

MINUTES

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

**February 8, 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 February 8, 2016, City Council Work Session.

A WORK SESSION: Downtown Improvements – Continued

Community Development Manager Denny Braud led the council in a discussion about downtown improvements.

MOTION AND VOTE (*friendly amendments included*): Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to direct the city manager to prepare for council discussion, a draft of an amendment to the downtown urban renewal plan. The draft amendment should include as possible projects: 1) high speed fiber; 2) downtown parks blocks/open spaces; 3) year-round farmers market; and 4) redevelopment of the LCC building. The manager also shall bring back a recommendation for a package of non-urban renewal funding options. **PASSED 8:2, councilors Brown and Taylor opposed.**

Council discussion:

- Would be a disadvantage to lose a tool for funding options; urban renewal is a valuable tool.
- Funding for schools would decrease if urban renewal district went away.
- There are other ways to pay for projects; urban renewal isn't needed.
- More benches, bathrooms and enhanced lighting should be included in any project.
- Extending the urban renewal district defies previous council direction; calls into question the council's integrity.
- Any extension of the urban renewal district should go to a public vote.
- Preferred funding options will have the least impact on taxpayers.
- Private partners should contribute to high-speed fiber costs; use of Telecom funds inappropriate.

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 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder

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**February 8, 2016
7:30 p.m.**

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

Councilors Absent: Alan Zelenka

Mayor Piercy opened the February 8, 2016, City Council Meeting.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Debby Bonds – Spoke in support of Oregon Court Reporters and Captioners Week.
2. Julia Olson – Supported climate ordinance implementation and working with Mark Jackson.
3. Coreal Riday-White – Supported climate ordinance and coordination of climate/trade.
4. Jordan Katzeff – Supported climate ordinance implementation.
5. Gwendolyn Iris – Supported keeping Kesey Square an open public space.
6. Margie James – Concerned about SW-SAZ and development that could occur.
7. Bob Cassidy – Supported a \$15.00 minimum wage.
8. Drix – Said citizens need to work on good communication and better behavior.
9. Mariah Koschnitzky Roth – Supported council visiting Whitebird clinics.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council discussion:

- Eugene Police Department and Equity and Human Rights staff were honored at Blacks in Government event.
- Lane Regional Air Protection Agency will continue discussions on car emissions
- Citizens are concerned about parking issues around wards 2 and 3.
- Northeast Neighbors discussed possible apps to help with firework control.
- Portion of Gilham Road north of Ayers Road needs to be improved due to safety issues.
- River Road Community Organization discussed new cross walk improvements.
- Travel Lane County supports extension of the urban renewal district.
- Travel Lane County is opposed to any changes to the wine country license plate program.
- Travel Lane County has no position at this time on the State transient room tax proposal.
- United Front trip discussed needs for our community.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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