

MINUTES

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

**March 15, 2017
12:00 p.m.**

Councilors Present: Emily Semple, Alan Zelenka, George Poling, Mike Clark, Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor

Councilors Absent: Betty Taylor, Greg Evans

Mayor Vinis opened the March 15, 2017, meeting of the Eugene City Council.

Councilor Poling announced his resignation from the Ward 4 City Council seat, effective April 10, 2017.

A. WORK SESSION: Separation of Retail Marijuana Business

Land Use Analyst Mike McKerrow gave background information on marijuana legislation, Oregon Liquor Control Commission exceptions, and updates.

Council discussion:

- Concerned about to what degree council should regulate commerce or competition.
- Valuable to talk about protections for schools from a policy standpoint.
- Compelling need would be established if the whole community wanted it.
- Proposed criteria for exemptions are valuable; fair, clear and workable.
- Other cities do not have a 1,000 ft. zone requirement.
- Treat marijuana business like any other business; State has rigorous regulations in place.
- Unfair to compare them to other businesses as the City already taxes them.
- Market will determine who succeeds; not supportive of buffer zones from daycare centers.

B. WORK SESSION: House Bill 2669 Discussion

Management Analyst Joann Eppli gave a brief summary of House Bill 2669 related to Toxics Right-To-Know fees and its potential effects on local programs.

Council discussion:

- Proposed legislation changes fee structure; hesitant to support.
- Legislation does not obligate City to raise or change its fee structure.
- Community supports this program; but, how much more regulation is desired?
- Need to look at appropriate amount versus the maximum collection potential.
- Needs to be as easy and burden free as possible to comply.
- Greater protection from harmful toxins should be extended statewide.
- Proposal will open the door for other communities to do replicate Eugene's program.

MOTION *with friendly*: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved that City staff are directed to support at a priority 2 this bill with a request as part of any testimony that is submitted that the cap be reduced, and leading with Eugene's reporting requirements.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to extend the meeting 10 minutes. **PASSED 6:0**

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: PASSED 6:0

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder