

## MINUTES

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

**February 21, 2017  
5:30 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 February 21, 2017, meeting of the Eugene City Council.

### **A. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h)**

The City Council met in an executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h).

### **B. WORK SESSION: Renter Protections**

Grants Manager Stephanie Jennings gave a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of Eugene's rental housing market, conditions and trends; existing goals, local policies, and programs that affect renters; and identified priority policy areas for further exploration and next steps.

#### Council discussion:

- More information requested on rental versus owner-occupied housing with the removal of student housing.
- Goal is to stabilize housing and reduce impacts of market forces.
- People without stable housing can't contribute to their own economic and social success.
- City has an obligation to find ways to support those in nonsubsidised affordable units.
- Those who spend more than 50% of income on housing can't contribute to local economy.
- Suggest developing a list of potential action items to help renters.
- Greater details on emerging issues and gaps in protection are needed.
- Explore exactly what students represent as percentage of the population in Eugene.
- Local conditions disproportionate with the national average; encourage more home ownership.
- Interested in incentives and programs to expand workforce or middle housing.
- Interested in exploring a residential MUPTE.
- List of the bills in the legislature that are related to this issue requested.
- Concerned about older housing stock and the owners who don't have resources for upgrades.
- Critical to protect renters' rights now with low-cost housing stock and a 90-day no cause eviction policy.
- Investigate possible rent control based on percentages at a given time.
- Home ownership is a significant stabilizing element; more opportunities needed.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to extend the meeting 10 minutes. **PASSED 8:0**

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chuck Crockett  
Deputy City Recorder

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February 21, 2017  
7:30 p.m.

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

**Councilors Absent:** Alan Zelenka

Mayor Vinis opened the February 21, 2017, meeting of the Eugene City Council.

**1. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Amending the West Eugene Enterprise Zone Public Benefit Criteria and Scoring System Established By Ordinance No. 20368 and Providing an Effective Date**

No testimony was presented.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Adopting Hazardous Substance User Fees for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2017**

No testimony was presented.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Providing For Withdrawal of Annexed Properties from the Santa Clara Fire District; Santa Clara Water District; Willakenzie Rural Fire Protection District; Lane Rural Fire/Rescue District; Junction City Water Control District; River Road Parks and Recreation District; River Road Water District; and Eugene Rural Fire Protection District 1**

No testimony was presented.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Removing the Sunset Dates of the Rest Stop and Dusk-to-Dawn Programs**

1. Miles Mabray – Supported removing the sunset clause and expansion of the program.
2. Michael Gannon – Supported removing the sunset clause and investments in the program.
3. Michael Carrigan – Supported removing the sunset clause and making them permanent.
4. Chris Cunningham – Supported removing the sunset clause and more outreach.
5. Tracy Joscelyn – Supported removing the sunset clause and adding more rest stops.

**5. ACTION: Resolution Supporting Allocation of Lottery Backed Bond Funds for the Eugene Civic Alliance**

Motion on the table from February 15, 2017: **MOTION:** Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt Resolution 5184 supporting allocation of \$6,000,000 in lottery backed bond funds to the Eugene Civic Alliance for development of a community sports and recreation facility on the former Civic Stadium property.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to postpone discussion on the motion until tomorrow. **PASSED 7:0**

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chuck Crockett  
Deputy City Recorder