

MINUTES

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

January 8, 2018
5:30 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Alan Zelenka, Greg Evans

Mayor Vinis opened the January 8, 2018, Work Session of the Eugene City Council.

1. Committee Reports and Items of Interest from Mayor, City Council, and City Manager

Council Discussion

- A lot of input has been received in support of restoring all of the “Flying People” at the airport.
- A number of calls have been received regarding a religious banner hanging across street on public property.
- Concerns expressed about the City’s use of leaf blowers when trying to reach carbon emissions goals.
- City should cooperate with County in addressing rats as a health issue.
- Interested in more extensive minutes, helpful to public who don’t have time to watch webcast.
- Would like to see more outreach regarding notice of City Council meetings; put money into publicizing.
- Important to acknowledge accolades that City staff receive; for example, the State of Oregon Citizen Advisory Committee Achievement in Community Engagement Award given to the Parks and Recreation System Plan in recognition of the outreach done in Latino communities.
- Mayor Vinis, Ethan Nelson, and Michael Kinnison will be going on United Front trip to Washington D.C.
- Intergovernmental Relations work session will be scheduled prior to legislative session.
- Rideshare conversation will be coming back to Council later this month.
- Occupy Medical has the permit to operate on Sundays in Washington-Jefferson Park; they continue to looking for an indoor, longer-term solution.
- Founder of Saturday Market, Lotte Streisinger, passed away recently.

2. POTENTIAL ACTION: Dusk to Dawn Family Site

City Manager’s Office Division Manager Mia Cariaga and Policy Analyst Regan Watjus presented an overview of the Dusk to Dawn program. They introduced a proposal for the City Council to consider approval of a new Dusk to Dawn site for families with children on Amazon Drive.

MOTION: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Semple, moved to postpone action to Wednesday, January 10.

Council Discussion

- Important to give public the opportunity to speak at a public forum and give more input before Council decides.
- The impact if Council waits two days to vote would not be significant.

VOTE ON MOTION TO POSTPONE: PASSED 6:0.

3. WORK SESSION: Public Shelter Update

Policy Systems Analyst Jason Dedrick gave an update on collaborative efforts with Lane County to complete a feasibility study that will examine various factors involved with a public shelter.

Council Discussion

- Up to \$50,000 will be spent on a feasibility study; money is coming from the state.
- Would like to see a shelter downtown.
- Would like to look at challenges faced by homeless and how to address those issues.
- Consider a low-barrier shelter that would likely serve the chronically homeless rather than others who may just be down on their luck.
- A shelter is not a solution to homelessness.
- Important to keep Council up-to-date, publicize progress, and map current services.
- Information requested about how many homeless are currently sheltering in local facilities at night and how much it has increased each year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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