M I N U T E S

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

April 27, 2016
12:00 p.m.

Councilors Present: George Brown, Betty Taylor**,** Alan Zelenka, George Poling, Mike Clark, Claire Syrett, *Greg Evans via phone,* Chris Pryor

Mayor Piercy opened the April 27, 2016, city council work session.

1. WORK SESSION: City Hall Update

Design and Construction Manager Mike Penwell and representatives from Rowell-Brokaw gave a PowerPoint presentation on the new City Hall discussing energy performance, seismic standards, civic identity, cost information, proposed funding, and council decision points.

Council discussion:

- Council hasn't seen a lot of financial detail and have a responsibility to ask for that information.
- Council should have been informed of financial overrun of project earlier.
- This process has been mismanaged; design should include council offices.
- Cost increases are due to new enhancements council desires but hasn't made a decision on yet.
- The investment of Risk Fund dollars in seismic upgrade is a good business decision.
- Important to have an operable building for the community in the wake of a major disaster.
- It would be irresponsible to build this building without the seismic upgrade.
- The City Manager has done exactly as the Council has directed.
- Spending on this project is extravagant and the community is not supportive.
- An adjustment around experience and expectations for this project is needed; increased communication to the public is critical.
- LEED gold status is important; will reduce operating costs and increase energy efficiency.
- Council doesn't need dedicated offices at this time; cubicles and access to a meeting room is sufficient.
- City Hall should have a high level of civic quality and should be something the community is proud of.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved that the City Manager go to the next EWEB board meeting - not staff - and ask them this question: Would the board please vote at your convenience, on your willingness to enter into negotiations with the City for the purchase of their building? **FAILED 2:5,** Councilors Brown and Clark in support.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to temporarily suspend work on the current City Hall project until the council has had at least one more work session to thoroughly review the financial status of the project. **FAILED 3:4,** Councilors Brown, Taylor and Clark in support.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to extend 15 minutes. **PASSED 7:1,** Councilor Brown opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved that the new City Hall should be a LEED Gold-certified building. **PASSED 7:1,** Councilor Brown opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved that the new City Hall have a seismic rating of 1.5. **FAILED 3:5,** Councilors Zelenka, Syrett, and Pryor in support.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved that the new City Hall include dedicated offices in the current phase of the project. **FAILED 2:6,** Councilors Brown and Taylor in support.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved that the new City Hall should have the level of civic quality presented in the design. **PASSED 6:2,** Councilors Brown and Taylor in opposition.

The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chuck Crockett

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Deputy City Recorder