

MINUTES

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

March 12, 2018
7:30 p.m.

Councilors Present: Jennifer Yeh, Mike Clark, Claire Syrett, Chris Pyror

Councilors Absent: Emily Semple, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, Greg Evans

Mayor Vinis did not gavel in the March 12, 2018, meeting because there was not a quorum present.

Candace Shorak, President of the Eugene-Jinju Sister City Committee read reports from high school delegates about their trip to South Korea.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Ralph McDonald – said Sustainability Commission passed resolution addressing housing issues.
2. Natalie Marx – spoke to Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association resolution on wildlife and pests.
3. David Hazen – addressed zoning and incentives for housing and internally displaced persons.
4. Laurie Hauber – asked Council to revise code provisions regarding SDUs at places of worship.
5. Jacob Fox – identified 5th Street District as a tool to help investment in middle income housing.
6. Dennis Sandon – spoke about jurisdictional problems with the Lombard Apartments.
7. Jim Neu – voiced concern about the artificial turf in the UO developments near the river.
8. David Piccioni – commented in favor of an elected city auditor.
9. Bruce Holland Rogers – voiced concern about Lombard Apartment housing development.
10. Kylas Nagaarjuna – raised Lombard Apartment development concerns, including traffic issues.
11. Wayne Martin – said there is too much suffering and homelessness in our community.
12. Michael Gannon – conveyed concerns about the police chief recruitment process.
13. Hazel Tyliniski – UO student, provided an OSPIRG update.
14. John Brund – expressed Lombard Apartment development concerns.
15. Zach Mulholland – requested a public process for EWEB Riverfront development.

Council Discussion

- More information requested about the status of Lombard Apartment development and public involvement in EWEB riverfront development master plan

2. WORK SESSION: Opportunity Zones

Economic Development Planner Anne Fifield provided information about the Opportunity Zone designation, a new tax incentive program created by 2017 federal tax reform package.

Council Discussion

- Trainsong and Bethel area don't have tools to help them develop. Would like to look at where we do and don't currently have capacity to develop plans.
- Questions raised about federal criteria for eligibility, mostly income and poverty.
- Opportunity zones are intended to encourage investments of all types, any purpose that enhances economic viability of the track.
- It is important to cover the four corners area because it could benefit from this attention.
- Downtown should not be listed as first priority.

The meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Elena Domingo
Deputy City Recorder