

## MINUTES

Eugene City Council  
Harris Hall, 125 East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Eugene, Oregon 97401

May 18, 2016  
12:00 p.m.

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

**Councilors Absent:** Mike Clark, Claire Syrett

Mayor Piercy opened the May 18, 2016, City Council work session.

### 1. **WORK SESSION: Downtown Improvements – Old Lane Community College Building**

Community Development Manager Denny Braud and Economic Development Planner Anne Fifield gave a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the old Lane Community College building, potential uses of the space, and funding alternatives.

#### Council discussion:

- Public/private partnerships are viable alternatives for this project.
- Every proposed project can be paid for without amending the Urban Renewal District.
- City shouldn't get involved in LCC property transactions.
- City has already collaborated with LCC on a joint project with great success.
- Expanding maker space footprint in downtown core is essential for growing businesses.
- Hands-on approach and partnerships have helped revive downtown; more is needed.
- Urban Renewal is a tool; put trust in the City Manager to use it appropriately.
- A youth center downtown is needed.

### 2. **WORK SESSION: Climate Recovery Ordinance Update**

Climate and Energy Analyst Matt McRae, Sustainability Liaison Ethan Nelson, and Engineer Matt Rodrigues gave a PowerPoint presentation discussing emissions from internal operations and reduction strategies.

#### Council discussion:

- Good to see numbers on actions the City has taken and will continue to pursue.
- Better and more frequent reporting is needed; transparency and community education and outreach is critical.
- Further research on the impacts of idling and emissions controls is needed.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to direct the City Manager to develop a motion for City Council action on the June 27, 2016 meeting: (a) that adopts the proposed targets and benchmarks (proposed by staff at our November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 Council meeting) that meets our two short-term goals of carbon neutrality for city operations by 2020, and 50% reduction in community-wide fossil fuel use by 2030; and (b) adopts a long-term community-wide goal of achieving 350 parts per million of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere by 2100. **PASSED 6:0.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:29p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chuck Crockett  
Deputy City Recorder