

MINUTES

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

December 11, 2017
5:30 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Greg Evans

Mayor Vinis opened the December 11, 2017, Work Session of the Eugene City Council.

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

Council Discussion

- Concerns were expressed about Garrison Keillor's photo not being reinstalled to the flying people exhibit at the airport.

B. WORK SESSION: Auditor Discussion

City Attorney Glenn Klein answered questions asked at a previous work session and laid out the options City Council had to respond to Ballot Measure 20-283.

Council Discussion

- Consider whether Eugene would benefit from an auditor function.
- This discussion should have happened a long time ago; Council should not undermine the citizen group's work and let the voters decide.
- Having an auditor would help accountability and transparency.
- Auditor would be helpful; but the details of how the auditor's office is established are extremely important.
- Spending the proposed amount of money on this service at this time may be imprudent.
- Skeptical that an auditor would influence policy decisions made by Council.
- Concerns with ballot measure include cost, residency requirement, accountability, fundamental changes to electing officials, and lack of public input into the details of measure.
- Citizen oversight works well and should have been included.
- If staff put together new proposal now, there wouldn't be enough time to do it thoughtfully and with public input.
- Concerns that an election for auditor would become partisan for a non-partisan position.
- Would like to take a neutral position, move forward and see what happens.

C. UPDATE: Winter Strategies

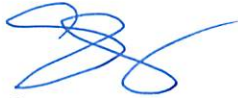
City Manager's Office Division Manager Mia Cariaga and Policy Analyst Regan Watjus gave an update to City Council about some of the homelessness winter strategies being implemented.

Council Discussion

- Questions and concerns were raised about Egan Warming Center having enough resources to stay open for long periods.
- Would like to address what the plan for extreme emergency situations would look like.
- CMO will spread the word about a training opportunity for Egan volunteers.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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