

MINUTES

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

July 20, 2015
5:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Piercy opened the July 20, 2015, City Council work session.

A. **WORK SESSION: Envision Eugene Housing Update**

City Manager Jon Ruiz and Planning Director Robin Hostick gave an update on the process to-date and answered previously submitted questions.

Council discussion:

- Impact of climate refugees on population will be significant; should be considered in decision-making process.
- Support expressed for work to occur on urban reserve planning while deliberations on the urban growth boundary continue.
- Population forecasts and other factors constantly change; hybrid plan is a good compromise that allows progress.
- Public participation/input on hybrid plan is needed; decision is being made in haste.
- Community and council dialog about Envision Eugene has been going on for years; time to move forward.
- Proposed plan provides a way to make Envision Eugene a reality.

MOTION TO AMEND AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to direct the City Manager to prepare an urban growth boundary adoption package and to take the other actions that are part of the "Hybrid Option" as described in the AIS. **PASSED 6:2**, Councilors Brown and Taylor opposed.

B. **WORK SESSION: Regional Prosperity Update**

Community Development Manager Denny Braud and Economic Development Planner Anne Fifield gave a PowerPoint presentation on local regional prosperity efforts since issuance of the 2010 Regional Prosperity Economic Development Plan.

Council discussion:

- Appreciate all the hard work that has been put into this; very energizing for the community.
- Community has made great progress; more Eugene-specific focus needed.
- There is a significant need to measure gross domestic product.
- Success of fiber optics project is exciting; identify ways to expand its scope.
- Progress on raising local wages won't happen without intervention/cooperation from state legislature and voters.
- Detailed information on breakdown of living wage jobs in the community requested.
- Education is fundamental to economic development; greater support needed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder