

## MINUTES

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

July 12, 2017  
11:30 a.m.

**Councilors Present:** Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Chris Pryor, Emily Semple, Claire Syrett (via teleconference), Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, Jennifer Yeh

Mayor Vinis opened the July 12, 2017, Work Session of the Eugene City Council.

#### **A. WORK SESSION: 2017 General Obligation Bonds for Street Preservation Projects**

Jenifer Willer of the Public Works Department, offered a report and Power Point presentation on the 2017 General Obligation Bonds for Street Preservation Projects.

##### Council Discussion

- The term "shared path" means a path used by both bicyclists and pedestrians, and is not synonymous with "unimproved roads."
- Citizens usually do not know if their street has a public works prognosis for repair.
- Eugene is not meeting the capital requirements to completely deal with the roads system.
- Council chose not to implement an earlier subcommittee recommendation of \$1 per resident for garbage pickup.
- Proposed Active Transportation increases are appreciated.
- Proposed \$5 million is not enough to bring all Eugene streets up to standards.

Dr. Gary Manross from Strategy Research Institute (SRI) continued the report on the 2017 General Obligation Bonds for Street Preservation Projects related to public opinion.

##### Council Discussion

- The streets backlog includes deferred projects that there are insufficient funds to address.
- It is disappointing that the Quiet Zone does not have the support to be included in current streets projects.
- If the bond passes, the actual work would begin in 2019.
- A detailed report on the proposed motion before going on break was requested.

**MOTION and VOTE:** Councilor Zelenka moved, seconded by Councilor Clark, to direct the city manager to bring the Council a resolution placing a \$51.2 million GO bond measure to fix streets on the November 2017 ballot consistent with the 2012 bond measure and the current SRRP recommendations. **PASSED 8:0.**

#### **B. WORK SESSION: Overview of Nuisance Codes**

Rachelle Nicholas of the Planning & Development Department offered an overview and Power Point presentation on Nuisance Codes.

##### Council Discussion

- Many citizen complaints about noise, nuisance buildings, and overgrown vegetation are received in the summer.

- More Nuisance Code enforcement is needed.
- City needs more tools to enforce Nuisance Codes for abandoned buildings.
- Have to rely on the County sometimes to help deal with abandoned buildings.

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

Council Discussion

- Concern expressed about the tarps provision, as sometimes they are necessary to prevent the leaking of roofs.
- The City should enforce existing ordinances before writing new ones.
- Noise complaints are in the jurisdiction of the Eugene Police Department (EPD).

The meeting of the Eugene City Council adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Forrest  
City Recorder

*(Recorded by Rodney Cimburke, LCOG)*