

MINUTES

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

**December 8, 2014
5:30 p.m.**

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

Councilors Absent: Claire Syrett

Mayor Piercy called the December 8, 2014, City Council work session to order.

A. WORK SESSION: Legislative Update

Intergovernmental Relations Manager Lisa Gardner discussed the 2015 legislative priorities and provided an update from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to support the transportation funding and policy package that was presented. **PASSED 7:0**

Council discussion:

- Support expressed for body cameras; acknowledging possible conflicts with public records requests.
- City's priorities should not conflict with potential development of infrastructure.
- Support expressed for adding divestment and paid sick leave to the City's list of priorities.
- City should be prepared to support initiatives related to housing alternatives.
- City should be flexible in support of County's decisions regarding jail.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to approve the IGR 2015 legislative policies and priorities as amended in this meeting. **PASSED 7:0**

B. ACTION: Rest Stops

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to approve two rest stops at 2411 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard behind the Lane County Behavioral Health Facility. **PASSED 7-0**

Council discussion:

- Acknowledgement that rest stops are temporary, are not meant to solve the problem of homelessness and should be targeted for local, unhoused residents.
- Need to clarify broader scope of council direction and strategies to address this problem.
- Need to ensure these sites are ADA assessable for those with mental and physical health.
- There is general support for this site from surrounding neighborhood.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Council discussion:

- Strong support was expressed for reappointing Hilary Loud to the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission.

The work session adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder

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Mayor Piercy opened the December 8, 2014, City Council meeting.

1. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

The Mayor and City Council honored Asia Wooten with a proclamation for winning a gold medal at the NAACP National Academic Cultural Technical Scientific Olympics in the instrumental classical category.

The Mayor and Council honored Lane Transit District with a proclamation for being named the Nation's Best Midsized Transportation Agency by American Public Transportation Agency.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Girl Scout Troop 20337 – asked the council for help gathering socks and gloves.
2. Shelley Pineo-Jensen – said MUPTE revisions need more teeth and an oversight panel.
3. Michael Carrigan – thanked the council for supporting rest stops and car camping.
4. Patrice Dotson – said the homeless need help on cold nights; presented sock sacks.
5. David Strahan – thanked the council for approving rest stops.
6. Cindy Kokis – supported revisions to MUPTE and requested an oversight panel.
7. Leslie Robnett – said council should lift the camping ban and let people sleep.
8. Donna Riddle – thanked council for approving rest stops and supported sleep centers.
9. Brad Foster – supported the proposed NEDCO project; it can help prevent homelessness.
10. Kathy Ging – said Eugene needs a strong cell tower ordinance.
11. William Collinge – opposed the construction of cell towers in residential areas.
12. Cindy Allen – spoke against cell towers.
13. Jerry Smith – said he is pleased with approval of rest stops.
14. Sue Sierralupé – supported the expansion of the rest stop pilot program.
15. Sam Hahn – supported the NEDCO project as it helps prevent homelessness.
16. Emily Reiman – supported the NEDCO project; it provides safe and affordable housing.
17. Phillip Carrasco – requested increased public participation in MUPTE process.
18. Angie Byers – supported the NEDCO project; it will help with homeless issues.
19. Sabrina Siler – supported the NEDCO project; it will help foster youth in transition.
20. Schuyler Davis – supported the NEDCO project, noting youth will benefit from housing.
21. Karin Almquist – voiced concern about cell towers in residential areas.

Council discussion:

- Impressed with level of engagement on NEDCO project.
- Council has made significant progress on MUPTE revisions.
- Takes a whole community to solve homelessness; community is doing it.
- More community participation needed with MUPTE.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION: Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget; Making Appropriations for the City of Eugene for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2014, and Ending June 30, 2015.**

1. John Barofsky – many positive things will be addressed; more public input needed.

Council discussion:

- Bad precedent to take money from General Fund for 4th floor of new city hall.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to adopt Resolution 5124, adopting a Supplemental Budget; making appropriations for the City of Eugene for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015.

PASSED 5:2, Councilors Brown and Clark opposed.

Mayor Piercy adjourned the meeting of the Eugene City Council and convened the meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION: Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget; Making Appropriations for the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2014 and Ending June 30, 2015.**

No speakers testified on this item.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, Seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to adopt Resolution 1073, adopting a Supplemental Budget; making appropriations for the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015. **PASSED 7-0**

Mayor Piercy adjourned the Meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency and reconvened the meeting of the Eugene City Council.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION: An Ordinance Amending the Permitted Overnight Sleeping (“Rest Stop”) Pilot Program Provisions Adopted By Ordinance No. 20517.**

1. Karl Culbertson – asked council to consider expanding existing car camping program.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to adopt Council Bill 5135, to amend Ordinance No. 20517, an Ordinance Concerning Permitted Overnight Sleeping, to allow the City Manager discretion to increase the allowable capacity from 15 to 20 persons at a rest stop that has operated in good standing for at least six months. **PASSED 7-0**

6. **ACTION: Approval of Funding and Use of City Resources for Housing Affordable to Low-Income Persons – North Polk Apartments.**

Council discussion:

- Very rigorous application process; NEDCO easily conformed to requirements.
- Appropriate project to receive funds; fits well in community.
- Prevention of homelessness is an asset.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to approve the use of \$670,323 in federal HOME funds for acquisition, developer costs, and project delivery costs for the North Polk Apartments project proposed by NEDCO. **PASSED 7:0.**

7. ACTION: A Resolution Approving a Low-Income Rental Housing Property Tax Exemption for the Property Located at 89 North Polk Street, Eugene, Oregon (Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation/Applicant).

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to adopt Resolution 5123, approving a 20-year low-income rental housing property tax exemption for the property located at 89 North Polk Street, Eugene, Oregon (Assessor's Property Account Number 0442101) if NEDCO becomes the owner of the property.

PASSED 7-0

8. WORK SESSION: Cell Towers

Planner Steve Nystrom discussed federal guidelines, other jurisdictional requirements that are relevant to Eugene and highlights of the City's ordinance regulating cell towers.

Council discussion:

- Current legislation is weak at protecting residential neighborhoods.
- Threat of encroachment on neighborhoods is greater now than ever before.
- Some support expressed for making Eugene's ordinance more restrictive.
- Technology allowing less obtrusive equipment should be encouraged.
- Identification of possible mitigation strategies is needed.
- Request made to City Attorney to consult Washington D.C. attorney on options.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy City Recorder