

MINUTES

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

**June 25, 2014
12:00p.m.**

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

Mayor Piercy opened the June 25, 2014, City Council work session.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to direct the Mayor to appoint a Food Task Force for the following purpose: 1) Compile and summarize recent food system assessments and projects; 2) Building off of the past work, identify gaps in the analysis, information, policies, actions, tools and funding necessary to create a comprehensive regional food system strategy. The strategy should also address integration and collaboration within the food sector; long-term resilience to climate change, rising fossil fuel prices and natural hazards; equitable access to healthy food and food security; common metrics for measuring the quality of the regional food system; 3) Make recommendations that focus on enhancing the economic development and job creation opportunities in the food sector, improving the environment, and increasing equity.

The Task Force shall complete its work within twelve months of their first meeting. The Task Force shall have no more than eleven community members including, and should include to the extent practicable the following organizations:

1. City of Eugene
2. Lane County
3. City of Springfield
4. NEDCO
5. Willamette Farm and Food Coalition
6. Lane Food Council
7. Eugene Farmers Market
8. Sustainability Commission
9. Food for Lane County
10. Human Rights Commission

Council discussion:

- Important to fully understand staffing and timing issues.
- Action is long overdue; City should be a leader on this issue.
- Food security is the next step in economic development efforts.
- This is a regional issue; partnership with other jurisdictions needed.
- Avoid duplication of efforts; County is engaging in similar initiative.
- More business representation need on proposed task force.
- Further council discussion is needed before establishing a task force.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to table this discussion until the council has a work session. **PASSED 5:4** Councilors Taylor, Zelenka, Evans and Syrett in opposition. Mayor broke the tie in favor.

A. ACTION: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 20508 to Extend the Temporary Suspension of Multiple Unit Property Tax Exemptions (MUPTE) under Sections 2.945 and 2,947 of the Eugene Code, 1971, through November 30, 2014.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt Council Bill 5122, an ordinance to extend the program suspension to November 30, 2014.
PASSED 8:0

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i)

The council met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.66(2)(i)

C. WORK SESSION: Police Auditor Annual Performance Review

Human Resources Director Alana Holmes and Human Resources Manager Denise Smith provided information about the process used to evaluate Police Auditor Mark Gissiner.

Council discussion:

- Very pleased with work of Auditor; most comprehensive report ever.
- Commendable work on service improvements and work with mental health citizens.
- Strong working relationship with City, EPD, and Council.
- More outreach to communities of color and neighborhood groups recommended.
- Civilian Review Board can help with community engagement.
- Role for Human Rights Commission in helping with advocacy.

MOTION: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved authorize the Council President to approve an amendment to the Auditors Contract that 1) would increase the severance pay from 1 month to 3 months; 2) provides a COLA adjustment equal to whatever COLA adjustment is provided to non-represented employees and 3) provides a merit increase for FY15 only equal to 3% minus whatever COLA adjustment if any provided under part 2.

MOTION TO AMEND AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to amend and eliminate the 3rd portion of the main motion. **FAILED 2:6**, Councilors Clark and Taylor opposed.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: PASSED 7:1, Councilor Clark opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder