

MINUTES

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

May 24, 2017
12:00 p.m.

Councilors Present: Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Chris Pryor, Emily Semple, Claire Syrett (*via phone*), Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka

Mayor Vinis opened the May 24, 2017, Work Session of the Eugene City Council.

A. WORKSESSION: City Council Process Session - Motions

Mia Cariaga from the Eugene City Manager's Office, offered Council a refresher on the current process for motions.

Council Discussion

- Too many times, new motions come up with no chance for councilors to study and research the motion before voting.
- Best practices dictate that any motion is the *result* of a conversation, instead of the motion first, then the discussion.
- More work sessions would be required to generate motions from conversations, although Council time is limited.
- Robust conversations are not always necessary to put forth a motion; Councilors can always vote No, or vote to table.
- Mayor has the power to rule any motion out of order.
- Council's Operating Agreements are not binding law.
- Many Eugene citizens would prefer to have foreknowledge of Council motions.
- Sometimes, even if a Councilor has little to no foreknowledge of a motion, that Councilor's constituents might still expect a Yes vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark moved, seconded by Councilor , to direct the City Manager to come back with a resolution amending the Operating Agreements to state items, resolutions, motions, or reports. **PASSED 6:1**, with Councilor Pryor voting against.

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Rodney Cimburke, LCOG)