

MINUTES

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

November 17, 2014
7:30 p.m.

Councilors present: George Brown, Alan Zelenka, George Poling, Mike Clark (via phone) Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor

Councilors absent: Betty Taylor, Greg Evans

Councilor Pryor opened the November 17, 2014, City Council public hearing and noted that Mayor Piercy was attending a housing policy conference.

1. PUBLIC HEARING: Judicial Evaluation

No testimony was provided.

2. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Granting to MCI Communications Services, Inc., a Non-exclusive Franchise to Use the Public Way to Construct and Maintain Public Communications Facilities within the City of Eugene.

No testimony was provided.

3. 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 February 28, 2015; and Providing for an Immediate Effective Date

1. Brian Obie – Opposed the continued suspension; said the council needs to take action now.
2. Tyson Stuber – Supported the suspension extension; said that limiting contractors is puzzling.

4. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Concerning Multiple-Unit Tax Exemptions; Amending Sections 2.945 and 2.947 of the Eugene Code, 1971; and Adding Section 2.946 to that Code

1. Brian Obie – said MUPTE is a good tool for this community; concerned about the process.
2. Joshua Skov – said Council is correct in trying to improve MUPTE; this tool is greatly needed.
3. Susan Tavakolian – said MUPTE can be a valuable tool; changes should be adopted.
4. Brittany Quick-Warner – supported the proposed MUPTE changes; critical tool for community.
5. Shelley Pineo-Jensen – presented proposed policy from Jobs for Justice.
6. Dennis Dover – supported hiring local workers for MUPTE projects.
7. Dave Hauser – supported MUPTE changes; will play vital role in downtown revitalization.
8. Peter Knox – said neighborhoods should have more involvement in MUPTE process.
9. Jeannine Parisi – supported MUPTE changes; valuable tool for community.
10. Anita Van Asperdt- supported MUPTE changes; will bring greater economic prosperity.
11. Julie Daniel – supports MUPTE changes; more dense development supports sustainability.
12. Charles Frazer – said everybody should have to pay taxes; opposed to MUPTE.
13. Lisa Arkin – supported MUPTE changes; more attention needed on environmental issues.

14. John VanLandingham – supported the fee, not units, in MUPTE’s affordable housing revisions.
15. Jacob Fox – supported MUPTE changes; very important tool.
16. Paul Conte – said MUPTE should be put on ballot for voters to decide.

Council discussion:

- Very controversial topic; should be put in front of voters.
- Neighborhood involvement in the application process is worth looking at.
- Need a work session to explore continual reporting and housing percentage.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder