

MINUTES

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

**January 17, 2017
7:30 p.m.**

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

Mayor Vinis opened the January 17, 2017, meeting of the Eugene City Council.

The Mayor and City Council observed a moment of silence and offered comments of remembrance of former City Councilor Andrea Ortiz.

1. PUBLIC HEARING: A Resolution Granting a Measure 49 Claim and Waiving a Provision of Chapter 9 of the Eugene Code, 1971 for Property Located at 1777 E. 30th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon (Assessor's Map 18-03-08-11, Tax Lot 602)

1. Carolyn Jacobs – Opposed to the claim; usage doesn't meet code, question about assessed value.
2. Bill Aspegren – Opposed to the claim; doesn't have merit, could affect future code changes.
3. Janet Ayres – Opposed to imposing the claim; supportive of property rights.
4. John Barofsky – Supported granting the claim; new code prevents planned development.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to request that the record be kept open for everybody until 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2017, and for the applicant until 5:00 p.m. on February 3, 2017. **PASSED 8:0**

2. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Concerning the Rental Housing Code; Amending Sections 8.415, 8.425 and 8.430 of the Eugene Code, 1971, and Repealing the Sunset Date

1. Janet Ayres – Opposed to the ordinance for owner-occupied homes; code should be abolished.
2. John Thielking – Supported the ordinance; noting the local need for such protections.
3. Chris Wig – Supported the ordinance; was supported unanimously by rental housing committee.
4. Art Bollmann – Supported the ordinance; use the funds for loans or other options for those paying.
5. Celine Swenson Harris – Supported the ordinance; basic standards are needed for renters.
6. Bill Syrios – Opposed the ordinance; not fiscally responsible to keep program in effect.
7. Cliff Gray – Supported the ordinance; better education and outreach on the program is needed.
8. Scott Smith – Opposed the ordinance; doesn't provide a cost benefit for citizens.
9. Bill Aspegren – Supported the ordinance; review process will allow for timely changes.
10. Brett Rowlett – Supported the ordinance; important to have a locally enforced code.
11. Dennis Casady – Opposed the ordinance; sunset clause should be kept and code abolished.
12. Eric Hall – Opposed the ordinance; program is expensive and costs are passed onto renters.
13. Brian Weaver – Opposed the ordinance; program is redundant to State law.
14. Devin Gates – Opposed the ordinance; supportive of the sunset date.

15. David Ivan Piccioni – Supported the ordinance; funds could help support pets and vegetation.
16. Beverly Lahr – Opposed the ordinance; the program is not cost-effective.
17. Marshall Wilde – Supported the ordinance; provides high level conflict resolution.
18. Norton Cabell – Supported the ordinance; offers needed local enforcement mechanism.
19. James Barber – Supported the ordinance; absentee landlords are increasing in Eugene.
20. Matt Johnson – Opposed the ordinance; redundant policy and duplication of laws.
21. Tony McCown – Supported the ordinance; policy protects owners and renters.
22. Nathan Stevens – Supported the ordinance; provides a safety net for renters.
23. Kenneth Sergienko – Supported the ordinance; encourages conflict resolution.
24. John Van Landingham – Supported the ordinance; there is no State enforcement, only local.
25. Sean Shivers – Supported the ordinance; waste of time and money to keep sunset clause.
26. Jerry Hauenstein – Opposed the ordinance; no benefits for landlords.
27. Quinn Haugen – Supported the ordinance and abolishment of the sunset clause.

Council discussion:

- We enact laws for those who don't behave themselves; program is needed and affordable.
- Rental housing code should be expanded; sunset should be eliminated.
- Review and report should come back to council before the end of five years.
- There is a lack of knowledge about this program, more outreach and education is needed.
- If staff time spent on the billing was eliminated, the program would only cost \$150,000.
- Opposed to the sunset date; can use funds for education and to help prevent evictions.
- Screens should be added to the code to help with health issues like mosquitos.
- Issues associated with reasonable repair times should be acknowledged and mitigated.
- Review of the fee from time to time should be included.
- Sunset should be kept to see if the changes are actually working.

3. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Allowing a New Recreational Marijuana Facility to Locate Less than 1000 Feet from Looking Glass New Roads School.

1. Eric Chavez – Supported the ordinance.
2. Janet Ayres – Opposed the ordinance; too much drug activity and criminal activity in this area.

Council discussion:

- GlassRoots is at risk of losing investments and the city risks losing a local business.
- The distance and geographic/physical barriers between the school and business warrant granting this exemption.
- Providing an aerial view of the locations would be helpful.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder