

MINUTES

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

June 11, 2018
7:30 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Mike Clark

Mayor Vinis opened the June 11, 2018, meeting of the Eugene City Council.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Girl Scouts from Troop 20397 led the Pledge of Allegiance in honor of Flag Day.

2. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

The City of Eugene received the Community Partner Award from Friends of Trees. Erik Burke presented the award to Mayor Vinis.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Maddie Adkins –asked Council to pass a resolution supporting the safety of Eugene youth.
2. Nathan Nelson – spoke in support of a LIRHPTE renewal for Woodleaf Village.
3. Emma Hamilton – spoke in support of a LIRHPTE renewal for Woodleaf Village.
4. David Piccioni –voiced disappointment that the elected auditor measure did not pass.
5. William O'Brien – shared support for saving the East Grandstand and Hayward Field.
6. Brian Nessler – spoke in support of a LIRHPTE renewal for Woodleaf Village.
7. Ella Nessler - spoke in support of a LIRHPTE renewal for Woodleaf Village.
8. Darcy Phillips – spoke in support of a LIRHPTE renewal for Woodleaf Village.
9. Eric Jackson – shared concerns about homeless population and available low-income housing.
10. Christina Chapman – voiced concerns about ticketing people for sleeping.
11. Kimberly Gladen – spoke in support of a smoking ban and shared concerns about drugs downtown.

Council Discussion

- Appreciation expressed to individuals for speaking and particularly for sharing support of LIRHPTE for WoodLeaf Village.
- Support proposal for resolution regarding gun safety; will consider pursuing it with council.
- More state-supported shelters needed.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes
- May 23, 2018, Work Session
- B. Approval of Tentative Working Agenda
- C. A Resolution Approving a Low-Income Rental Housing Property Tax

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

5. PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance Concerning Rodents and Prohibiting the Feeding of Wildlife; Amending Sections 6.005 and 6.015 of the Eugene Code, 1971; and Adding a New Section 6.020

City Manager Jon Ruiz introduced the Public Hearing about the proposed ordinance regarding wildlife feeding to address growing populations of turkeys and rats.

1. Ralph McDonald - spoke about the Wildlife Feeding Committee of Sustainability Commission.
2. Dana Furgerson - talked about the importance of education and coexistence with wildlife.
3. Joyce Gallagher – advocated against the feeding ban and supported banning rodenticides.
4. Michi Okuda - advocated against the feeding ban and supported banning rodenticides.
5. Julie Tanit – raised concerns and opposition to the wildlife feeding ban; identify alternatives.
6. Christy McElroy – shared positive impacts of turkeys in the community; against feeding ban.

Council Discussion

- Surprised that most people who spoke at the hearing were in opposition to the feeding ban given the support and emails asking for the City to control the growing population of turkeys. Unsure of the path forward given many conflicting comments.
- Consider enforcement methodology and how this generally starts with education and outreach.
- Questions asked about where or how the discussion regarding anticoagulant rodenticides started.
- Acknowledge that rats are a real health problem; would like to see an education campaign and alternative ways to kill rats that aren't rodenticides.
- An existing ordinance related to rats already prohibits feeding rats; they do not need to be included in this proposed ordinance.

6. UPDATE: Public Safety Response to Council Questions

Police Chief Chris Skinner answered questions posed at a previous work session and talked about potential options and details regarding camera trailers.

Council Discussion

- Questions asked about how long the City would keep data and video and how much time would be spent looking into potential crimes being committed.
- Shared appreciation for the desire to be thoughtful and deliberate in planning strategies for the problems downtown.
- Information requested and shared about crimes with the potential to exclude people from downtown and about current data and number of those crimes being committed.
- Encouraged by the new proposals; seems like a worthwhile strategy.
- Questions asked about the process regarding new downtown strategies and whether the public would have a chance to weigh in.
- There is a well-crafted due process framework regarding instances of exclusion.
- Concerns expressed that exclusion could be applied before a conviction of an individual.
- Concerns expressed about privacy issues related to surveillance cameras; important to make procedures clear to the community.
- More information requested about how other municipalities have used this technology successfully and if it has reduced crime.

7. ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Waiving Off-Street Parking Requirements for the Edison Elementary School Site, and Amending Section 9.6410 of the Eugene Code, 1971. (City File CA 18-2)

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to adopt Council Bill 5188, an Ordinance Concerning Waiving Off-Street Parking Requirements for the Edison Elementary School Site. **PASSED 7:0**

8. ACTION: A Resolution Adopting Modifications to the Regional and Local Wastewater System Development Charge Methodologies

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to adopt a Resolution Adopting Amendments to Systems Development Charge Methodologies for the Wastewater System. **PASSED 7:0**

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elena Domingo', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Elena Domingo
Deputy City Recorder