

MINUTES

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

April 23, 2018
7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Vinis opened the April 23, 2018, meeting of the Eugene City Council.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Stacy Yates - conveyed the Whiteaker Community Council support for Construction Excise Tax.
2. David Piccioni – provided comments about decriminalizing homelessness and other solutions.
3. Duncan Rhodes – expressed concerns about reckless driving and support for red-light cameras.
4. Patricia Hine – advocated for continued reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.
5. Artemio Paz – supported partnerships between science education in schools and climate goals.
6. Debra McGee – expressed importance of community education to reach climate recovery goals.
7. Linda Heyl – asked Council to strengthen to Climate Action Plan development process.
8. David Gusset – supported historic designation of East Grandstand.
9. Bob Penny - supported historic designation of East Grandstand.
10. Mike Deibele – read letter from Kenny Moore in support of historic designation of Hayward Field.
11. Neta Prefontaine - supported historic designation of East Grandstand.
12. Bill Penny - supported historic designation of East Grandstand.
13. Peter Thompson – supported historic designation of East Grandstand.
14. Scott Krause - expressed concerns about renovation of Hayward Field.
15. Bill O'Brien - expressed concerns about renovation of Hayward Field.
16. Dennis Hebert - expressed concerns about renovation of Hayward Field.
17. Dennis Casady - supported trying to save the East Grandstand.
18. Bob Hart - supported consideration of alternatives to demolition of East Grandstand.
19. Michael Cetto – expressed concerns about air pollution in Eugene.
20. Laurie Powell – advocated for more Secondary Dwelling Units and linked them to climate goals.
21. Anand Holtham-Keathley – advocated for more affordable housing and implementation of CET.
22. Brittany Quick-Warner – conveyed Eugene and Springfield Chamber thanks for work on rideshare.
23. Mike Kasahun – encouraged rideshare coming to the community.
24. Bradley Foster – expressed concern regarding no-cause evictions and homelessness.
25. Matt Sayre – supported the code updates for Public Passenger Vehicles.
26. Kimberly Gladen – expressed concerns about downtown safety and equity.
27. Anika Pass – supported the Construction Excise Tax proposal and options for affordable housing.
28. Lance Deal - supported updates and renovation of Hayward Field.
29. Tom Halferty – advocated for attempts to save the East Grandstand.
30. James Tice - expressed concerns about renovation of Hayward Field.

Council Discussion

- Council voted to bring back a package of measures to increase affordable housing; it has not taken action on the Construction Excise Tax.
- Support putting forth a motion to explore options around Hayward Field historic designation.

- Interest in having conversation about the potential preservation of the East Grandstands.
- Support looking into using the old Lane Community College downtown building as a shelter.

MOTION: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to schedule a timely work session for Council to consider an application for the historic status of the Hayward Field East Grandstand and other options. **PASSED 8:0.**

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilor Clark pulled Item B from the Consent Calendar.

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- April 9, 2018, Work Session
- April 9, 2018, Meeting
- April 11, 2018, Work Session

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. **PASSED 8:0.**

B. Approval of Tentative Working Agenda

Council Discussion

- Greater clarity is needed to direct staff on what information to bring back for the May 16 work session related to Striker Field.

MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Yeh, moved to approve the Tentative Working Agenda with the amendment to direct the City Manager to include resolutions in the Council packet for the May 16 Council Work Session regarding the Northeast Neighbors SDC credit proposal so that Council could choose to take action at the May 16 meeting. **VOTE: PASSED 8:0.**

3. PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Resolution 5224 Renaming the Westmoreland Community Center as the Dr. Edwin L. Coleman, Sr. Community Center in Honor of Dr. Edwin Coleman

City Manager Jon Ruiz introduced the Public Hearing and mentioned the revision of the Resolution draft to correct Dr. Edwin Coleman's name as Jr. rather than Sr.

1. Paul Biondi – supported renaming the Westmoreland Community Center after Dr. Coleman.
2. Betty Snowden – supported renaming the Westmoreland Community Center after Dr. Coleman.

Council Discussion

- Thinking about this in a way that is more just and thankful for Councilor Evans bringing this forward.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to adopt Resolution 5224 renaming the Westmoreland Community Center as the Dr. Edwin L. Coleman, Jr. Community Center in honor of Dr. Edwin Coleman. **PASSED 8:0.**

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Resolution 5225 Naming the Unnamed Park Located Near the Corner of Royal Avenue and Elizabeth Street the Andrea Ortiz Park in Honor of Andrea Ortiz

City Manager Jon Ruiz introduced the Public Hearing and recommendation of naming a park in honor of Andrea Ortiz.

1. Carmen Urbina– speaking on behalf of many local organizations, supported naming the park for Andrea Ortiz.

Council Discussion

- Excited to vote on this proposal and dedicate a park in Andrea Ortiz’s name in honor of the work she did for this community.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to adopt Resolution 5225 naming the unnamed park located near the corner of Royal Avenue and Elizabeth Street the Andrea Ortiz Park in honor of Andrea Ortiz. **PASSED 8:0.**

5. Action: Potential Disposition of East 3rd Alley Property

Business Development Analyst Amanda D’Souza went over the property disposition process and explained the purchase proposal for the specific property at East 3rd Alley.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Syrett declared a potential conflict of interest.
- Supportive of the proposed property disposition, would expect positive development from the potential property owner.
- Information requested about what is planned for the property and if any trees might get cut down.
- Should give others a chance to buy any property that the City sells.
- The intention of the property disposition process is to consider property disposition on a case-by-case basis. In this case it seems reasonable to move forward with deal points.
- It’s unclear how valuable the property could be or if there is an opportunity cost to the public.
- Would like to move forward with directing the City Manager to negotiate deal points, but not committed to selling the property.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to direct the City Manager to work with Mr. Wilson-Charles to negotiate deal points for sale of the 1,270 sq. ft. City-owned property at E. 3rd Alley for future council consideration. **VOTE: PASSED 8:0.**

5. Action: An Ordinance Updating the Public Passenger Vehicle Code

Inspection Services Manager Rachele Nicholas provided background on the proposed code changes and what the changes would require.

Council Discussion

- Kudos to staff for moving forward and working with the stakeholder companies.
- The issues that Council was concerned about have now been dealt with and addressed.
- The per-trip fee will create needed money for accessibility and ADA mobility issues.
- The airport will be processing companies’ business licenses and with the use of a geofence will charge a per-entry fee for TNCs.
- Drivers who do not pass a background check would have their licenses revoked and, if they failed to stop driving, would be issued civil penalties.
- It’s unfortunate that taxis may not be able to compete with TNCs, but the reality is that they haven’t been able to provide enough capacity for the community.
- The community has made this decision and would like to move forward implementing the ordinance.
- Council can change the ordinance as time goes on if it needs to be adjusted.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to adopt Council Bill 5183, an ordinance concerning public passenger vehicle services. **VOTE:** **PASSED 7:1**, Councilor Syrett opposed.

The meeting ended at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elena Domingo
Deputy City Recorder