

MINUTES

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

**January 27, 2014
5:30 p.m.**

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

Councilor Pryor convened the January 27, 2014, City Council work session, noting that Mayor Piercy was in Washington DC on the United Front trip.

A. WORK SESSION: Rest Stop Discussion

The City Attorney introduced the item and provided background information. The council discussed sunset date options and their interest in working with the County to share responsibility for the homeless issues.

MOTION: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved that City Manager bring back for public hearing on February 18, a proposed ordinance extending the sunset date on the rest stop ordinance until July 1, 2014.

AMENDED MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Brown moved to change the sunset date to October 31, 2014 (*to coincide with the Opportunity Village pilot timeline*). **PASSED 6:2;** Councilors Taylor and Poling opposed.

AMENDED MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to direct the City Manager to begin negotiations with the County for how we might work more effectively on a project together or transition that responsibility to them. (*Clarified to mean: direct the City Manager to bring back to council options in conjunction with discussion with the County for how we might transition this to a more regional approach.*) **PASSED 8:0.**

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: PASSED 8:0.

B. WORK SESSION: Fireworks

Eugene Police Lieutenant Scott Fellman and Fire Marshal Al Gerard introduced the item and provided information and statistics on accidents, injuries and safety concerns related to legal and illegal fireworks.

Council raised and discussed several ideas, including:

- Increase fees for permits to sell fireworks.
- Increase fines for violations and keep the money at the municipal level.
- Increase enforcement efforts (expensive and resource-intensive).
- Educate the general public about more responsible use of fireworks.
- Identify a revenue source to cover the cost of enforcement.

- Use technology to pinpoint where complaints are coming from.
- Empower neighbors to help the City report and track violators (via smart phones, GPS).

Staff was asked to bring back to council a broad range of options, from small, incremental changes to a complete ban on fireworks in Eugene.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Mortensen
Deputy City Recorder