

MINUTES

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

**January 27, 2020
5:30 p.m.**

Councilors Present: Betty Taylor, Emily Semple, Alan Zelenka, Jennifer Yeh, Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor

Councilor Semple opened the January 27, 2020, work session of the Eugene City Council in the absence of Mayor Vinis.

1. UPDATE: Eugene Public Library – Year 3 Levy Report

Director of Library, Recreation and Cultural Services Renee Grube and Library Services Director Will O'Hearn reported on the third year of the Library Levy funds.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Clark – told a story of his recent use of the Library; asked whether staff thought more growth was needed, what the impact of school library closures has been on the City Library, and what public and private partnerships may be possible.
- Councilor Taylor – expressed disappointment that there were no branch libraries in South Eugene; asked about the possibility of eliminating fines for adult patrons and bringing back the bookmobiles.
- Councilor Syrett – expressed appreciation for the good work over the past year.
- Councilor Semple – expressed concern about equity of branch libraries and supported the elimination of fines for adult patrons; expressed appreciation for the programming activities and interest in a long-term funding plan.

2. WORK SESSION: City Manager Attributes

Director of Employee Resource Services Randi Bowers-Payne introduced the topic.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Clark – supported changing “proven leadership” to “innovative leadership.”
- Councilor Taylor – read list of attributes important to her: transparency, follow-up, plenty of information, no pressure to act, a facilitator rather than a leader, open to all segments of the community.
- Councilor Syrett – agreed with Councilor Clark and was supportive of the attributes from 2008; agreed with Councilor Taylor that operating with transparency was important.
- Councilor Pryor – said he thought the City Manager needed to lead the City organization; noted communication was important and that being able to do so was a byproduct of being well-organized; agreed with Councilor Syrett that transparency was key; also wanted someone who was authoritative, authentic and accountable.

- Councilor Zelenka – said he thought the following four attributes were critical: works well with council, has budget and fiscal acumen in City matters, approachable leadership style with staff, and innovative approach to problem-solving.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- December 11, 2019, Work Session
- January 8, 2020, State of the City

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

C. Adoption of A Resolution Approving a Low-Income Rental Housing Property Tax Exemption Renewal for Oakwood Manor

D. Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Electric Utility Revenue Refunding Bonds and Providing for Related Matters; *and* Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Water Utility System Revenue Bonds and Revenue Refunding Bonds and Providing for Related Matters.

MOTION: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Yeh, moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar.

- Councilor Zelenka – asked to pull Item C for discussion.

VOTE: PASSED 8:0

- Councilor Zelenka – recognized the importance of the LIRHPTE program for the development and retention of affordable housing.

VOTE ON ITEM 3C: PASSED 8:0

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cas Casados)

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