

MINUTES

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

July 13, 2015
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 July 13, 2015, City Council work session to order.

A. **WORK SESSION: Library Local Option Levy**

Library, Recreation Cultural Services Director Renee Grube and Library Services Director Connie Bennett gave a PowerPoint presentation discussing the Library of the Future and details on the library levy recommendation.

Council discussion:

- Clarity of goals in the proposal is great; well-planned proposal.
- There is strong public support for the restoration of lost library hours.
- Proposal contains enough safeguards that allow flexibility on the measure.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to adopt the resolution attached as Attachment A. **PASSED 8:0**

B. **ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Multiple-Unit Property Tax Exemptions**

City Attorney Glenn Klein and Community Development Manager Denny Braud led the council in a discussion on the proposed Multiple-Unit Property Tax Exemption ordinance.

Council discussion:

- Opposed to MUPTE; everybody should have to pay taxes.
- Clawback provisions in ordinance should be as strong as possible.
- Proposed changes allow City to move forward with goal of getting more people downtown.
- Need to be broad and flexible in defining workforce housing.

MOTION: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt the version of the ordinance with Councilor Zelenka's proposed amendments.

MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to substitute for the original redline version of the ordinance. **PASSED 5:3**, Councilors Brown, Taylor and Syrett opposed.

MOTION TO AMEND AND VOTE: Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to amend section 2.946 subsection 2h by adding the tax as shown below to leave the decision of what constitutes workforce housing to future code amendments. **FAILED 3:5**, Councilors Brown, Taylor and Zelenka in support.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to delete the sentence at the end of paragraph 3 on page 9, subsection 3 that says alternatively the owner may comply with the requirement to include not less than 30% of the units. **FAILED 3:5**, Councilors Brown, Taylor and Zelenka in support.

CALL THE QUESTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Poling, called the question. **PASSED 6:2**, Councilors Brown and Zelenka opposed.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: PASSED 7:1, Councilor Taylor opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to schedule a work session as soon as practicable after break to discuss workforce housing and its definition. **PASSED 7:1**, Councilor Taylor opposed.

The work session adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chuck Crockett".

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder

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Mayor Piercy opened the July 13, 2015, City Council meeting.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG and READING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

In honor of Independence Day on July 4, Matti Cone, President of the UO Veterans and Family Student Association, and Bryan Boender, local attorney-at-law and member of the Veterans Memorial Association, read the Declaration of Independence and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

The Mayor recognized the Sheldon High School varsity baseball team for winning the 2015 Oregon State 6A baseball title.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Richard Herman – supported the affordable housing project in Santa Clara.
2. Steve Bade – gave an update on the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Council (BPAC).
3. Adrienne De Florio – stated the importance of 4th Amendment.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

4. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Concerning Land Use Code Maintenance and Amending Sections 9.0500, 9.1060, 9.2160, 9.2740, 9.3115, 9.3210, 9.3310, 9.3510, 9.3810, 9.3910, 9.4260, 9.5200, 9.6105, 9.6410, 9.6610, 9.7315, 9.7335, 9.7415, 9.7455, 9.7505, 9.7520, 9.7560, 9.7655, 9.8400, 9.8405, and 9.8855 of the Eugene Code, 1971 (City File CA 15-2)

1. Michael Reeder – supported the proposed amendments, especially the parking amendments.

5. **WORK SESSION: City Hall**

Design and Construction Manager Mike Penwell and the City Hall Rebuild team gave an update on the demolition process and showed a PowerPoint on the schematic design concepts.

Council discussion:

- Design should be something that lasts and a legacy for the future.
- Simplicity of layout appreciated; creates public space public can easily navigate.
- Transparency aspect and openness to street very exciting; captures Eugene vibe.
- Appreciate that design is within the financial means of the City.
- No sense that building is uniquely Eugene; more history needs to be incorporated.
- Should be a net-zero energy building; calculate cost to get this accomplished.
- Concerns about safety and vulnerability of staff and public should be addressed.

7. **ACTION: Crest Drive Traffic Island**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to direct the City Manager to remove the traffic circle island at Crest and Lincoln, install a speed table down the hill from that location, and to bring back a plan for funding the approximately \$25,000 cost. **PASSED 7:1**, Councilor Clark opposed.

Council discussion:

- Concern expressed about council getting involved in service issues.
- Current configuration is dangerous; removal of island widely supported.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder