

MINUTES

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

May 14, 2018
5:30 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Greg Evans

Mayor Vinis opened the May 14, 2018, Work Session of the Eugene City Council.

1. Work Session: Downtown Update

Facilities Director Jeff Perry, Community Programs Manager Colette Ramirez, Urban Development Manager Will Dowdy, and Police Chief Chris Skinner, gave an update on initiatives taken downtown last summer season and what new programs will go into effect this summer.

Council Discussion

- Information requested about the attended restrooms and how they operate.
- Consider featuring art from Eugene's Sister Cities at one or more downtown event.
- Support free parking on certain days related to downtown programming.
- Support deploying sidewalk scrubber on Saturday and Sunday mornings.
- Excited about downtown ambassadors and how they might influence behaviors downtown.
- More information about funding for different programs needed.
- The practical and privacy aspects of camera usage, recording, and real time monitoring discussed.
- There is a disconnect between talking about positive planning and programming vs. what is being done to address bad behavior.
- Concerns expressed about individuals struggling with mental health and the need for more help from Cahoots.
- Important to consider and have a plan for dealing with bad behaviors that get pushed out to other areas.
- Support the concept of day storage lockers.
- Support further consideration of opening the walls surrounding Kesey Square.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f)

The City Council met in Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elena Domingo
Deputy City Recorder