

MINUTES

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

**November 22, 2017
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 November 22, 2017, Work Session of the Eugene City Council.

1. Committee Reports and Items of Interest from Mayor, City Council, and City Manager

Council Discussion

- Councilors Semple, Taylor, and Evans reported on their recent trip to the National League of Cities conference. Many cities are dealing with the same issues, and Eugene is ahead of the curve.
- Poor sidewalk conditions are becoming more of a problem.
- Rats are a big problem and Council has an upcoming work session to discuss the issue.
- Information about the appointment of the Interim Police Chief was shared.
- An update about winter strategies will come to Council before break.
- Open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act is open and the deadline is approaching.
- The Sustainability Commission's proposal for home scoring was shared.
- Concerns are growing about nutria overrunning neighborhoods in North Eugene.
- Shopping cart thefts are becoming a big issue.

2. WORK SESSION: Climate Recovery Ordinance Update

Intergovernmental Relations Manager Ethan Nelson, Sustainability Analyst Chelsea Clinton, Fire Chief Joe Zaludek, Fleet and Radio Communications Manager Richard Perry, and Facility Management Division Manager Jeff Perry presented an update of the Climate Recovery Ordinance (CRO) including plans for greenhouse gas emissions reductions and a proposal to update the Climate and Energy Action Plan.

Council Discussion

- The CRO brings both net costs and non-economic benefits.
- The parks survey showed that climate change is the 3rd leading concern in the community.
- Ad-hoc committee discussed how to communicate these issues, not just informing the public but offering strategies on how to change behavior that helps individuals, the community and planet.
- Consideration should be given to whether no-idling rules will also cover contracted employers.
- Information requested about the FTE dedicated working on the CRO since its passage.
- The timeline proposed has already been started; will hit the ground running if supplemental budget is approved.

- Frustration expressed that the City is moving too slow in making progress around this.
- Important to see how much money the City saves after implementing CRO strategies.
- Timeline seems reasonable and bringing the community along on this journey is important; not rushing it makes sense in order to include a wider range of people.
- Increasing safe bicycle parking would encourage more people to bike.
- Comprehensive resource list and reports posted on the website to show progress made.
- More outreach and publicity is needed about what the City is doing.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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