

MINUTES

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

October 9, 2017
5:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Vinis opened the October 9, 2017, Work Session of the Eugene City Council.

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

Mayor Vinis postponed Committee Reports and Items of Interest to the October 11 Work Session.

2. WORK SESSION: Police Commission Update

Police Commission Chair Bill Whalen and Vice Chari Scott Nowicki reviewed the commission's previous work plan and discussed its FY 2018-2019 work plan.

Council Discussion

- Outreach and communication are priority issues as a commission.
- Connection between Police Auditor's Office and Police Commission is important.
- Consideration of drone policy needed; look at what other communities are doing to see if they could be a useful tool for Eugene's police force.
- Eugene police department has worked towards a community policing/guardian culture.
- Greater effort needed around 9-1-1 and communications staffing to address service demand.
- Important to understand where multiple community expectations are and where to increase or decrease efforts.
- There are three top priorities: car-camping program, increase in police staff, downtown safety.
- Appreciate outreach to minority communities.
- Data from internal and external surveys of police department is getting outdated; however, generating new research requires significant resources.
- Concerned about staffing levels; there are many police vacancies throughout the state. Hiring and training process takes approximately 18 months.
- Community service officers fill valuable role.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to approve the FY 2018 - FY 2019 Police Commission Work Plan. **PASSED 8:0.**

3. WORK SESSION: Rest Stop Program Update

City Manager's Office Division Manager Mia Cariaga and Policy Analyst Regan Watjus gave an update on the Rest Stop Program and discussed a proposed rest stop at 34th and Hilyard Street recommended by the Southeast Neighbors Board.

Council Discussion

- Happy to see rest stops expanding beyond Ward 7 and that the neighborhood association has been closely involved in facilitating and communicating with neighbors about the expansion proposal.
- It has been a while since a new rest stop was adopted; this proposal in line with Council's efforts to put a rest stop in each of the wards.
- More outreach should be done prior to the Council vote on adopting the proposed rest stop.
- Adoption of this rest stop becomes a template for how future rest stops may be adopted in other wards. It is appropriate to do everything we can to make sure all stakeholders are adequately informed and have opportunity to give input before this adoption.
- The people at this proposed rest stop deserve a permanent place; worth postponing decision a couple of weeks to make ensure adequate communication and outreach.
- Need to create parameters for establishing a new rest stop in the community so there is a clear process for adoption.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to direct the City Manager to conduct additional outreach to the immediate neighbors of the proposed site at 34th Avenue and Hilyard Street and advertise opportunities for people to provide input regarding the proposed site at the City Council's next public forum on October 23rd with potential action scheduled for after the public forum. **PASSED 7:1**, Councilor Semple opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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