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Eugene City Council Virtual Work Session Eugene, Oregon 97401

April 29, 2020
12:00 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Mike Clark

Mayor Vinis opened the April 29, 2020, work session of the Eugene City Council.

1. **WORK SESSION: COVID-19 Update**

Karen Gaffney, Lane County Incident Commander, and Dr. Patrick Luedtke, Lane County Public Health Officer, spoke about flattening the curve, contact tracing, testing capacity, isolation and quarantine, and data gathering.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka – asked questions about Sweden’s test and herd immunity.
- Councilor Syrett – thanked the presenters; inquired about Lane County’s role in expanding testing; asked if Dr. Luedtke could share his response to the California emergency room doctors’ interview/video.

2. **Applicant Statement for Budget Committee and Planning Commission**

The applicant was not able to join the meeting to give her statements.

3. **WORK SESSION: State Update – Governor’s Framework**

Sarah Means, Regional Solutions Coordinator in Governor Brown’s office, presented the Governor’s public health framework for reopening Oregon.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Syrett – thanked Ms. Means for the thorough presentation; inquired what is meant by the term “at-risk health care workers”; asked where the Governor’s team will be setting up sentinel surveillance sites and who within the community the team will be engaging with to determine those sites; inquired how a county goes about formally requesting to begin to reopen; asked when personal services businesses might reopen; stated she hopes the Governor is considering the interplay between reopening an industry and understanding those in the industry will have safety concerns; stated she is very supportive of coordinating with other states for reopening.
- Mayor Vinis – shared that she meets with groups of business owners (restaurants, breweries and downtown retailers) in Eugene; asked if businesses had a way they could review and give feedback on the Governor’s reopening plan.
- Councilor Zelenka – expressed thanks to Ms. Means for the presentation; asked if Lane County had made it to “day 1” of declining symptomatic cases.

Councilor Syrett suggested Boards and Commissions applicant could record her statements for the Budget Committee and Planning Commission and submit them to Council; staff responded they would follow-up with the applicant to arrange this.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Jessica Gebb)

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