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

February 20, 2013
12:00 PM

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

Councilors Absent: Mike Clark

A. WORK SESSION:
An Ordinance Concerning Urban Animal Keeping Standards; and Amending Sections 9.2010, 9.2682, 9.2740, 9.3115, 9.3210, 9.3310, 9.3810, 9.3910, and 9.5250 of the Eugene Code, 1971, and Section 4.996 of that Code (City File CA 12-2)

The City Attorney reviewed changes made to ordinance at previous meeting and indicated where those changes could be found in the items before Council. Those changes included:

- The number of miniature goats was changed from two to three.
- Updated language included an18-month review date to be set by Council.
- Bee Hives: Increased the number from two to three, reduced setback from 15 to 5 feet from owner's property line and required bee keepers to point the hive entrance toward the center of his/her property.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to approve Council Bill 5086, an ordinance concerning urban animal keeping standards. **PASSED: 6:1**, Councilor Poling opposed.

B. **WORK SESSION: Fleet Services Overview of Clean Fuels Usage in City Fleet and Other Program Efforts to Reduce Carbon Emissions and Fuel Consumption in City Vehicle Fleet**

Tony Jobanek from Public Works Maintenance provided an update to the Mayor and City Council to bring them current on what is being done to address fuel usage, vehicle idling, to maximize efficiency and reduce our carbon footprint. He touched on a few things currently underway or that Fleet Services is looking at for the future:

- Using Biodiesel, either B10 or B20 as a standard practice in all diesel engines.
- Purchasing large quantities of fuel, when the tanks are nearly empty.
- Collaborating with other jurisdictions on equipment policies and municipal practices
- Acquisition of hybrid vehicles in the standard fleet of non-police department vehicles (62 of the 75 vehicles.)
- Purchase of alternative fuel vehicles such as natural gas or propane, and keeping an eye on Hydrogen technology, which is slow to come to fruition.

- Instituting a no-idling policy for non-police personnel.
- Working on smarter idling options for EPD vehicles that are auto-activated when battery levels get low.
- Extension of vehicle replacement timelines by 2 or more years, when applicable.
- Disaster preparedness: We have 2 back-up systems available to pump fuel out of the tanks and into vehicles.

C. **WORK SESSION: Review of 2012 Implementation of Bond Measure to Fix Streets and 2013 Pavement Management Report.**

Kurt Corey shared information about the POS bond measure and the street repair bond measure. His review covered achievements to date.

- Creation of a citizen oversight committee and an independent auditor to ensure the funds would be used as voters had been told they would be used: "Promises Made, Promises Kept."
- Progress made to repair roads, bike paths and shared bike/ped paths.
- Reminder that the package the group brought back for a vote and for Council consideration included a property tax, a gas tax and a user fee. The user fee has not been enacted, so the backlog won't every fully be addressed until more money is put toward this issue.
- Most councilors noted that the report is informative and helps people understand how complex the problems related to streets can be.
- The report is great, very much appreciated and very well put together.
- It was noted that preventative maintenance keeps some borderline streets from needing expensive repairs - catching them early is key.
- There is no new pot of gold on the horizon to address potholes and street repairs.
- Expanding UGB will cause more streets to need repair, especially if they weren't kept in good condition by the County before deeding it over to the City.
- Lorraine Hwy. will get an overlay this spring, even though some residents don't want that to happen because of the temptation to speed.
- Trainsong and River Road areas have a high number of residential streets that are in significant need of repair. Councilor Syrett asked PWM to consider this in future assessments.
- It was also noted that congestion in West Eugene, especially on Barger Drive, is creating problems. Councilor Evans asked PWM to keep that in mind as future work plans are developed and to look for ways to alleviate the problem.
- Mayor Piercy noted that with the Capstone Project underway, timing will be critical with regard to when the street repairs happen there – we don't want trucks to tear up a newly repaired street.

Council asked for another update in the coming months to monitor how things are progressing. Public Works staff indicated they would be happy to return with a future update.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Michelle Mortensen
Deputy City Recorder