

MINUTES

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

April 14, 2014  
7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Piercy called the April 14, 2014, City Council work session to order.

**A. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Human Rights Commission, Sustainability Commission, Travel Lane County, Human Services Commission, Lane Council of Governments, Metropolitan Policy Committee, Public Safety Coordinating Council**

The Mayor and councilors gave updates on committee activities, neighborhood meetings, and local events they attended.

**B. WORK SESSION: Multi-Unit Property Tax Exemption (MUPTE) Program Revisions**

Acting Community Development Division Manager Denny Braud introduced the item with a PowerPoint presentation outlining the proposed MUPTE program revisions, process and recommendation.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to schedule an additional work session on MUPTE after staff has presented the proposal to neighborhood groups. **PASSED 8:0.**

Council discussion

- Proposed revisions represent good start; more is needed.
- Explicit clawback provisions needed.
- Boundaries as proposed may be too broad.
- Develop City policy around preference for women- and minority-owned businesses.
- More public benefit needed in minimum criteria.

The work session adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest  
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Mayor Piercy opened the April 14, 2014, City Council meeting.

### **1. PUBLIC FORUM**

1. Melissa Elliott, recognized the recent council action to ban neonicotinoids.
2. Otto Poticha, voiced concerns about the current process for the City Hall redesign.
3. Deb Frisch, voiced concerns about the stated costs for renovating Civic Stadium.
4. Mary K Brant, supported the proposed sick leave ordinance, noting its benefits.
5. Ronald Zauner, opposed option 3 for S. Willamette, noting only bicyclists support it.
6. Margo Zauner, supported the 4-lane option for the S. Willamette business district.
7. Larry Newby, said businesses should decide whether to provide sick leave.
8. Megan Gleason, supported the proposed climate recovery ordinance.
9. Donna Riddle, said the shutdown of Whoville was unnecessary and cruel.
10. Brittany Quick-Warner, opposed the sick leave ordinance on behalf of the Chamber.
11. Ron Tyree, supported 4-lanes on S. Willamette and opposed the sick leave proposal.
12. Keegan Keppner, said he was ashamed of the City's action to close Whoville.
13. Jeff Davis, said a balanced approach to Willamette Street redesign is needed.
14. Gordon Levitt, supported the proposed climate recover ordinance.
15. Susan Day, related her personal experience in support of the sick leave proposal.
16. Brian Cramer, opposed use of lots near BMX track as rest stop sites.
17. Brenda Kame'enui, supported efforts to help the homeless.
18. Zero Vaan Triball, related his experience as a homeless person looking for shelter.
19. Robert Bury, supported the proposed sick leave ordinance as a business owner.
20. Larry Reed, said the sick leave proposal was detrimental to business community.
21. Jennifer Frenzer, said that rest stop at the Autzen Stadium lot will help improve safety.
22. Michael Carrigan, supported establishing a rest stop at Autzen Stadium lot.
23. Anne O'Brien, said Churchwomen United supports the proposed sick leave ordinance.
24. Linda Nelkin, said changes to S. Willamette were solutions in search of a problem.
25. David Nelkin, submitted a petition in support of the 4-lane option on S. Willamette.
26. Art Bowman, supported Whoville and opposed the City's actions to close it.
27. Joseph Newton, said the council's efforts to help the homeless have been useless.
28. Michael Adams, noted the choice between compassion or hypocrisy on homeless efforts.
29. Megan Ludwig, voiced her displeasure about the City's rest stop efforts.
30. Vicki Nelson, said the University's response to the proposed rest stop was shameful.
31. George Rode, opposed the sick leave ordinance, noting the fragility of businesses.
32. Dorothea Marcomb, discussed the effects of sleep deprivation on the homeless.
33. Scott Landfield, spoke in support of the 4-lance option on S. Willamette.
34. David Strahan, spoke about the ongoing persecution of the homeless.
35. Jean Stacey, voiced her displeasure about the City's handling of homeless issues.
36. Alley Valkyrie, voiced her displeasure about the City's handling of homeless issues.

- 37. John Monroe, voiced his displeasure about the City's handling of homeless issues.
- 38. Sue Sierralupé, suggested public health improvements for the homeless community.
- 39. Scotty Perey, expressed displeasure about the City's handling of homeless issues.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt the items on the Consent Calendar. **PASSED 8:0.**

**3. ACTION: Resolution Authorizing Application for an Electronic Commerce Designation in the West Eugene Enterprise Zone**

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, move to adopt Resolution 5104, authorizing application to the State of Oregon for an e-commerce designation in the West Eugene Enterprise Zone. **PASSED 8:0.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

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