

MINUTES

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

November 13, 2017
5:30 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Betty Taylor

Mayor Vinis opened the November 13, 2017, Work Session of the Eugene City Council.

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

Council Discussion

- Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission is working on Systems Development Charge fees – challenge is that there is no legal definition for “tiny home” in Eugene, Springfield, or County.

B. WORK SESSION: Parks and Recreation System Plan Update

Parks Planning Manager Carolyn Burke gave a two-part presentation. The first half focused on recent polling work presented by project consultants, Dee Frankfourth, of the Trust for Public Land and Dave Metz, of FM3 Consulting.

Council Discussion

- In comparing a \$30 million bond vs. \$3 a month – the bond total is actually less per month than the \$3.
- State or federal matching funds might be available for conservation efforts. The voters like it because it stretches their dollar further.
- Concerns expressed during polling were provided for the poll takers; the list was put together in collaboration with staff.
- Regarding analysis of a go/no-go threshold – generally, look for at least a 10 percent cushion, or 60 percent plus pass-rate
- If this issue were placed on a May primary ballot, that could influence the numbers.
- Defining what the money would be used for might lead to solid support.
- Important to identify what the administrative cost would be for imposing a fee. Confer with EWEB to understand their billing for this type of fee.
- The project list is not yet defined; the \$30 million scenario was a fix-it scenario for renovation of existing facilities.
- Consider whether having the independent auditor issue on the same ballot would influence the parks funding measure.

The second half of the presentation focused on the findings of the Council Subcommittee for Parks and Recreation Security and Maintenance Funding. Parks and Open Space Division Manager Craig Carnagey, and citizen members Scott Sanders with the Eugene Parks Foundation and Hugh Prichard with Parks and Recreation System Plan Advisory Group, led the discussion.

Council Discussion

- Thanks to staff for collecting so much data and information and to the committee members for giving their helpful citizen perspective.
- The table that evaluates each funding option is easy to understand, is valuable, and highlights the pros and cons of each in a non-biased way.
- The answers are here; Council needs to move forward with making a decision on which funding options to pursue.
- The table with dollar amounts shows the needed funding for parks and rec maintenance priorities and annual costs associated with a number of different services.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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