

## MINUTES

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

**December 10, 2014  
12:00 p.m.**

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

**Councilors Absent:** Claire Syrett

Mayor Piercy opened the December 10, 2014, City Council work session.

**A. WORK SESSION: Envision Eugene Implementation – Urban Growth Boundary Preliminary Recommendation for Jobs, Parks, Schools, and Homes**

Carolyn Burke, Terri Harding, and Alissa Hansen of the Planning Division gave a presentation on the Urban Growth Boundary recommendations discussing the history of the project; jobs, parks, and schools; single family homes; and the preliminary recommendation.

Council Discussion – Jobs, Parks, Schools

- Planned expansion for homes and schools is in an area where most of the community's toxic emissions are already concentrated.
- Concerned that more class 1 and 2 soils will be lost or compromised.
- Concerned that local companies won't have adequate expansion options if the City doesn't have enough land.
- Deficiency of land along river now exists; additional work on that issue needed.
- Economic development efforts in Bethel area are integral to Envision Eugene process.
- Further development of food and beverage industries desired.
- Growth is inevitable and it's up to the City to manage it responsibly.
- Impeding expansion harms City's efforts to increase its tax base.
- Targeted industries list seems narrow; definition should be left open for now.

Council Discussion – Single Family Homes:

- Proposed direction is a result council discussion and guidance from the State.
- If agricultural land is being considered, why not forest land by 1-5?
- Increase in population raises demand and costs for municipal services; revenue comes from land.
- Dagg Trust properties should be considered as a potential UGB expansion area.
- Concept of establishing an urban reserve is a good attempt to find balance.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to extend the meeting 10 minutes. **PASSED 6:1**, Councilor Poling opposed.

- Growth may be inevitable but there is no need to encourage it.
- Changing the ratio of multi/single family housing would remove need to expand the UGB.
- Elimination of MUPTE will significantly add to UGB expansion area.
- A plan is needed to address workforce development and potential talent deficiency.

The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett  
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