

MINUTES

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

November 24, 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 November 24, 2014, City Council work session to order.

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(e)

The Executive Session ended and the council returned to public session.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to direct the City Manager to proceed with the purchase of lots 302 and 101 of the Beverly property using \$1.1 million of park bond funds. **PASSED 8:0**

Council discussion:

- This land will be for all to enjoy and will be used for generations to come.
- Reflects a best outcome for the piece of property.
- Partnership is a very important aspect to this project and will enhance its protection.
- Very good addition to our park lands and good use of park bond funds.

B. WORK SESSION: Eugene Public Library of the Future

Library, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Renee Grube and Library Services Director Connie Bennett gave a PowerPoint presentation on the status of the Library, where it has been and the challenges going forward.

Council discussion:

- Demand is increasing, resources are decreasing; need to create stability with budget.
- Library touches all aspects of City service delivery.
- Need to consider how libraries will be used define future for our city.
- Partnerships with schools important; would like to see a teen center downtown.
- Goal of having all Eugene children prepared for kindergarten is critical to success.
- Interest into looking into a library levy expressed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to request the City Manager to develop funding options for the City Council FY16 consideration to invest in the Eugene Public Library of the Future and to sustainably operate the services. **PASSED 8:0**

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

The work session adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder

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7:30 p.m.

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Mayor Piercy opened the November 24, 2014, City Council meeting.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Artie Gilad – opposed smart meters and asked Council to take action against them.
2. Abraham Likwornik – said smart meters are hazardous to public health; action needed.
3. Kaye Hoffman – opposed smart meters and asked council to take action against them.
4. Kathy Ging – opposed smart meters; they are hazardous to public health.
5. John Brown – urged City to help clean up river banks to stop pollution of rivers.
6. Michael Carrigan – urged the council to approve Nightingale’s rest stop request.
7. Wayne Martin – urged the council to approve Nightingale’s rest stop request.
8. Ward Beck – said ordinance protecting historic structures needed.
9. Sue Sierralupé – supported lifting the camping ban for winter.
10. Leslie Robnett – expressed frustration with the criminalization of homeless.
11. Ryan Stearns – supported a more viable solution for homeless.

Council discussion:

- Check into options for leverage against negligent riverbank property owners.
- Partnerships can help with river clean-up.

3. ACTION: 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

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt Council Bill 5132, 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. **PASSED 8:0**

4. ACTION: An Ordinance Amending the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan to Enable the Establishment of City Specific Urban Growth Boundaries and Comprehensive Planning Documents; Adopting a Severability Clause; and Providing and Effective Date

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt Council Bill 5130, an ordinance amending the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan to enable the establishment of City specific urban growth boundaries and comprehensive planning documents; adopting a severability clause; and providing an effective date. **PASSED 8:0**

5. **ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Metro Plan Amendment Procedures; Amending Sections 9.0500, 9.7055, 9.7700, 9.7705, 9.7715, 9.7720, 9.7725, 9.7730 and 9.7735 of the Eugene Code, 1971; and Repealing Sections 9.7740, 9.7745 and 9.7750 of that Code**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt Council Bill 5131, an ordinance concerning Metro Plan Amendment Procedures. **PASSED 8:0**

6. **ACTION: County Vehicle Registration Fee**

Lydia McKinney from Lane County spoke about the details of the County Vehicle Registration Fee and gave some background information.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved that the Eugene City Council express support for placing a countywide vehicle registration fee on the May 2015 ballot. Further moved that the council encourage Mayor Piercy to write a letter of support to the Lane County Board of Commissioners. **PASSED 8:0**

Council discussion:

- Support putting it on ballot but does seem unfair to low income people.
- Voting on new revenue sources is a good idea.
- A specific road list could help this pass if it is put on a ballot.
- Proposed fee could help with ongoing maintenance and create stability for roads.
- Encourage the County to come back with a draft prior to support of measure.
- Clarify that the Mayor will send a letter to Lane County expressing support for placing the fee on the May 2015 ballot.

7. **WORK SESSION: Safe Demolition**

Planning and Development Division Manager Stuart Ramsing gave a presentation on safe demolition protocols and proposed code changes.

Council discussion:

- Recent projects brought to light many problems and gaps in demolition rules.
- Proposed changes are inadequate to address the whole problem; need more.
- Adding another layer of regulations to the process may not be advisable.
- Proposal is a good start on strengthening protocols and clarifying expectations.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved that the council initiate changes to the applicable provision of the Eugene Code that: 1) prohibit exterior demolition and debris handling when winds exceed 25 mph. 2) require notice to neighbors of pending demolition work; and 3) prohibit demolition by implosion or other explosive means except in cases where a special permit has been obtained that addresses health, safety and livability concerns. **PASSED 8:0**

MOTION AND VOTE Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved that the City Manager schedule a work session with LRAPA and any other important and relevant parties to discuss our mutual interest with regard to safe demolition and responsibilities each has in that area. **PASSED 8:0.**

(A motion by Councilor Brown to amend to closely mirror the Baltimore protocols in revising the City's code was withdrawn.)

8. WORK SESSION: Legislative Update

Intergovernmental Relations Manger Lisa Gardner gave a brief update on the legislative session, the upcoming 2015 state legislative process and investing in manufacturing and community partnership project.

Council discussion:

- Appreciate the hard work and the new process.
- Need more time to review priority list before it is approved.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to postpone approval of the priority list until the IGR committee can convene and review the list. **PASSED 8:0**

9. ACTION: Civic Stadium

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to extend to January 16, 2015, close of business, the December 1st date for submission of proposals related to the purchase of Civic Stadium. **PASSED 6:2**, Councilors Poling and Clark opposed.

Council discussion:

- Concerned that council will be asked to take action without appropriate time to review.
- Concerned that council continues to change deadlines and ground rules.
- Extension allows for a more creative and flexible project.

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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