

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

May 16, 2016
5:30 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Claire Syrett

Mayor Piercy opened the May 16, 2016, City Council work session.

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

Council discussion:

- Human Services Commission is discussing homelessness and veterans' issues.
- Council discussion of proposed Stormwater fee increases is needed.
- LRAPA discussion on emissions is postponed until September.
- City should reach out to Northeast Neighbors about potential project coming forward.
- HOME funds group finalized its list of projects.
- Police awards event was a great success.
- LCOG approved its budget.
- LTD is continuing work on the West Eugene EmX route.
- Lane Workforce Council will be electing new officers.
- McKenzie Watershed Council finished a 10-year work plan.
- MWMC is working on restructuring a bond to save taxpayers millions of dollars.
- Metropolitan Planning Commission submitted project requests to the State.
- Cable Commission opened franchise agreement negotiations with Comcast.
- Final segment of I-5 / Beltline interchange is underway.
- Friendly Area Neighbors Tool Box project opening a success.

WORK SESSION: Housing and Homelessness Update Continued


2. Policy Systems Analyst Jason Dedrick, and Grants Manager Stephanie Jennings continued the discussion with Council on homelessness and housing.

Council discussion:

- Those who no longer need emergency housing are not included in homeless count.
- Further discussion on how to aid other organizations working on the same issues is needed.
- Investment in permanent housing actually costs less in the long-run.
- Housing First isn't meant to replace shelter options; both are needed.
- Work with property managers to help remove barriers for potential renters.
- Community Justice Program creates a system that gives people the assistance they need.
- All kinds of barriers exist to housing projects ready to build; look at how to remove these.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder