

MINUTES

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

February 26, 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 February 26, 2018, meeting of the Eugene City Council.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Sam Hahn – Whiteaker Community Council concerned with Railroad Quiet Zone and pedestrians.
2. Steve Steele – said train horns are harmful to health; but price of mitigating is too high.
3. Max Fabry – said low-cost housing is hard to get out of; personal advocates are needed.
4. Serena Orsinger – said there are important climate decisions to be made; it is a priority for Eugene.
5. Abe Luedtke – supported efforts to preserve our climate for future generations.
6. Ian Curtis – supported state, local, and federal climate action moving toward climate goals.
7. Tyee Atkin – said the effects of climate change are real and tangible and we need to take action.
8. Laurie Powell – said homelessness and climate planning can go hand in hand.
9. Anita Van Asperdt – asked council to prioritize working towards climate goals.
10. Debra McGee – opposed City use of gas powered leaf blowers; fumes are health and climate issue.
11. Jim Neu – reported that Portland’s no new fossil fuel infrastructure ban was upheld in court ruling.
12. Matt McRae – said reducing barriers to missing middle housing will also address climate change.
13. Kaarin Knudson – said Better Housing Together is helping address housing crisis in Lane County.
14. Dylan Lamar – encouraged council to consider BEST graduate with missing middle design ideas.
15. Seth Sadofsky – said he was happy to hear Council acknowledging concerns about housing.
16. Bill Aspegren – encouraged slowing down before moving right into middle housing model.
17. Julie Ekeland – said Union Pacific trains do not adhere to regulations and that should be addressed.
18. Eliza Kashinsky – said timely action is necessary for housing crisis.
19. Sandra Pruzynski – expressed challenges of train noise on those at Ya Po Ah Terrace.
20. Zach Mulholland – voiced concern about lack of public and green space in riverfront development.
21. Sue Sierralupé – said Occupy Medical appreciates bathroom and handwashing station.
22. Waylon Ferrell – said he would like to see Railroad Quiet Zone implemented.

Council Discussion

- Thank you to Sue Sierralupé for all she is doing; additional restrooms and handwashing needed.
- Would like to see public process to consider changes to the riverfront development and ensure adherence to the master plan.
- Consider some mechanism to determine if people in low-income housing still qualify for low-income rent.
- Council does not have authority to change decibel level of horns, but does have the opportunity to adopt a Railroad Quiet Zone.
- Would like to see missing middle housing presentation from University of Oregon and the work that they’ve done.

- Climate change is a high priority; encouraged to see youth out speaking about it.
- More information about range in accidents in railroad quiet zones requested.
- Follow up to the TSP motion regarding preparing for autonomous vehicle infrastructure needed.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes
 - November 29, 2017, Work Session
 - December 6, 2017, Work Session
 - January 22, 2018, Work Session
 - January 22, 2018, Meeting
- B. Approval of Tentative Working Agenda
- C. Adoption of an Ordinance Providing For Withdrawal of Annexed Properties From the Following Special Districts; the Santa Clara Rural Fire Protection District Santa Clara Water District; Willakenzie Rural Fire Protection District; River Road Park and Recreation District; River Road Water District; and Zumwalt Rural Fire Protection District
- D. Initiation of Land Use Code Updates to the Bicycle Parking Standards
- E. Approval of a Police Auditor Cost of Living Type Salary Adjustment
- F. Adoption of an Ordinance Adopting Hazardous Substance User Fees for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2018
- G. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor's Map 17-04-10-14, Tax Lot 800 – located on Hyacinth Street south of Travis Avenue). (Steinberg, Matt; A 17-11)
- H. Approval of Intergovernmental Relations Legislative Priorities

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

3. POTENTIAL ACTION: Property Disposition – 8th and Mill

Community Development Director Michael Kinnison spoke to Council about the property disposition at 8th and Mill to address an ambiguity in deal points with the prospective buyer.

Council Discussion

- The G Group/buyers support how the City is planning to move forward in valuing the property.
- Appreciate the efforts made to keep the easement going and thinking about the future.
- More information about how big the easement is and how this has been done in other places throughout the city is needed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to authorize the City Manager to amend the purchase price terms to reflect the value of the easement on adjacent property owned by G Group, LLC as identified in Attachment A. **PASSED 8:0.**

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting of the Eugene City Council and convened a meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency.

4. POTENTIAL ACTION: Riverfront Urban Renewal District Boundary Expansion Resolution for the Railroad Quiet Zone

Economic Prosperity Programs Manager Amanda Nobel Flannery discussed the action item regarding the three eastern crossings in the railroad quiet zone and the option for Council to expand the Urban Renewal District boundary.

Council Discussion

- Objections expressed about Urban Renewal District expansion; it is too easy to spend urban renewal money without public process.
- Supportive of Urban Renewal District expansion because a path has been secured for funding options for all crossings.
- Concerned that inflation would change the price of the project; however, inflation and cost adjustment estimates were built in to the estimate and likely to complete project within estimate.
- In favor of quiet zone because the community has been asking for it for a long time.
- In order to use federal funds for housing projects, would have to pass an environmental study that includes a noise study and the quiet zone would be important in order to pass and get federal funding.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to adopt the Resolution in Attachment D to this AIS to amend the Riverfront Urban Renewal Plan to expand the boundary by 0.76 acres. **PASSED 6:2**, Councilors Semple and Taylor opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to include the use of \$3,700,000 of Riverfront Urban Renewal funds for the quiet zone improvements within District boundary. **PASSED 7:1**, Councilor Taylor opposed.

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5. WORK SESSION: South Willamette Street Pilot Study

Transportation Planning Engineer Chris Henry gave an update about the South Willamette Street Pilot Study and its success.

Council Discussion

- Pleased with the project and traveling to businesses along Willamette has been made easier.
- More information about total costs for the project requested.
- Taking the time to do the pilot project and demonstrate the value of the changes was worth the effort.
- The project is in line with the City's Vision Zero goals, making commutes safer.
- The light at 27th and Willamette needs to be replaced for safety and ADA issues.
- Concerns expressed about flashing left turn signals at lights.
- Surprised that number of bike riders didn't go up now that there is a safer bike lane.

6. WORK SESSION: Winter Strategies

Homelessness Policy Analyst Regan Watjus presented information about current strategies the City is implementing to deal with homelessness in the winter cold weather.

Council Discussion

- Consider the differences between year round-shelter and winter shelter options.
- More council discussion needed to brainstorm ideas for winter seasonal programs.
- Potential to add funding to allow Dusk to Dawn to expand capacity.
- Request that City Manager look at ways to continue Dusk to Dawn funding for FY19 budget.

MOTION: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to request that the City Manager allocate funding to add capacity to the Dusk to Dawn program, for this year, to the maximum available.

Council Discussion

- Adding funding shows that we are making progress and care about this issue.
- Homelessness resource document is very helpful and impressive; shows how many programs we are involved in and what we're doing.
- Continued focus on where we are in terms of a comprehensive strategy to end homelessness in Eugene is needed.

VOTE: PASSED 8:0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elena Domingo
Deputy City Recorder