette Street redesign project.
37. John Monroe, supported Whoville and asked the council to keep it open.
38. Joella Ewing, supported the homeless and asked the council to keep Whoville open.
39. Heather Sielicki, asked the council to purchase and protect the Amazon Headwaters land.
40. Joseph Newton, supported the homeless and asked the council to keep Whoville open.
41. Elaine Zablocki, asked the council to purchase and protect the Amazon Headwaters land.
42. Paul Simon, asked the council not to close Whoville until other options are available.
43. Emily Fox, encouraged the council to purchase and protect the Beverly property.
44. Majeska Seese-Green, supported Whoville and the purchase of the Beverly land.
45. Garen Wales, asked to keep Whoville open noting that homeless people need help.
46. David Nelkin, supported the four- lane option for the South Willamette Street redesign.
47. Michael Gannon, related his experience as a homeless man on Christmas Day.
48. Tom Halferty, supported efforts to help the homeless and to save Civic Stadium.
49. Mariah Leung, asked the council to keep Whoville open and help the homeless.

Councilor Clark requested additional information about the Amazon Headwaters property related to Goal 5 protections.

2. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Taylor moved to approve the Consent Calendar with the correction to the January 13, 2014, minutes submitted by Council Poling. **PASSED 8:0.**

3. **ACTION: A Resolution Adopting Amendments to Stormwater Systems Development Charge Methodology and Amending Resolution No. 4900.**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Taylor moved to adopt Resolution 5100 adopting amendments to Stormwater Systems Development Charge Methodology and amending Resolution No. 4900. **PASSED 7:1**, Councilor Clark opposed.

4. **ACTION: Code Amendment of Protected Class Definition of Sexual Orientation**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to adopt Council Bill 5107, an ordinance amending Section 4.615 of the Eugene Code by revising the definition of “sexual orientation” to read: “actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality, or gender identity.” **PASSED 8:0.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy City Recorder