

MINUTES

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

February 23, 2015
5:30 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: George Poling

Mayor Piercy called the February 23, 2015, City Council work session to order.

A. WORK SESSION: Review of 2014 Implementation of Bond Measure to Fix Streets and 2015 Pavement Management Report

Public Works Director Kurt Corey gave an update on the 2014 bond measure, street repair panel report, auditor results, and pavement management report.

Council discussion:

- Continued innovation in reducing work-related carbon emissions needed.
- Significant progress has been made in reducing the maintenance backlog.
- Failure to keep up with ongoing maintenance will quickly negate any progress made.
- Maintenance of streets is critical to quality of life; great achievement for the community.

B. WORK SESSION: Climate Recovery Proposal

Climate and Energy Analyst Matt McRae and Sustainability Liaison Babe O'Sullivan gave a PowerPoint presentation on the climate recovery ordinance, assessments of the current trends, and next steps.

Council discussion:

- Last greenhouse gas inventory is 10 years old; not on track to meet goals.
- Methodology used is honest way to measure actual greenhouse gas emissions.
- More focus on long distance food freight impacts and food security needed.
- There is potential for significant net savings; great deal of work to do in the next five years.
- Challenge is how to meet these ambitious goals without making structural sacrifices.

The work session adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chuck Crockett

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder

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Mayor Piercy opened the February 23, 2015, City Council meeting.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Robin Bloomgarden – Said many Eugeneans are in support of a carbon tax.
2. Robin Cassidy-Duran – Thanked council for supporting court reporting/captioning week.
3. John Iglesias – The City has been a pleasure to work with on new N.W.C.C. support center.
4. Mike Cetto – Asked City to require annual emissions testing for all vehicles.
5. Kimberly Gladen – Said downtown issues are driving away businesses, hurting everyone.
6. Beverlee Potter – Thanked the council for funding health and human services programs.
7. Cindy Conley – Concerned with potential traffic impacts in new River Road neighborhood.

Council discussion:

- Traffic management will be essential for the new River Road neighborhood.
- Impacts of changes to downtown enforcement strategies are now being felt.
- Consideration should be given to restoring the City Prosecutors budget.
- Various perceptions exist about the downtown environment.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. **PASSED 7:0**

3. ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Delegating Authority to the City Manager for Removal of Chemicals from the Hazardous Substance List and Updating Tracking Instructions, and Amending Sections 3.690 and 3.696 of the Eugene Code, 1971

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to adopt Council Bill 5140, an ordinance delegating authority to the City Manager for removal of chemicals from the Hazardous Substances List. **PASSED 7:0**

Council discussion:

- City Manager can only remove chemicals after they are vetted by the Toxics Board.

4. ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Obnoxious Vegetation and Amending Sections 6.825 and 6.835 of the Eugene Code, 1971

MOTION: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to adopt Council Bill 5141, an ordinance concerning obnoxious vegetation.

Council discussion:

- Important reason for this regulation; overgrown vegetation can be dangerous.
- Lower on priority scale when it comes to other things the City has to fund.
- Concerns about eliminating enforcement portion of the ordinance.
- Like to see breakdown of \$50,000 for program; quality of life and safety issue.
- Investigate other ways to reduce costs without deprioritizing this service.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to table the motion: **PASSED 7:0**

5. PUBLIC FORUM: Envision Eugene Urban Growth Boundary Revised Recommendation for Housing

1. William Ward – Spoke against expansion of the UGB; need to keep open areas.
2. Bill Kloos – Said clear and objective standards should be used; no guessing at this point.
3. Dan Cooper – Said a lot of current land inventory is flawed.
4. Renee Clough – Said City needs to force density if expansion of the UGB is opposed.
5. Daniel Hill – Said Eugene has a diminishing amount of affordable and buildable lands.
6. Jim Hale – Noted that the same UGB from the 1980s is being used; running out of land.
7. Dane Butler – Supported efforts to keep workers in area; 20-minute neighborhoods.
8. Paul Conte – Said a vision of conservation of community resources is needed.
9. Ed McMahon – Supported clear and objective standards for buildable lands inventory.
10. Kurt Vollstedt – Said reconsideration of UGB is long overdue.
11. Bill Slattery – Said hillside development is risky and expensive; expand UGB.
12. Marty Peets – Cost of housing in Eugene is in top 13%; need to expand UGB.
13. Mia Nelson – Puzzled why correction of error in process would be deemed unfair.
14. Mike Reeder – Said UGBs were never meant to be fixed and static.

Council discussion:

- A static UGB is not logical; process is heading in the wrong direction.
- More information requested: TRG minutes and data on changes.
- Two areas being considered for expansion may not be affordable to develop.
- More work needed to determine shared values around density.
- Public should have a chance to weigh-in on new information before a vote is taken.
- DLCD opinion on clear and objective standards is needed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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