

MINUTES

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

**September 10, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

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

Mayor Vinis opened the September 10, 2018, Work Session of the Eugene City Council.

1. Committee Reports and Items of Interest

Council Discussion

- In light of recent Boise, Idaho court case related to sleeping on the streets, Eugene should designate a place where people can legally lie down to sleep.
- Concerns expressed about predatory towing; interest in banning Styrofoam and general recycling concerns.
- Suggestion made to look at laws regulating short term rentals and nuisance issues specifically related to dry grass.
- Appreciation expressed to City Manager for issuing an administrative order that prohibits city employees from collecting data related to immigration status.
- League of Oregon Cities is meeting in Eugene from September 26-29 and the theme is focused on homelessness and affordable housing.
- City Manager will return to Council with policy options related to contract with Northwest Natural Gas, including input from Sustainability Commission.

2. WORK SESSION: Transportation System Plan Update

Transportation Planning Manager Rob Inerfeld gave a presentation about the Transportation System Plan Strategy, including background and next steps.

Council Discussion

- Would like to coordinate TSP planning with SDC methodology in order to, on a long-term basis, coordinate a wish list with what it will cost.
- Request made for more detail about the Urbanism Next study and what it will cover.
- Based on the current TSP plan, the City can get to a 40 percent reduction by 2035, though the goal is to get to 50 percent reduction by 2030. Concern expressed about not presenting a plan that would show how to meet that goal.
- Questions asked about how staff selected the list in terms of priorities, and if it was based on Council priorities.
- Support needed for some of these things in Salem; ensure that the City is coordinating its message and working with Ethan Nelson and IGR.
- Questions asked about the Franklin corridor design and timeline.
- The Land Conservation Development Commission is expected to amend some rules and potentially require new performance measures. Important to ensure it fits in with the City's timeline, and doesn't duplicate efforts.

- With regard to MovingAhead corridors , there is a need for federal funding and clarity on where the City is in terms of positioning for federal funding and mix of local, state, and federal money.
- Concern expressed that Eugene is behind and hasn't put forth a plan that meets current CRO goals.
- The CRO sets a goal for 50 percent fossil fuel reduction by 2030. Clarification requested on whether that is a legal imperative or a nice goal.
- Explanation requested of how the TSP would be approached if Council wanted to cut transportation SDCs in an effort to make housing more affordable.
- Instead of investing money on new corridors now, it would make sense to look more closely at enhanced mobility and waiting for technology to progress because it's rapidly changing.
- It's not clear that autonomous vehicles or Uber/Lyft lead to a reduction in greenhouses gases; they may actually be creating more.
- Consider adopting performance measures early before LCDC adopts its goals in order to track TSP goals as soon as possible.

3. WORK SESSION: Improvement of Unimproved Roads

City Engineer Mark Schoening gave a presentation that reviewed residential land supply and unimproved roads and discussed a framework for an ordinance and the practical application of an ordinance.

Council Discussion

- Confirmation that a funding stream would essentially be added to the CIP was requested.
- North Eugene has seen a large amount growth and density and there is much more development occurring than when the people originally bought their homes along these major corridors.
- Questions asked about why applicability is limited to arterials and collectors; consider expanding.
- Would like to explore definitions a little bit more, specifically how arterial and collector are defined and determined.
- Question asked about the trade-offs if council adopts this policy, including what its impacts are on what is already occurring that wouldn't be done.
- Concerns expressed about equity because historically people have paid for improvements that come with new development as part of their housing costs. Adopting this policy would mean that the next group of people would not have to pay for the same improvements?
- Question asked about how much it would be to fund all unimproved streets that are triggered by new development and what the number would be for just collectors.

MOTION: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to extend for 10 minutes. **PASSED 8:0**

Council Discussion

- The way the City has funded streets in the past has been inequitable.
- Question asked about a potential ordinance and what it might include from the list in the agenda packet.
- Concerns expressed about streets that would not qualify for improvement, for example 10 local streets surrounding a school even though it would promote safe routes to school and vision zero goals.
- Consider the fact that there are a high level of renters and landlords not wanting to pay to have the streets improved.
- Council has a lot more thinking to do to give direction on specifics.

- Request made for a prioritization scheme when this comes back to Council and options for how to address different priorities moving forward.
- Request made for costs and percentages related to the arterials and collectors portion and the potential projects that could meet the 20 single-family unit and 30 multi-family unit threshold and where they might be.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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