

MINUTES

**Eugene City Council
Bascom/Tykeson Room
Eugene Public Library, 100 West 10th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**October 25, 2017
12:00 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 25, 2017, Work Session of the Eugene City Council.

1. WORK SESSION: Eugene Public Library – Year 1 Levy Report

Executive Director of Library, Recreation, and Cultural Services Renee Grube and Technology Innovation Manager Margaret Alexander gave an update about the first year-and-a-half of the library levy passed in November 2015.

Council Discussion

- Thank you to committee members for their time and commitment to this issue.
- More hours and better access available at library branches. The hours at the downtown library have been fully restored; not quite fully restored at other branches, but based on community response and need.
- The library's offsite program work has expanded significantly with levy funds.
- Investments in youth and digital technology has demonstrated that modern libraries are relevant in the 21st Century.
- Consider the long-term sustainability of the programs and activities the levy funds.
- Libraries supplement learning that traditionally was provided by schools before budget cuts.
- Explore partnerships with schools and the value of a robust library to youth.
- The Imagination Library partnership with Eugene Library Foundation reaches kids from birth to five years old by sending a free book every month sent to their home.

2. WORK SESSION: Draft Ordinance Concerning Fireworks Restrictions

Fire Chief Joe Zaludek, Assistant Fire Marshal Amy Linder, and Police Lieutenant Jen Bills presented a draft ordinance to Council.

Council Discussion

- If ordinance is passed, what happens with the sale of fireworks? The proposed ordinance contains no language that would prohibit the sale of certain fireworks.
- Develop list of fireworks that pass the "sound test" to be available to vendors in Eugene.
- How do we effectively police in city/county checkerboard out in Santa Clara area? Enforcement will be an issue.
- Proposed ordinance seems like a good compromise of limiting dates and types of fireworks.

- Vendor that developed a reporting app will make its program available in Oregon and Washington by next spring, tool with GPS coordinates and pictures, most jurisdictions use for code enforcement.
- Amnesty day will continue and has been a success every year.
- Consider use of administrative rules to require vendors to provide information at point of sale about which fireworks meet the Eugene Code.
- The ordinance should be as simple as possible, and the revised draft has moved in that direction.
- People need to be made aware of the new code regulations before enforcement begins.
- Consider impact on commercial permitted displays – public display permit issued through Fire Marshal’s office for both outside and indoor displays.
- There is no case law that protects fireworks use as free speech; reasonable to regulate.
- Would like to reserve the option to have commercial displays if a permit is obtained; add “unless otherwise permitted...” clause.

MOTION: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct the City Manager to schedule a public hearing on the Replacement Attachment A with the addition of subsection 3 – “unless otherwise authorized by the City Manager or designee.”

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to amend to limit subsection 3 of Replacement Attachment A to July 4. **FAILED 3:5**, Councilors Semple, Taylor, and Syrett in favor.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to extend the City Council meeting by 10 minutes. **PASSED 7:1**, Councilor Pyror opposed.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: PASSED 6:2, Councilors Clark and Evans opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elena Domingo
Deputy City Recorder