

## MINUTES

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

**May 8, 2017  
5:30 p.m.**

**Councilors Present:** Emily Semple, Betty Taylor, Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Chris Pryor

**Councilors Absent:** Claire Syrett, Alan Zelenka

Mayor Vinis opened the May 8, 2017, Work Session of the Eugene City Council.

**A. WORKSESSION: Yogi Tea Enterprise Zone Extension**

Eugene Economic Prosperity Programs Manager Amanda Nobel Flannery, and Eugene Director of Planning and Development, Denny Braud, gave a presentation on the Yogi Tea Enterprise Zone Extension.

Council Discussion

- In return for the two extra years of tax exemption, Yogi Tea would have to meet a new employee compensation requirement of 150% of the national average for the entire five year tax-exempt timeframe, and they must abide by previously agreed-upon youth training and internship requirements.
- If Eugene collected the tax money instead of granting the exemption, the City itself could pay for workforce development and 4J schools.
- The criteria applicable in the two-year extension, is applicable to the entire five-year exemption.
- The exemption would be a boon to workforce development.
- The exemption accomplishes a larger community good—lower unemployment, and higher wages.

**B. WORK SESSION: Police Auditor Annual Report and Community Engagement Update**

Police Auditor Mark Gissiner, Community Engagement Coordinator and Translation Specialist Beatrice Hernandez, and Deputy Auditor Leia Pitcher offered Council an annual report and community engagement update.

Council discussion:

- Two salient goals of the outreach and engagement program are: 1. Creating greater awareness with potential system users, of how to use the system, and 2. Creating greater awareness in the general population of the Auditor's Office and what they do.
- Appreciate especially the outreach to students and Spanish-speaking peoples.
- Concerned with the phrase "frequent user," as it implies that some people would have a greater reason to contact the Auditor's Office.
- Publishing information about the Auditor's Office in neighborhood newsletters would be a good way of disseminating information to the public.
- There exists a need for a Public Service Officer who is locally well known.

**C. ACTION: May 8, 2017 Consent Calendar**

**MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark moved, seconded by Councilor Taylor, to approve the May 8, 2017, Consent Calendar. PASSED 5:0.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Forrest  
City Recorder

*(Recorded by Rodney Cimburke, LCOG)*