

# MINUTES

**Eugene City Council  
Harris Hall, 125 East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**January 25, 2016  
5:30 p.m.**

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

Mayor Piercy opened the January 25, 2016, City Council Work Session.

Councilor Poling reported on Travel Lane County discussions related to the transient room tax, wine country license plate bill, and the Downtown Urban Renewal Agency.

## **A WORK SESSION: State of Parks and Recreation Facilities**

Principal Planner Carolyn Burke, Parks and Open Space Division Manager Craig Carnagey, and Recreation Services Director Craig Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Parks and Recreation System Plan process, strengths, challenges, opportunities, guiding themes, and next steps.

### Council discussion:

- This issue needs greater council attention.
- Adequately funding the city's parks is a high priority of the public.
- Appreciate outreach to the Latino community; park signage should also be in Spanish.
- Illegal camping in parks should to be addressed in a more robust way; more rest stops needed.
- Good balance of parks throughout the city; would like to see more community gardens.
- Better communication about providing the people with recreation capabilities they can use is needed.
- Identifying and creating more public/private partnerships may be effective way to address issues.
- Parks system is valuable and appreciated; more investment is needed in facilities.
- Shift in mindset needed that values quality of parks over quantity.

## **B. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

The work session adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chuck Crockett

Chuck Crockett  
Deputy City Recorder

## MINUTES

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**January 25, 2016  
7:30 p.m.**

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

**Councilors Absent:** George Poling

Mayor Piercy opened the January 25, 2016, City Council Meeting.

### **1. PUBLIC FORUM**

1. Vic Hariton – Supported no action on SW-SAZ plan; more public involvement needed.
2. Ed Moye – Supported no action on SW-SAZ plan; more public involvement needed.
3. Greg Giesy – Supported no action on SW-SAZ plan; more public involvement needed.
4. John Barofsky – Supported a plan amendment to the Downtown Urban Renewal Agency.
5. Donna Riddle – Requested access to a building for Occupy Medical.
6. McDonald – Spoke about impact of SW-SAZ on sustainability issues.
7. John Presco – said City needs a newspaper museum to raise funds for homeless.
8. Zane Kesey – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space; changes are needed.
9. Corey Riday-White – Supported full implementation of the climate recovery ordinance.
10. Misha Seymour – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space; changes are needed.
11. Lourdes Marte – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space; changes are needed.
12. Jon Pincus – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space; changes are needed.
13. Ryan Dristle - Said open space in downtown is a must.
14. Larry Hill – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space; changes are needed.
15. William Ivanoff – Suggested consideration of upgrades to the park blocks.
16. Donna Gordon – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space; changes are needed.
17. Catherine Cronin – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space; changes are needed.
18. Rachel Abrams – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space.
19. Christine Sundt – Said single-family homes should be preserved and saved.
20. Ashley Wright – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space.
21. Joseph Newton – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space.
22. Damien Bradley – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space.
23. Stefan Streck – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space; more public space is needed.
24. Art Bowman – Supported a \$15 minimum wage for city workers; one-third live in poverty.
25. John Thielking – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space; rezone to parkland.
26. Tara Moore – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space.
27. Marie Slatton-Valle – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space.
28. Ben Guyre – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space.
29. Rose Padgett – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space.
30. Ian McTeague – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space.
31. Breckon Neal – Consider long-term impacts of Kesey Square, supported open space.
32. Matthew Yook – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space.
33. Mariah Leung – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space.
34. Richard Krepp – Supported keeping Kesey Square open and putting to public vote.
35. Rebecca Falleur – Supported keeping Kesey Square open and programming more events.
36. Michael Francis – Supported keeping Kesey Square; huge part of Eugene culture.
37. Emily Fox – Supported community-based planning for South Willamette.
38. Mayli Galvan – Supported keeping Kesey Square open and getting public input.

39. Daylon Sloan – Supported keeping Kesey Square open to everyone.
40. Cambria – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space; changes are needed.
41. Zachery Quale – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space.
42. Plaedo – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space.
43. Wesley Georgiev – Supported the climate recovery ordinance and enforcement.
44. Scott Landfield – addressed the audience about various topics.
45. Lonnie Douglas – Supported a \$15 minimum wage and looking into use of temps.
46. Corina MacWilliams – Supported the climate recovery ordinance and enforcement.
47. Cameron Fox – Supported the climate recovery ordinance and enforcement.
48. Lanie Millar – Supported SW-SAZ revisions passed by South Willamette neighborhoods.
49. Gwendolyn Iris – Supported keeping Kesey Square open and more affordable housing.
50. Cindy Allen – Supported SW-SAZ changes passed by South Willamette neighborhoods.
51. Matt Hilton - Supported a plan amendment to the Downtown Urban Renewal District.
52. Zondie Zinke – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space.
53. Michael Adams – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space.
54. Joyce Eaton – Supported keeping affordable housing in SW-SAZ plan.
55. Rachel Paslay – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space.
56. Laura Keir – Supported park blocks redevelopment and year-round farmers market.
57. Jeremiah Barnes – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space.
58. Kathy Ging – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space.
59. Clayton Williams – Supported keeping Kesey Square open and adding more seating.
60. Peter Grotticelli – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space.
61. Michael Gannon – Supported keeping Kesey Square open and the climate ordinance.
62. Brian Becker – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open space .

Council discussion:

- Council has neither discussed nor made any decisions about the future of Kesey Square.
- City is on track for implementation of climate recovery ordinance; a committee has been formed to take on communication efforts.
- The future of Kesey Square is not the subject of a formal plan or action; it is a community conversation only.
- Kesey Square is not a failed space; additional upgrades to both the park blocks and Kesey Square are needed.
- South Willamette Special Area Zone needs a community-driven planning process.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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