

MINUTES

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

**February 27, 2017
5:30 p.m.**

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

Mayor Vinis opened the February 27, 2017, meeting of the Eugene City Council.

A. Committee Reports and Items of Interest from Mayor, City Council, and City Manager

Council discussion:

- Complaints received about religious banners over the streets; separation of church and state issue.
- Fairmount Neighbors concerned about short-term rentals and potential regulations.
- As world championships approach, short-term rentals could become a bigger issue; keep on council's radar.
- The Poverty and Homeless Board has the creation of a permanent shelter as part of its strategic plan.

B. WORK SESSION: An Ordinance Concerning Long Range Transportation Planning

Transportation Planning Manager Rob Inerfeld gave an overview of the Transportation System Plan, public process, and the changes made in response to the recommendations by the Planning Commission.

Council discussion:

- Concerned with proposal to lower intersection classification; better growth planning needed.
- Changing the standards will make it more expensive for builders to densify to extent desired.
- Building to address growth is impractical; better communication needed.
- Plan is a balancing act; should focus on limiting impacts on neighborhoods.
- Going from a D to an E classification may affect travel times a little; but will offer other benefits.
- Important to incorporate TDM more aggressively into the TSP to address climate impacts.
- Focus on multi-modal transportation is good; incorporates Vision Zero and CRO goals.
- More information needed on how the TSP is affected by the CRO and how it helps meet goals.
- Clarity needed on how and where public investments are being made to address demand.
- Transportation Demand Management should be the first thing we do and focus on.
- Need to analyze what the future trends on transportation will be to help with planning.
- More information requested on potential impacts of the lower classification on CO₂ emissions.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to extend the meeting 5 minutes. **PASSED 5:4**, Councilors Zelenka, Evans, Syrett, and Pryor in support. Mayor Vinis broke the tie in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder

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1. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Jennifer Frenzer-Knowlton – Human Rights Commission supports Sanctuary City designation, rest stops.
2. Ian Curtis – Spoke about the dangers of climate change locally and nationally.
3. Robin Bloomgarden – Supported removal of the sunset date for rest stops and adding more rest stops.
4. Michael Carrigan – Supported removal of the sunset date for the rest stops and adding more rest stops.
5. Anya Dobrowolski – Said Eugene has a lack of housing options and supported middle housing options.
6. David Wade – Supported removal of certain R-1 requirements to help with tiny homes.
7. Dave Lemmon – Concerned about displacement of homeless; supported more efforts for homeless.
8. Jim Neu – Supported the resolution banning oil by rail in Eugene; look into House Bill 2131.
9. Tom Kamis – Concerned about displacement of homeless; supported more efforts for homeless.
10. Orion Matthews – Supported removal of certain R-1 requirement to help with tiny homes.
11. Laurie Powell – Supported the CRO ordinance and its integration into the TSP.
12. Alice Warner – Supported integrating the performance measures of the CRO ordinance in the TSP.
13. Patricia Hine – Supported the CRO ordinance and its integration into the TSP.
14. Mariah Leung – Supported divesting from big corporations like Wells Fargo.
15. Susan Macomson – Supported not giving subsidies to big companies.
16. Sam Hahn – Concerned about displacement of homeless; supported more efforts for homeless.
17. Catherine Cronin – Supported more efforts and funding to help the homeless.
18. Dana Gould – Concerned about displacement of homeless; supported more efforts for homeless.
19. Peggy Thomas – Concerned about budget shortfall at the State and potential local impacts.
20. Maria Bybee – Supported more funding and a shelter for the homeless and actions on the CRO.
21. Betty Snowden – Supported better enforcement of criminal behaviors downtown.
22. Jevon Peck – Concerned about displacement of homeless; supported more efforts for homeless.
23. Sophie Bybee – Supported more funding and a shelter for the homeless and actions on the CRO.
24. Cathy Feely – Concerned about displacement of homeless; supported more efforts for homeless.
25. Brad Foster – Concerned about displacement of homeless; supported more efforts for homeless.
26. Susan Thomas – Concerned about displacement of homeless; supported more efforts for homeless.
27. Kimberly Gladen – Supported more funding and enforcement of laws downtown.
28. Christian Fox – Concerned about safety issues in downtown.
29. Jill – Concerned about not being able to get a vending license to sell on the streets.
30. Dan Young – Supported more funding and enforcement of laws downtown.
31. Misha Seymour – Supported freedom to play music on the sidewalks.
32. Michael Gannon – Supported removal of the sunset date for the rest stops and adding more rest stops.
33. Stefan Streck – Supported people coming out to speak and democracy.

Council discussion:

- Testimony from Whiteaker residents moving; raises concerns about consequences of displacement.
- Lack of enforcement in the free speech plaza concerning; a work session on creating a public shelter should be scheduled soon.
- Better enforcement of the laws needed; lack of jail beds and prosecution is an issue.
- A comprehensive plan for safety for the entire community is warranted.
- A public shelter would be the most expensive option to address issues; more practical options needed.
- Testimony appropriately focused on criminal behaviors rather than on homelessness.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. **PASSED 8:0**

3. ACTION: An Ordinance Adopting Hazardous Substance User Fees for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2017

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to adopt Council Bill 5166, an ordinance adopting hazardous substance user fees for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017. **PASSED 8:0**

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

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to adopt Council Bill 5168, an ordinance removing the sunset dates of the rest stop and Dusk-to-Dawn programs. **PASSED 8:0**

Council discussion:

- An additional a work session to discuss expansion of these programs is needed.
- Rest stops have proven they are worthwhile and help many people.
- Neighborhood leaders for every area should work with rest stop organizers on siting.

5. ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Marijuana Tax Appeals and Amending Section 3.710 of the Eugene Code, 1971

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to adopt Council Bill 5164, an ordinance to amend the marijuana tax appeal provisions in the Eugene Code. **PASSED 8:0**

6. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Concerning the Prohibition of Dogs within the Downtown Core Except in Certain Circumstances; Amending Section 4.427 of the Eugene Code, 1971; and Providing for a Sunset Date of November 1, 2017

1. Margaret Brye – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it criminalizes homelessness.
2. Nick Balthrop – Supported the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; will help with safety.
3. Megan Richter – Supported the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; will help with safety.
4. Tom Dunn – LTD downtown station is a safe area; address problem behaviors first.
5. Jason Crock – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it is unenforceable.
6. Wilgen Brown – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it criminalizes homelessness.

7. Toby Ritchie – Supported the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; will help with safety.
8. Sarah Bennett – Supported the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; will help with safety.
9. Susan Costa – Supported the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; will help with safety.
10. Lonnie Douglas – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it criminalizes homelessness.
11. Maria Bybee – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it criminalizes homelessness.
12. Caitlin Bowman – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it criminalizes homelessness.
13. Betty Snowden – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it criminalizes homelessness.
14. Jack Dresser – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it criminalizes homelessness.
15. Sophie Bybee – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it criminalizes homelessness.
16. Toby Johnston – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it criminalizes homelessness.
17. Nichole Desch – Supported the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; will help with safety.
18. Mel Hite – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it criminalizes homelessness.
19. Barb Prentice – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it criminalizes homelessness.
20. Donna Riddle – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it criminalizes homelessness.
21. Melanie Phillips – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it criminalizes homelessness.
22. Peter Knox – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it criminalizes homelessness.
23. Sue Sierralupé – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it criminalizes homelessness.
24. Caroline Cummings – Supported the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; will help with safety.
25. Shaun Winter – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it criminalizes homelessness.
26. Kimberly Gladen – Supported the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; will help with safety.
27. Will Or – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it criminalizes homelessness.
28. Jennifer McRaven – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it criminalizes homelessness.
29. Emma Olsen Spratt – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it will hurt local business.
30. Brittany Quick-Warner – Supported the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; will help with safety.
31. Indy Stetter – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; it criminalizes homelessness.
32. Stefan Strek – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs.
33. Celeah Norris – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs.
34. Tom Kamis – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of dogs; doesn't address issues.

Council discussion:

- Proposed ordinance is a knee-jerk reaction; a shelter is needed; dogs are not the problem.
- Address behaviors, not whether a dog is present.
- Appreciate comments on both sides of the issues; illustrates the value of public hearings.
- Johnson Unit still exists with Peace Health.
- Council hasn't done a good job allowing the police to enforce laws at adequate levels.

7. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Concerning The Prohibition of Smoking Within The Downtown Core and Allowing Certain Properties Outside The Downtown Core to Opt In; Amending Section 6.230 of The Eugene Code 1071; and Providing for a Sunset Date of November 1, 2017.

1. Ashley Delp Weimer – Supported the prohibition of smoking; community health issue.
2. Todd Kieser – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking; biased against homeless.
3. Matt Laubach – Supported the prohibition of smoking; community health issue.
4. Colby Carpenter – Supported the prohibition of smoking; community health issue.
5. Tasha Briquet – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking; biased against homeless.
6. Tom Dun – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking.
7. Jason Cronk – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking; will hurt businesses.
8. Wanda De Jesus – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking; smoking areas needed.
9. June Simon – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking.
10. Jeff Keim – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking.
11. Jason Buckley – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking; won't solve the issues.

12. Brett Crosse – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking; will hurt workers.
13. Paul Snider– Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking; biased against homeless.
14. Peter Knox – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking.
15. James Doshier – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking.
16. Jack Dresser – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking; will hurt businesses.
17. Ember Woody– Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking; will hurt businesses.
18. Tamara Miller – Supported the prohibition of smoking; community health issue.
19. Mellanie Phillips – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking; will hurt businesses.
20. Jared Swezey – Supported the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking.
21. Christopher Hayes – Supported the prohibition of smoking; community health issue.
22. Caroline Cummings – Supported the prohibition of smoking; community health issue.
23. Tracy Joscelyn – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking; biased against homeless.
24. Michael Carrigan – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking; biased against homeless.
25. Pat Luedtke – Supported the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking; community health issue.
26. Charmaine Rehg – Supported the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking; community health issue.
27. Susan Blane – Supported the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking; community health issue.
28. Kimberly Gladen – Supported the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking; community health issue.
29. Jill – Supported fining people who litter.
30. Misha Seymour – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking.
31. Celeah Norris – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking; will hurt businesses.
32. Stefan Strek – Opposed to the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking.
33. Katie Lor – Supported the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking; community health issue.
34. Liam Sherlock – Supported the ordinance on the prohibition of smoking; community health issue.

Council discussion:

- Tobacco is a health issue and council's focus is on safety issues.
- Proposed ordinance is unfair to certain business and won't get rid of criminals.
- Consider an amendment to make exemption 24/7.
- Will create unintended consequences especially to the workers in the downtown.

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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