

MINUTES

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

June 25, 2018
5:30 p.m.

Councilors Present: Alan Zelenka, Jennifer Yeh, Mike Clark, Claire Syrett, Chris Pyror

Councilors Absent: Emily Semple, Betty Taylor, Greg Evans

Mayor Vinis started the discussion but did not open the meeting because a quorum was not present.

1. Committee Reports and Items of Interest

Council Discussion

- American Cancer Society recently updated recommendations for cancer screenings to age 45 instead of age 50; raise awareness about the need to get prompt screenings.
- Reminder about Kakegawa Sister City delegation trip to Japan.
- Thankful to mayors who went to the Mexico border and grateful for federal delegates who are stepping up for families.

2. WORK SESSION: Eugene Downtown Public Safety Update

Chief Skinner spoke about the new responses to ongoing problems in the downtown area.

Council Discussion

- There are a spectrum of behaviors that need to be addressed downtown, ranging from illegal, to intimidating, to nuisance behavior; issue facing council and community is how to address the less-than-criminal behavior.
- Support expressed for exploring creative options to address unwanted behavior downtown.
- Important to identify the line between human service needs and public safety contact with individuals.
- Pleased with approaches proposed and being taken, including incorporating alternative justice approaches.
- Need to learn how to share the sidewalks together; support more civil interactions.
- Questions asked about EPD night shift hours.
- Important to ensure that downtown ambassadors and parks ambassadors are well-briefed about Human Rights Office, human rights codes and the services that people can receive.
- Concerns expressed about engaging with individuals about their behavior.
- Support exploring other avenues for more ideas about how to address issues downtown.
- Goal should be to change the standard for behavior and what is acceptable.

The discussion ended at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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