

MINUTES

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

**June 23, 2014
5:30 p.m.**

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

Mayor Piercy called the June 23, 2014, City Council work session to order.

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i)

The City Council met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i). The council returned to public session.

B. WORK SESSION: City Manager Performance Evaluation

Human Resources Director Alana Holmes and Human Resources Manager Denise Smith provided information about the process used to evaluate City Manager Jon Ruiz.

Council discussion:

- Very transparent and inclusive when executing Council direction.
- Great deal of integrity and leadership for the organization.
- Has had to take the heat on a number of issues.
- Ongoing effort to prevent surprises needed.
- Stronger relationships with neighborhoods, union employees and Latino community needed.
- New budget process effective.
- Continuing need to incorporate Triple Bottom Line analysis on decisions.
- Has assembled a great executive and division manager team.
- Has created an organization with a can-do attitude.

C. COUNCIL DISCUSSION: Sick Leave Ordinance

City Attorney Glenn Klein presented the preliminary draft of the sick leave ordinance and answered questions.

Council discussion:

- Ordinance should apply to everyone the City has the authority to enforce upon.
- Further conversation needed about whether to exempt unions, large business and University of Oregon.
- A better understanding of what this will cost the community is needed before it passes.
- Triple Bottom Line analysis would be a very positive thing in the future on impact.

The work session adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Record

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Mayor Piercy opened the June 23, 2014, City Council meeting.

1. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

The City of Eugene and MetroTV were honored with a national Telly Award for their collaboration on the Smart Trips Working City video.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Dean Hale – supported keeping options to build a secondary home on flag lots.
2. Ken Neubeck – said public restrooms and places to sit are needed downtown.
3. Cheryl Reinhart – supported a paid sick leave ordinance.
4. Aaron Taylor – opposed the fireworks ordinance, noting it would harm his church budget.
5. David Strahan – said downtown needs hand-washing stations and bathrooms.
6. Michelle Billington – reported that her human rights have been violated.
7. Jonathon Fargher – opposed the fireworks ordinance; citing the City's inability to enforce.
8. Michael Adams – supported providing bathrooms and more benches downtown.
9. Sue Sierralupé – said the lack of restrooms downtown is a serious health issue.
10. Art Bowman – said Police, red hats and food cart owners treat Kesey Square as private.
11. Bradley Cook – asked council to grandfather in existing 8 ft see-through fences in town.
12. Steve Hiatt – said the City needs to stop punishing people for non-criminal behavior.
13. Kimberly Gladen – said citizens need to donate money to help purchase bathrooms.
14. Wendy Lang – supported the sick leave proposal; saying many people need it.
15. Ruben Garcia – opposed the sick leave ordinance; supported doing case studies.
16. Michael Drews – opposed the fireworks ordinance.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. **PASSED 8:0.**

4. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 20508 to Extend the Temporary Suspension of Multiple Unit Property Tax Exemptions under Sections 2.945 and 2.947 of the Eugene Code, 1971, through November 30, 2014

1. Michael Adams – supported a longer extension, noting the ongoing budget gap.
2. William Ward – opposed MUPTE and expressed confusion about City priorities.

5. **ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Deer Fencing and Amending Sections 9.2750 and 9.2751 of the Eugene Code, 1971, and Section 4.996 of that Code (City File CA 14-1)**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt Council Bill 5118, an ordinance concerning deer fencing contained in Attachment A
PASSED 8:0

6. **ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Restrictions on Fireworks Adding Section 4.934 to the Eugene Code and Amending Section 4.990 of That Code, and Providing for an Immediate Effective Date**

and

ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Unruly Gatherings and Amending Section 4.670 of the Eugene Code, and Providing for an Immediate Effective Date

Council discussion:

- Enforcement issue with illegal fireworks; better enforcement needed.
- Proposal is good first step in incremental approach.
- Support for developing a no-cost permit process.
- Consideration of other cultures' use of fireworks needed.

MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to postpone action on the proposed ordinance until after the City Manager returns to Council with one or more options for a free or low-cost permitting process to allow individuals or groups to apply for permits to discharge legal fireworks at different times of the year, in addition to the dates contained in proposed section 4.934. **FAILED 3:5**, Councilors Poling, Brown, and Evans in support.

MOTION: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt Council Bill 5121, an Ordinance Concerning Restrictions on Fireworks Adding Section 4.934 to the Eugene Code and Amending Section 4.990 of That Code and Providing for an Immediate Effective Date.

MOTION TO AMEND and VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to amend the first sentence of section 4.934 to read as follows: In addition to restrictions on the sale, possession, use, detonation of fireworks under state law, it is unlawful to use, light, detonate or display any fireworks anywhere in the city at any time except on December 1, January 1, and June 23 – July 6 and other times as authorized by the City Manager in administrative rules adopted pursuant to section 2.019 of the Eugene code. **PASSED 5:4**, Councilors Brown, Taylor, Clark and Poling opposed. Mayor broke the tie in favor.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: PASSED 6:2, Councilors Poling and Clark opposed.

MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt Council Bill 5120, an Ordinance Concerning Unruly Gatherings, Amending Section 4.670 of the Eugene Code, and Providing and Immediate Effective Date. **PASSED 6:2**, Councilors Taylor and Brown opposed

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy City Recorder