

MINUTES

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

**July 14, 2014
5:30 p.m.**

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

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

A. WORK SESSION: City Hall Rebuild Update

Design and Construction Manager Mike Penwell and the City Hall Rebuild Design Team gave a PowerPoint presentation on the City Hall rebuild project with preliminary design ideas that incorporated new information related to the proposed land swap with Lane County.

Council Discussion:

- Important to preserve and protect historical buildings rather than destroy them.
- Consider orienting building entrance on east side to welcome those arriving downtown.
- Important to maintain the entire city block for public use.
- Interest in consolidating all City offices in the new space; land swap could limit options.
- Proposed design concepts incorporate City goals related to transparency, energy efficiency, public art, and accessibility.
- Important to maintain the iconic nature of the old Council Chamber with a more modern design.
- Further exploration of option to add a 4th floor needed.
- Additional work around security, specifically in the Council Chamber, desired.
- Consideration of ongoing maintenance costs should be a priority in the planning process.

B. WORK SESSION: Overnight Sleeping (“Rest Stop”) Pilot Program

Community Programs Analyst Michael Wisth gave an update on the City’s rest stop program.

Council discussion:

- No complaints about the rest stops have been received.
- Ongoing management of sites by Community Supported Shelters is a financial challenge.
- Consider making huts and micro housing units a permanent part of code.
- More information requested on: average number of nights spent at rest stop per person; crime statistics in area before and after establishment of rest stop; data on usage of rest stop by local residents vs out-of-town transients; status of waiting lists and how they are managed.
- Need a more strategic solution to homelessness; rest stops are just a band aid.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct the City Manager to schedule a public hearing on an ordinance extending the rest stop pilot program sunset date to October 1, 2015. **PASSED 8:0**

The work session adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Record

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**July 14, 2014
7:30 p.m.**

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Mayor Piercy opened the July 14, 2014, City Council meeting.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

In honor of Independence Day, Kappy Eaton and Flo Alvergue from the League of Women Voters of Lane County read the Declaration of Independence and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2.

PUBLIC FORUM

1. Gordon Levitt – supported the climate recovery ordinance; noting its importance.
2. Debra McGee – said the City must move to clean energy now.
3. Anne Howguard – supported the proposed climate recovery ordinance.
4. Julia Olson – supported the climate recovery ordinance and respecting the laws of nature.
5. Megan Kemple – supported the climate recovery ordinance; noting its importance.
6. Kat Fiedler – supported the climate recovery ordinance as a model for other cities.
7. Pat Thacher – supported the climate recovery ordinance as a step in right direction.
8. Aaron Kratzer – supported the climate recovery ordinance as an example to others.
9. Sue Sierralupé – announced that Occupy Medical will be in Florence on July 20, 2014.
10. Madeline Smith – supported the climate recovery ordinance as a good first step.
11. Donald Drisgoll – said rehabilitation of existing City Hall is a viable option.
12. Ward Beck- asked for a 10-year hold on razing City Hall so more research can be done.
13. Marston Morgan – expressed interest in preserving City Hall and doing a technical audit.
14. Weltzin Blix – said the existing City Hall is a heritage building and should be saved.
15. Eric Hall – asked the council to reconsider the planned destruction of City Hall..
16. Otto Poticha – asked that council stop the construction planning process for City Hall.
17. Mark Cosby – reported that restrooms in the parking garage are unsanitary.
18. Brian Johnson –supported paid sick leave; noting it aligns with public health goals.
19. Deborah Jeffries – asked for an estimated annual cost to the City to provide sick leave.
20. Scotty Perey – voiced concern about changes to laws that will target homeless.
21. Jennifer Frenzer-Knowlton – voiced concern with proposals that will target homeless.
22. Steve Hiatt – said he is concerned with changes to laws that will target homeless.
23. Barb Prentice – opposed to proposed changes that will target homeless.
24. Tracy Joscelyn – opposed to proposed changes that will target homeless.
25. Art Bowman – opposed to proposed changes that will target homeless.
26. Lee De Veau – expressed concern about changes that will target homeless.
27. Drix – said the community should communicate better to avoid crises before they occur.
28. Jean Stacey – requested an investigation into the closure of “Whoville” by the City.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

4. **WORK SESSION: Ordinance Concerning Single Family Code Amendments for Accessory Buildings, Alley Access Lots and Secondary Dwellings; Amending Sections 9.0500, 9.1245, 9.2740, 9.2741, 9.2750, 9.2751, 9.6775, and 9.8030; and Providing an Effective Date. (City File CA 13-3)**

Senior Planner Alissa Hansen gave a brief update on the revisions to the ordinance.

Council Discussion:

- A side-by-side comparison of staff recommendations vs. proposed revisions needed.
- Support expressed for incorporating proposed flag lot revisions.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER: 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 reported on recent and upcoming meetings and events.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder