

MINUTES

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

**February 9, 2015
5:30 p.m.**

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

Councilor Syrett called the February 9, 2015, City Council work session to order and noted that Mayor Piercy was out of town on official business.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved that the City support legislation to repeal the statutory prohibition on inclusionary zoning. **PASSED 6:2**, Councilors Poling and Clark opposed.

Council discussion:

- Inclusionary zoning allows mixed zoning for housing; healthy for families.
- May be beneficial in facilitating the development of more affordable and workforce housing.
- Inclusionary zoning too prescriptive; may cause prices to go up.
- This issue is example of home rule versus state rule; development decisions should be made at a local level.

MOTION: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved that the City actively lobby for legislation that requires all private employers in the State to provide paid sick leave benefits that equal or are better than those required by Eugene's sick leave ordinance.

MOTION TO AMEND (*friendly amendments included*): Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to amend and add to direct the City Manager to bring back an ordinance for a public hearing that would delay the implementation of the Eugene sick leave ordinance to October 1, 2015, from July 1, 2015, contingent upon passage of sick leave legislation by the State.

Council discussion:

- Postponing implementation will allow for smoother transition for businesses if State passes similar legislation.
- This issue best handled at the state and national levels.
- Concern that delay will impact those most in need of protection.

MOTION TO TABLE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to table the motion. Motion was withdrawn by Councilor Zelenka.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND: FAILED 2:6, Councilors Poling and Clark in support.

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

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to have the City Manager bring back a motion to change the implementation date of Eugene's ordinance from July 1, 2015, to October 1, 2015. contingent on the Legislature passing a statewide Paid Sick Leave law; and to provide Council with a schedule for a date for a public hearing and final action on this matter. **PASSED 6:2**, Councilors Brown and Taylor opposed.

Council discussion:

- Waiting three months is prudent; will allow for truing-up period..
- Delaying implementation unfair to 25,000 workers without sick pay.
- Having policy firmly in place may help stimulate legislature to pass it.

A. WORK SESSION: Eugene-Springfield 2015 Consolidated Plan – A Five-Year Strategic Plan for Affordable Housing and Community Development

Grants Manager Stephanie Jennings showed a PowerPoint presentation on the strategic plan for affordable housing and community development and priorities.

Council discussion:

- The ability to provide workforce and affordable housing is critical for economic development.
- The consolidated plans allow the City to plan and act much more intelligently.
- Consideration should be given to adding single-occupancy rooms to housing mix..

The work session adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder

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**February 9, 2015
7:30 p.m.**

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

Councilor Syrett opened the February 9, 2015, City Council meeting and noted that Mayor Piercy was out of town on official business.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Jan Aho – Thanked the council for critical investment in Lane County services.
2. Jim Coonan – Supported development of the Bradford Building for an entrepreneur hub.
3. Kimmy Gustafson – Supported transfer of the Bradford Building for RAIN operations.
4. Joe Maruschak – Supported transfer of the Bradford Building to the University for RAIN.
5. Azra Khalidi – Asked the council to assist in removing an offensive radio talk show.
6. Andrew Tupper – Supported transfer of the Bradford Building to the University for RAIN.
7. Dave Reed – Recommended ordinance changes for passenger vehicles don't go far enough.
8. Sabrina Parsons – Supported transfer of the Bradford building to the University for RAIN.
9. Brenda Laird – Opposed passenger vehicle ordinance revisions.
10. Michael Liard – Opposed passenger vehicle ordinance revisions.
11. Dave Hauser – Supported transfer of the Bradford Building to the University for RAIN.
12. Thomas Price – Noted the benefits of allowing Uber to operate.
13. Megan Kemple – Said many residents are in favor of carbon pricing/tax for Oregon.
14. Amy Krol – Said City should support carbon tax and divestment.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilor Zelenka pulled Item E.

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

Council discussion:

- Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan is a good piece of work and will be effective.
- Will increase our local economic stability and wellbeing in a natural disaster.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to approve Item E, the 2014 Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. **PASSED 8:0**

Councilor Syrett adjourned the meeting of the Eugene City Council and convened the meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency.

3. **URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY ACTION: Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of the Annual Financial Report of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014.**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to adopt Resolution 1074, acknowledging receipt of the Annual Financial Report for the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

PASSED 8:0

Councilor Syrett adjourned the meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency and reconvened the meeting of the Eugene City Council.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING and ACTION: 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 September 1, 2015; and Providing for An Immediate Effective Date.**

1. Bob Bussel – Supported extension of the suspension for work on revisions.
2. Patricia Cortez – Supported extension of the suspension for work on revisions.
3. Joel Iboa – Supported extension of the suspension and the inclusion of advisory group.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to adopt Council Bill 5137, and ordinance extending the temporary suspension of the Multiple-Unit Property Tax Exemption Program through September 1, 2015. **PASSED 8:0**

5. **ACTION: An Ordinance Updating the Public Passenger Vehicle Code**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to adopt Council Bill 5136, updating the Public Passenger Vehicle code. **PASSED 8:0**

Council discussion:

- Appreciate that staff has tried to operate in good faith with Uber.
- Would like to see more robust enforcement of the City's policy and code.
- Ordinance is an attempt to make Uber adhere to the same laws as everyone else.
- These changes are all necessary to ensure the safety of our citizens.

Councilor Syrett adjourned the meeting of the Eugene City Council and convened the meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency.

6. **ACTION: Disposition of Real Property**

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to authorize the Agency Director to sell the 942 Olive Street property to the University of Oregon consistent with the terms included in Attachment B.

Council discussion:

- Happy to see that this project taking shape; great place for an entrepreneur hub.
- Additional public information/education about RAIN initiative needed.
- Concern expressed about giving away taxable property.
- Important to note that RAIN helps regionally. not just downtown.

MOTION TO AMEND AND VOTE: (*friendly amendments included*): Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to delay action until February 17, 2015. **FAILED 3:5**, Councilors Poling, Clark, Evans, Syrett, and Pryor opposed.

MOTION TO AMEND AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to amend the motion to have Urban Renewal agency director renegotiate clause B of the reversionary clause to create a formula that takes into consideration all the investments, capital, and ongoing operating made by the University of Oregon and the City to determine the distribution of the proceeds regardless of the term of the time of the sale. **FAILED 3:5**, Councilors Poling, Clark, Evans, Syrett, and Pryor opposed.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: PASSED 7:1, Councilor Brown opposed.

Councilor Syrett adjourned the meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency and reconvened the meeting of the Eugene City Council.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder