MINUTES

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

February 21, 2018
12:00 p.m.

Councilors Present: Emily Semple, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, Jennifer Yeh, Mike Clark, Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor

Councilors Absent: Greg Evans

Mayor Vinis opened the February 21, 2018, Work Session of the Eugene City Council.

1. **WORK SESSION: Divestment**
   Finance Director Twylla Miller provided information regarding the upcoming request for proposals for banking services and how divestment considerations will be incorporated into the process.

   Council Discussion
   - Maintain financial risk, trust maintained, and meeting fiduciary duties.
   - The way factors are applied, there isn't an increased risk in banking partners.
   - May be unintended benefits of investing in local banks and strengthening those relationships.
   - More information about differences in criteria for depository and merchant services needed.
   - Consider how fossil fuel investment would be measured – would get input from Sustainability Commission and have quantitative values applied.
   - Council should be kept up-to-date regarding the creation and progress of the RFP and how the finalists score in the process.
   - Trying to achieve fiscal stewardship, environmental responsibility, and support the local economy is a balance staff is attempting to strike.
   - There is limited risk to local taxpayers if an institution is unreliable because Oregon State Treasurer does the work for local governments by creating the qualified depository list and making sure they meet minimum standards.
   - Interest in seeing one criteria that evaluated the effect on the local economy of giving local banks preference.

2. **WORK SESSION: Ambulance System Update**
   Eugene Springfield Fire Chief Joe Zaludek provided the City Council with an update to the Basic Life Support System.

   Council Discussion
   - Ambulance transport service in overall good shape, but would like to keep in mind the continuing and evolving partnerships with Springfield and River Road-Santa Clara area to think of efficiencies and improve the system.
   - Metrics have improved as a response to sharing areas and collaborating.
   - Looking for sustainable models to meet metrics; would like to address before July.

- Triage car units include one or two paramedics or a mental health professional and will respond and determine if there is a social, medical, or law enforcement need which eliminates using large amounts of fuel for a low-service call.
- Appreciate the department's embrace of the approach laid out in Budget Committee discussions, pleased to see the value that this is bringing and encouraged by the continued creative thinking.
- Concerned that the increased reliance on judgment to determine the best mechanisms for dealing with patients may create more risk or liability.
- In effort to avoid over-triaging, department is now using best industry practices to eliminate risk, including medical priority dispatch software that has a quality assurance program.
- Would like to have a thorough conversation at Council table before coming to conclusions about funding public safety and/or EMS systems.
- Encouraged that previous budget discussions came up with a compromise that worked.

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Domingo
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