

## MINUTES

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

May 19, 2014  
7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Kitty Piercy opened the May 19, 2014, City Council public hearing.

**1. PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ACTION: An Ordinance Adopting Hazardous Substance User Fees for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2014**

No testimony was presented for this item.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt Council Bill 5113, an ordinance adopting hazardous substance user fees for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014. **PASSED 8:0**

**2. PUBLIC HEARING: South Willamette Street Improvement Plan**

1. Bob Kaminski supported option 3 with bike lanes which will protect the safety of citizens.
2. Julia Olson supported option 3 and the commitment to use bikes to reduce carbon footprint.
3. Tayo Olson supported option 3 and said he feels it's unsafe to bike on S. Willamette currently.
4. Bay Frost Olson supported option 3 and said it is unsafe to bike on S. Willamette now.
5. Barbara Gleason voiced concern about doing a test before construction.
6. Elaine Zablocki opposed option 3 and asked council to postpone its decision.
7. Megan Kemple supported option 3 and said she is not comfortable riding on; S. Willamette.
8. Molly Markarian supported option 3 which will make it safer to bike and walk.
9. Menina Newman supported option 3, predicting it will generate increased business.
10. Julie Daniel supported option 3, citing the difficulties of the current configuration.
11. Kathi Jaworski reported that Sustainability Commission supports option 3.
12. Avery McRae supported option 3, noting that Willamette is unsafe with cars so close.
13. Holly McRae supported option 3 and is excited with plans to make S. Willamette safe.
14. Suzi Swinehart supported option 3 from the perspective of a driver.
15. Jim Patterson supported option 3, noting it is not very pleasant for walkers or bikers.
16. Ree McSween supported option 3, noting she never visits S. Willamette because it's unsafe.
17. Todd Miller supported option 3, noting that S. Willamette doesn't serve entire community.
18. Katherine Lavine supported option 3 and a test period.
19. Rob Zako supported option 3 and urged the council to make improvements.
20. Tom Schneider opposed option 3 and said the City needs to consolidate driveways.
21. Doug Brown opposed to proposed test and supported option 1.
22. Rich Bowden supported option 3, citing his desire to travel on S. Willamette.
23. Allen Hancock supported option 3 and said multi-mode travel is an easy decision.
24. Jim Wilcox supported option 3, noting that over 900 people also support it.
25. Marc Schlossberg supported option 3 and said the study is a waste of time and money.

26. John Rowell supported option 3 and the idea of a complete street.
27. Richard Hughes supported option 3, citing studies showing improve sales at businesses.
28. Duncan Rhodes stated that he doesn't drive on S. Willamette as it is very unpleasant.
29. David Straton supported four lanes, noting his opposition to the test and its false truths.
30. Emma Newman supported option 3, saying she is not comfortable biking on S. Willamette.
31. Kelsey Moore supported option 3, citing better access to over 160 businesses.
32. David Gizara voiced his opposition to the test.
33. Bill Aspegren supported option 3 and the test, saying the street needs reconfiguration.
34. Susan Stumpf supported option 3; noting her desire to bike on S. Willamette.
35. Beth Eiva supported option 3 which provides a better design for bikes.
36. David Nelkin supported keeping Willamette Street the same.
37. Kevin Rawlings said he has concerns about the negative impacts of the proposed changes.
38. Rosaline Stoops supported a trial, noting the dangerous conditions for bikes and pedestrians.
39. Briana Orr supported option 3 which provides dedicated space for all modes of travel.
40. Laurie Bernstein supported option 3 to make street more accessible for bicyclists.
41. Mike Wehr supported option 3, noting the dysfunction of the current system.
42. Leonardo Cruces supported option 3, noting that bikes build a sense of community.
43. William Ward supported option 3, citing his frustration with the current configuration.
44. Jerry Oltion opposed option 3 and the proposed test.
45. Scott Landfield said the trial period is a waste of time and money.
46. George McGuinness opposed option 3 and supported an the proposal developed by citizens.
47. Vicky Mello said Willamette St. is very unsafe and she would use it if it had bike lanes.
48. Marina Hajek passed along information about bicycle benefits from the State of Oregon.
49. Jane Grant opposed the three-lane option on Willamette and said she has never felt unsafe.
50. Heather Brey supported option 3, noting that the four-lane option is unsafe.
51. Paul Moore supported option 3, noting its potential to help businesses.
52. Courtney Moore supported option 3 and the freedom to choose to ride a bike.
53. Beth Stein supported option 3, noting that greater efficiency is needed.
54. Alan Pittman stated that three lanes will improve fire access and limit crashes.

Council discussion:

1. Test of Alternative #3 (3 Lanes with Bike Lanes) – clarification on cost, length of construction, and efforts to reduce harm to businesses during construction
2. Projections for increase in people riding bicycles on street
3. Projection for number of bicycle vs. car collisions and criteria for test
4. Effect of Fred Meyer development on traffic modeling
5. Timing of development of parallel bikeways on nearby streets

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chuck Crockett  
Deputy City Recorder