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

May 15, 2013
12:00 p.m.

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

Her Honor, Mayor Piercy, called the May 15, 2013, City Council work session to order.

A. WORK SESSION: Eugene Water & Electric Board Riverfront Master Plan

Planning and Development staff members Gabe Flock and Nan Lawrence presented information about the proposed Riverfront Master Plan, its key components, and next steps. Highlights included:

- Plan will limit allowed uses for certain spaces, such as food, entertainment, and open space.
- Retail will be on the first floor to encourage a thriving and active environment.
- Business will be located on upper floors with residential in some places as well.
- Parking will initially be limited to surface areas.
- Eight acres of the site will be dedicated for public use as a park.
- Plan Goal: Remain flexible for current and future uses and accommodate changes in existing buildings over time.
- With this plan in place, the code will protect the land until funds become available to develop.
- Public testimony at a Planning Commission Hearing indicated support for the plan.

Councilor Clark left the meeting at 12:50 pm.

Council Questions/Comments:

- Building and maintain a strong connection to downtown and the inclusion of garden areas.
- Concerns expressed about parkland ownership and associated maintenance costs.
- Include LTD early in planning process to ensure transit connectivity.
- Identify what funds/options/partners/incentives might be able to help finance this vision.
- Maintain flexibility of development options, uses, and design.
- Development at site should complement, not compete with, other downtown businesses and amenities.
- Broad public involvement in the process is critical.
- Ensure that river-oriented businesses and activities are part of the developed plan.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michelle Mortensen

Michelle Mortensen,
Deputy City Recorder