

MINUTES

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

October 8, 2014
12:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Piercy opened the October 8, 2014, City Council work session.

A. **WORK SESSION: An Ordinance Concerning Establishment of a Tax on Marijuana**

City Attorney Glenn Klein provided information about the draft ordinance for the public hearing, how it is modeled after the City of Medford's, why it is the broadest one in the state and the schedule moving forward.

Council discussion:

- Set-asides for law enforcement built into the State measure.
- Further conversation with County and local cities needed.
- Proposed tax will defeat the purpose of the State measure and help black market.
- Worth having a discussion and listening to what people have to say.
- Imposing a specific tax on a specific product is bad public policy.
- City does not have infrastructure in place to administer the tax.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to confirm that the City Council will hold a public hearing on October 20 on an ordinance to adopt a tax on the sale of marijuana. **PASSED 5:3**, Councilors Brown, Taylor, and Clark opposed.

B. **WORK SESSION: City Hall**

QUESTION AND VOTE: Should the new city hall be constructed in phases with phase 1 consisting of approximately 25,000 square feet, occupied primarily by Mayor and Council, council chambers and the city manager's office? **YES VOTE 5:3**, Councilors Brown, Taylor, and Clark opposed.

QUESTION: Should the existing council chamber be relocated on the city hall block and mothballed either for part of phase 2 or for some other purpose?

Council discussion:

- More information about cost of saving the Council Chamber is needed.
- Saving iconic part of city hall will reflect the City's commitment to honoring its past.
- Consider grants, public/private partnership for redevelopment or reuse.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to postpone until sometime in November consideration of question 5. **PASSED 7:1**, Councilor Poling opposed.

QUESTION AND VOTE: Should phase 1 of a new city hall reflect RBA's current conceptual design, including plaza or public space along 8th Avenue, council chamber, and improved accessibility?
YES VOTE 7:1, Councilor Taylor opposed.

QUESTION AND VOTE: Should the design team continue to develop options for underground parking? **YES VOTE 8:0**

QUESTION AND VOTE: Should the design team continue to develop options for a 4th floor?
YES VOTE 7:1, Councilor Clark opposed.

QUESTION AND VOTE: Should the design team continue to develop options for making city hall as energy efficient as practicable (i.e. Gold LEED or equivalent, net zero energy or net zero water ready)?
YES VOTE 8:0

C. WORK SESSION: Railroad Quiet Zone

City of Eugene Traffic Engineer Tom Larsen and Planning Director Robin Hostick gave an update on the process for implementing a railroad quiet zone, along with background information and cost information.

Council discussion:

- Important quality-of-life issue for entire community.
- Those most impacted deserve some consideration.
- Anticipated costs are prohibitive; investigate use of urban renewal and road bonds.

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chuck Crockett
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