

MINUTES

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

**April 24, 2019
12:00 p.m.**

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

In the absence of Mayor Vinis, Council President Taylor opened the April 24, 2019, work session of the Eugene City Council.

1. Applicant Statements for the Planning Commission

Three applicants were interviewed for the Planning Commission vacancy. Each presented a three-minute statement and answered three questions.

- Ken Beeson
- Jan Fillinger
- Patricia Gwartney

(Councilor Evans arrived 12:15 p.m.)

Councilor Taylor adjourned the work session of the Eugene City Council, and convened a meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency.

2. WORK SESSION: Riverfront Steam Plant Proposal

Business Development Analyst Amanda D'Souza, Mark Miksis from deChase Miksis and Mark Frohnmayer from Arcimoto presented the full proposal for redevelopment of the Steam Plant for Agency Board review and direction.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Zelenka – expressed appreciation for the vision of the team for the redevelopment of the steam plant, for the historic preservation designation concept, and for the mixed use of retail and food; inquired about plans to make the plant economically viable over time; discussed “We Work” office space concept; inquired if EWEB substation would present an issue to the project; inquired about and discussed parking strategies; asked questions about the overlook.
- Councilor Syrett – expressed approval of site concepts, uses and methods; expressed desire for council to assist in overcoming challenges, specifically for the overlook and for parking.
- Councilor Clark – expressed appreciation for the work going in to the proposal and vision of the team; asked about the meaning of the motion and intention of negotiations.
- Councilor Taylor – inquired about plans for public access to the roof.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to direct Agency Director to a) enter into exclusive negotiations with the Miksis/Frohnmayer development team for the disposition and redevelopment of the Steam Plant and b) return to the Agency Board with the proposed terms for approval. **PASSED 8:0**

3. URA EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e)

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to extend the meeting by five minutes. **PASSED 7:1**, Councilor Clark opposed.

The work session adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Samantha Roberts)

Link to the webcast of this City Council meeting: [here](#).