

MINUTES

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

**April 29, 2015
12:00 p.m.**

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

Mayor Piercy opened the April 29, 2015, City Council work session.

MOTION: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor, moved that Council (a) approve the use of \$50,000 to be used to aid in the earthquake recovery efforts in Katmandu, and (b) direct the city manager to enter into an agreement, after consultation with the Mayor, that ensures the use of funds are used for such recovery efforts.

Council discussion:

- Funds would be a one-time emergency allocation and not an ongoing expense.
- Tragedy in Katmandu and Nepal necessitates action by council to show friendship and support.
- More of a plan needed: Where will money come from, and how will it be used?
- The more meaningful way to participate would be to help fund reconstruction efforts.

MOTION TO TABLE AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to table the motion. **PASSED 6:2**, Councilors Brown and Taylor opposed.

A. WORK SESSION: System Development Charges Overview

City Engineer Mark Schoening gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the policy framework for system development charges, the purpose of system development charges and use of funds, implications for development projects, and Envision Eugene system development charges investment strategies.

Council discussion:

- Further exploration of discounted SDCs rather than full waivers suggested.

B. WORK SESSION: Multi-Unit Property Tax Exemption (MUPTE) Program Revisions

Community Development Manager Denny Braud gave an overview on the potential changes to the draft ordinance for MUPTE.

Council discussion:

- Preference for keeping SDCs on board system-wide expressed.
- 30% above-median income threshold is too high for workforce housing.
- Support expressed for scheduling another public hearing and further discussion.
- MUPTE not intended to be the primary tool for providing workforce housing.
- Concern expressed with the in-lieu-of provisions.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to extend the meeting 10 minutes. **PASSED 7:1**, Councilor Taylor opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to forward this item to a public hearing to include everything that was discussed to this point and presented by staff. **PASSED 5:2**, Councilors Brown and Zelenka opposed, Councilor Taylor absent.

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder