

## MINUTES

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

**January 26, 2015  
5:30 p.m.**

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

**Councilors Absent:** George Poling, Mike Clark

**Executives Present:** Glenn Klein, Jon Ruiz, Kristie Hammitt, Kurt Corey, Pete Kerns, Randy Groves, Renee Grube, Sarah Medary

Mayor Piercy opened the January 26, 2015, City Council annual retreat.

**1. WELCOME**

City Manager Jon Ruiz introduced and gave a brief biography of the facilitator, Lysbeth Borie, who followed with a breakdown of the agenda.

**2. BEST AND WORST OUTCOMES: 2015-2016**

The Mayor, councilors and executives each explained what their worst and best outcomes for the community for 2015-2016 would be.

**3. VISION, GOALS AND OUTCOMES: Where We've Been**

Assistant City Manager Sarah Medary showed a PowerPoint presentation that gave an overview of the visions, goals and outcomes, as well as Eugene Counts information and statistics.

Discussion:

- Important to think about and pay attention to those people who we never hear from.
- There is a culture change occurring in nation from treating addiction as a public safety issue to treating it as public health issue.
- The system is overtaxed, overstressed, and understaffed.
- Very impressed by the success the City has had after Eugene Counts.
- Engagement is very impactful and goes beyond just informing.

**4. FAIR, STABLE AND ADEQUATE FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

City Manager Jon Ruiz gave a brief presentation on the budget from 2008 to the present and explained how the City has gone from having a structural imbalance, to closing the gap and moving towards a sustainable budget, and what that means for the future.

Discussion:

- The work done to-date is praiseworthy, but not good enough.
- Refreshing not to talk about cuts this budget cycle
- Would like to have a conversation on what we want and what does it take to get there.
- Population growth projections will help determine what can and should be done.
- Opportunity for council to think about people who don't communicate their needs.

**5. SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION AND REPORT OUT**

The Mayor, councilors and executives broke into four small groups to discuss what they are proud of, what they want to build on and where there are opportunities.

**6. CLOSING COMMENTS AND NEXT STEPS**

The group discussed common themes and common ground that were brought up in their small groups. Next steps will be to synthesize the discussion and pull out themes, and return to the conversation, thinking about how to include those who weren't present.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett  
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