

## MINUTES

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

February 12, 2018  
7:30 p.m.

**Councilors Present:** Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, Jennifer Yeh, Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Claire Syrett, Chris Pyrro

**Councilors Absent:** Emily Semple

Mayor Vinis opened the February 12, 2018, meeting of the Eugene City Council. She announced that the Winter Strategies Work Session would be rescheduled.

### 1. CEREMONIAL MATTERS: Declaration on Human Rights and Climate Change

Tom Kerns, an author of the Declaration on Human Rights and Climate Change, joined the meeting by phone to provide background on the declaration.

**MOTION:** Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved that the City Council hereby declare its support for the Global Network for the Study of Human Rights and the Environment's Declaration on Human Rights and Climate Change.

#### Council Discussion

- Would like to take more time to consider this council action.
- City is already acting on many of the intentions set forth the declaration through climate planning and other goals and it keeps with public input on response to climate change.

**VOTE: PASSED 6:1**, Councilor Clark opposed.

### 2. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Sam Hahn – said Whiteaker Community Council does not support the Railroad Quiet Zone.
2. Scott Bartlett – shared his thoughts regarding the status of Eugene City Hall.
3. Joshua Skov – said BEST would like ride hailing in Eugene; continue policy discussions.
4. David Piccioni – would like to see more green space in the riverfront development.
5. Jenette Kime and Leigh Anne Jasheway – supported funding to bring back Eugene parade.
6. Jennifer Frenzer Knowlton – expressed concern about Point in Time count, EPD disruptions.
7. David Hazen – would like SDUs to be able to be built on faith community property.
8. Marjorie Smith – spoke about future parks planning committee activity.
9. Rob Zako – said Citizens for Sensible Oversight supports an appointed performance auditor.
10. Joy Marshall – voiced concerns regarding elected City Auditor ballot measure.
11. Tai Pruce-Zimmerman – supported the Declaration on Human Rights and Climate Change.
12. James Waddell – supported existing “rideshare” code changes; opposed greater leniency.
13. Erik Groomer – opposed to making more concessions for TNCs.
14. Cathy San Filippo – said invasive turkeys are a problem; consider “no feeding” ordinance.
15. Thomas Alberti – supported a level playing field for TNCs and taxi companies.
16. Jim Alderman – opposed allowing Uber to operate in the city.
17. Sharon Trujillo – said her ability to make a living as a cab driver jeopardized by Uber.

18. Ron Bevirt – spoke in favor of elected city auditor measure on ballot.
19. Shawn Stokss – said TNCs should have to comply with same laws as taxi companies.
20. Jon Barofsky – supported an independent city auditor appointed by City Council.
21. Eileen Nittler – 4J School Board Chair, thanked council for Edison Elementary parking motion.
22. Lisa Arkin – thanked council for supporting declaration on Human Rights and Climate Change.
23. Michael Carrigan – voiced concern about EPD’s actions at Point in Time count.
24. Robin Bloomgarden – opposed Council proposal to put additional auditor measure on ballot.
25. Wayne Johnson – shared his thoughts on city auditor structure.
26. Ethan Faust – said ridesharing services benefit the community.
27. Harley Emery – asked council to consider allowing ridesharing in the community.
28. Zach Mulholland – said more green space is needed as part of riverfront development.
29. George Brown – said City Council should not interfere in citizens’ initiative process.
30. Aaron Baker – spoke in favor of allowing TNCs to operate in the community.

Council Discussion

- The Human Rights and Climate Change Declaration mentions human beings, animals, and living systems as having a right to a secure, healthy, and ecologically sound earth system.
- Appreciate everyone voicing their concerns and interests related to TNC companies.
- Point in Time count reports are concerning; request a follow-up about EPD’s involvement.
- Council should consider a turkey and wildlife work session and discuss feeding impacts.
- PHB task force is addressing issue of shelter and housing at faith locations and working on recommendations.
- The citizens who put the auditor initiative on the ballot deserve to have the issue voted on without a competing measure.
- Changes in transportation are happening quickly; would like to have transportation conversation in terms of broader technology.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes
  - January 4, 2018, State of the City
  - January 8, 2018, Work Session
  - January 8, 2018, Meeting
  - January 10, 2018, Work Session
  - January 17, 2018, Work Session
- B. Approval of Tentative Working Agenda

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. **PASSED 7:0.**

**4. ACTION: Referring a Proposed Charter Amendment – Independent Performance Auditor**

**MOTION:** Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to adopt a Resolution Calling a City Election on May 15, 2018, for the Purpose of Referring to the Legal Electors of the City of Eugene a Measure Proposing a Charter Amendment to Create an Independent Performance Auditor Accountable to the City Council.

Council Discussion

- The voters and general public should have as much information about City functions as possible, but an auditor would have no ability to do anything about the information.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to substitute the version of the resolution and attachment labeled “Zelenka Intended Motion.” **PASSED 5:2**, Councilors Taylor and Clark opposed.

Council Discussion

- Auditing can be very valuable. Although the process wasn’t ideal, it is a good that the public has options to decide from in the election.

**VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: PASSED 5:2**, Councilors Taylor and Clark opposed.

**5. WORK SESSION AND ACTION: Parks and Recreation Operating Levy and Capital Bond Resolutions**

Carolyn Burke, Project Manager for Parks and Recreation System Plan, presented background for options for funding measures to put on the May 2018 ballot.

**MOTION:** Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to adopt a resolution placing a \$3.15 million five-year local levy measure on the May 15, 2018, ballot to fund operations and maintenance of parks, trails, natural areas, rivers and recreation facilities, consistent with the resolution in Attachment B.

Council Discussion

- Concerned about increasing cost-of-living for homeowners. Currently, there is a library levy in place, parks and recreation is asking for a levy and a bond, and anticipate a public safety funding request later in the year.
- Pursuing Option B with a slightly higher amount allows Sheldon pool to be included in projects. The City is being transparent about project list.
- The need for the levy and bond are the price being paid now for years of deferred maintenance.

**VOTE: PASSED 6:1**, Councilor Clark opposed.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to adopt a resolution placing a \$39.35 million general obligation bond measure on the May 15, 2018, ballot to fund parks and recreation projects, consistent with the resolution in Attachment B. **PASSED 6:1**, Councilor Clark opposed.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to prepare a neutral information tabloid for the local option levy and general obligation bond measures, and request that the City Manager include the cost for the tabloid in the supplemental budget in June. **PASSED 7:0**.

**5. ACTION: Approval of Motions Relating to the May 15, 2018, Election**

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to direct the City Manager to include on a supplemental budget sufficient appropriation offset by General Fund contingency and the Reserve for Revenue Shortfall to produce that voters’ pamphlet. **PASSED 7:0**.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to appoint Councilors Syrett and Pryor to the voters’ pamphlet proponent committee for the Charter Amendment to create a Council-appointed independent performance auditor. **PASSED 6:1**, Councilor Taylor opposed.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to appoint Councilors Zelenka, Evans, and Yeh to the voters' pamphlet proponent committee for an operations and maintenance levy to maintain parks trails, natural areas, rivers and recreation facilities. **PASSED 7:0.**

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to appoint the same councilors just previously named to the voters' pamphlet proponent committee for a general obligation bond measure package to fund parks and recreation projects. **PASSED 7:0.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elena Domingo  
Deputy City Recorder