

MINUTES

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

January 24, 2018
12:00 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Chris Pryor

Mayor Vinis opened the January 24, 2018, Work Session of the Eugene City Council.

1. **WORK SESSION: Follow-Up to City Council January 10 Motion on Performance Auditor**
Glenn Klein, City Attorney, reviewed a revised proposed charter amendment and discussed Council options moving forward.

MOTION: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to direct the City Manager to bring back a resolution referring the proposed Charter amendment to the May ballot.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Semple, moved to defer conversation on an auditor until after the May election.

Council Discussion

- Council should wait to see if the measure passes and if it does not, then can address the auditor issue.
- There has not been enough time or citizen involvement to put an additional measure on the ballot.
- Substitute motion has merit because a City Auditor is not needed in Eugene.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: FAILED 3-4, Councilors Semple, Taylor and Clark in favor.

Council Discussion

- If both measures are on the ballot and they both pass with majorities, then whichever receives more yes votes will become effective.
- State and federal law would apply to employees; concerns about “at-will employees” have been addressed.
- Questions regarding recruitment, salary, budget, timeline will need to be addressed.
- The proposed draft fixes the problems and concerns with the current auditor measure.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: PASSED 4-3, Councilors Semple, Taylor, Clark opposed.

2. **WORK SESSION: Intergovernmental Relations and 2018 Legislative Update**
Intergovernmental Relations Manager Ethan Nelson talked about the current intergovernmental relations process, the 2018 legislative session, and the 2018 United Front effort.

Council Discussion

- Minority views should be respected and heard; the current process allows only binary yes or no views to be communicated to Salem.
- Bills related to City policy such as Envision Eugene, Vision Zero, or the Climate Recovery Ordinance should be brought to Council's attention.
- Consider a minority report addendum that articulates the issues that may not be in the reports for positions Council is taking.
- An email report is needed, but not sufficient.
- Council should meet more often; too many issues to keep track of.
- Council needs to be responsive to hot topic issues and give staff direction.
- Consider new structure that includes all councilors on IGR Committee and accommodates extra meetings.
- Council should prioritize issues at the local level.
- Need to determine how to best represent community's opinions when a decision is not unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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