

MINUTES

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

**January 13, 2014
5:30 p.m.**

Councilors Present: George Brown, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, George Poling, Mike Clark, Chris Pryor, Claire Syrett, Greg Evans

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION: Harris Hall

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Mayor and councilors reported on events and committee meetings including:

- State of the City event
- Harlow Serves holiday initiative
- Activity related to 955 Coburg Rd.
- Upcoming MLK Celebration activities and events
- Eugene Police Department promotion ceremony
- Civic Stadium - looking for support to purchase and rehab the property and stadium
- Connect Oregon 5 projects
- Animal problems - turkeys, deer and feral cats
- Trainsong Neighbors response to rest stop
- Options for reconstruction of Beltline between Coburg and River roads

B. WORK SESSION: Budget Discussion on Council Policy Items

Central Services Executive Director Kristie Hammitt introduced the item with a brief PowerPoint presentation.

MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to consider eliminating downtown free parking and dedicating the revenues that the general fund services generate in FY15, and ask the City Manager to bring back information and estimated revenue for further Council action. **FAILED 3:5**, Councilors Zelenka, Syrett and Brown in favor.

MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Clark moved to not drop from consideration the idea of considering General Obligation bonds for capital improvements. **FAILED 4:5**, Councilors Syrett, Clark, Evans and Brown in favor; Mayor broke tie in opposition.

MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to move forward the topic of terminating the Urban Renewal District. **FAILED 2:6**, Councilors Taylor and Brown in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michelle Mortensen

Michelle Mortensen
Deputy City Recorder

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1. ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2014

MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to elect Chris Pryor as President of the City Council for 2014. **PASSED 8:0**

MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to elect Claire Syrett as Vice President of the City Council for 2014. **PASSED 8:0.**

2. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Shawn Boles, spoke about climate change opportunities and fossil fuel divestment.
2. Mel Bankoff, spoke about climate change and supported fossil fuel divestment.
3. Bob Doppelt, spoke about climate change and supported fossil fuel divestment.
4. Joshua Frankel, supported the fossil fuels divestment initiative noting that kids are the future.
5. Jim Watson, supported saving Civic Stadium and reducing the \$ 5.5 million down payment.
6. Joshua Skov, noted corporate support for fossil fuel divestment.
7. Jerry Smith, urged council to save the environment and support fossil fuel divestment.
8. Janet "Taxpayer," reported on illegal street camping and urged better communication by City.
9. Sue Sierralupé, thanked the council for supporting and recognizing Occupy Medical.
10. Jeff Kessner, supported saving and preserving Civic Stadium.
11. Aurora Richardson, thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing Whoville to remain.
12. Jacob Abbatello, reported that conditions are improving in the Whoville camp.
13. Nani Baldree, thanked the council for allowing Whoville to remain in place.
14. Damond Morris, said that the \$5.5 million requirement for Civic Stadium is too high.
15. Mark Robinowitz, supported divestment from fossil fuels, but said much more is needed.
16. Ken Laney, reported that Whoville is working and improving.
17. Dennis Hebert, supported the revitalization of Civic Stadium, noting it's potential.
18. Eugene Drix, encouraged all Eugeneans work together and accomplish great things.
19. David Ivan Piccioni, said that vehicle fumes are a problem for everyone.
20. Michael Gannon, recounted his experiences on Christmas Day in Eugene.
21. David Nelkin, supported the four-lane configuration on Willamette Street.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Pryor seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. **PASSED 8:0.**

Mayor Piercy closed the City Council meeting and opened a meeting of the Urban Renewal District.

4. **ACTION: Adoption of Resolution 1070 Acknowledging Receipt of the Annual Financial Report of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013**

MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Pryor seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt Resolution No. 1070 acknowledging receipt of the Annual Financial Report of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013. **PASSED 8:0.**

Mayor Piercy adjourned the meeting of the Urban Renewal District and reconvened the meeting of the Eugene City Council.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning State Traffic Laws; Amending Section 5.005 of the Eugene Code, 1971; and Providing an Effective Date**
Mayor Piercy opened the public hearing on this item. No one spoke; Mayor Piercy closed the public hearing.

MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Pryor seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt Council Bill 5106, an ordinance concerning State Traffic Laws. **PASSED 8:0.**

6. **ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Stormwater Management and Amending Sections 9.0500, 9.4780, 9.6790, 9.6791, 9.6792, 9.6796, 9.6797, 9.8030, 9.8055, 9.8090, 9.8100, 9.8215, 9.8220, 9.8320, 9.8325, 9.8440, 9.8445, 9.8515, and 9.8520 of the Eugene Code, 1971; and Providing an Effective Date**

MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Pryor seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt Council Bill 5105, an ordinance concerning stormwater management. **PASSED 7:1,** Councilor Clark opposed.

7. **ACTION: Ordinance Vacating the Portion of West 4th Alley Located between 4th and 5th Avenues and Lincoln and Charnelton Streets (VRI 13-1)**

MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Pryor seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt Council Bill 5104, an ordinance vacating the portion of West 4th Alley located between 4th and 5th Avenues and Lincoln and Charnelton Streets. **PASSED 5:3,** Councilors Taylor, Brown and Zelenka opposed.

8. **WORK SESSION: Fossil Fuel Divestment Initiative**

Senior Financial Analyst Twyla Miller presented an overview of the efforts and practices already underway that help the City reduce its carbon footprint and recapped where its pooled investment money is being directed

MOTION: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to adopt a fossil fuel divestment policy and encourage the PERS Board and Deferred Compensation Committee to divest their portfolios of fossil fuel investments over

time and urge the Oregon Treasurer to do the same and lobby the Legislature to specifically allow divestment in fossil fuel investments by State financial institutions.

MODIFIED MAIN MOTION *(with friendly amendments)*: I move to bring to council for approval a fossil fuel divestment policy and encourage the PERS Board and Deferred Compensation Committee to divest their portfolios of fossil fuel investments over time and to urge the Oregon Treasurer to do the same and lobby the Legislature to specifically allow divestment in fossil fuel investments by State financial institutions” **PASSED 8:0.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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