

MINUTES

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

January 22, 2013
7:30 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Alan Zelenka, Mike Clark

Her Honor, Mayor Piercy called the January 22, 2013, Public Hearing of the Eugene City Council to order.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

1. PUBLIC HEARING:

An Ordinance Concerning Charges for Stormwater and Parks Service and Amending Sections 6.411, 6.416, 6.421, 6.426, 6.431, 6.436, 6.600, AND 6.605 of the Eugene Code, 1971

- *Ruth Duemler* - Opposed; wrong time to increase fees/tax; it's too much for poor people to pay.
- *Bob Siegmund* - Opposed; feels the City's spending priorities are questionable.
- *Jeff Lozar* - Opposed; he would be subject to new tax twice as a business and homeowner.
- *Kathleen Gaffney* - Opposed; noted concerns about seniors living on fixed incomes/lost homes.
- *Brian Weaver* - Opposed; City costs have increased, so cut employee costs.
- *Rev. Douglas Vaughan* - Opposed; idea has a lot of people upset, poverty levels rising.
- *Dennis Gabrielson* - Opposed; tax is regressive and money was wasted on the survey.
- *Greg Osborn* - Opposed; the ordinance is poorly written and vague.
- *Scott Smith* - Opposed; fee is not about stormwater, it's about filling holes in the budget.
- *James McCarthy* - Opposed; enjoys parks system but wants volunteers to maintain parks.
- *Diane Thurlow* - Opposed; feels City process is corrupt, City Council meetings serve no purpose.
- *Charles Hibberd* - Opposed; fixed income households can't afford the tax.
- *Tony Antone* - Opposed; the City has a spending problem and needs to get it under control.
- *Bonny Bettman-McCornack* - Opposed; City has been in "financial crisis" for years; fee regressive.
- *Dennis Casady* - Opposed; City needs to live within a budget just like citizens.
- *Vicki Mello* - Supported fee; volunteers are vital to parks, the fee will protect parks.
- *Douglas Moorhead* - Opposed; separate stormwater and parks fees, and clarify their purpose.
- *Nick Urhausen* - Opposed; this tax is not deductible, put it on the ballot.
- *Laura Fenimore* - Opposed; rule of law, deceptive proposal; can't justify spending money.
- *Jenn Perry* - Opposed; EWEB bill is already high, as costs rise, EWEB will shut off electricity.
- *Bob Macherione* - Opposed; City must live within its means, move to neutralize voter rights?

Mayor Piercy closed the public hearing and opened the second public hearing item.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
An Ordinance Concerning Prohibited Uses and Special Use Limitations in the /ND Nodal Development Overlay Zone in Downtown; and Amending Section 9.4280 of the Eugene Code, 1971 (City File CA 12-3)

- *Laura Potter* - Chamber of Commerce supports the overlay zone.
- *Dave Hauser* - Supports proposed amendment. It is modest, timely and good for downtown.
- *Scott Sanders* - Supports proposal noting it will bring 200 new employees downtown.
- *Gary Wildish* - Supports this overlay zone - brings jobs, owner-occupied, no tax incentives.
- *Rex Fox* - Supports the overlay zone - drive-thru lanes are critical to the project's success.
- *Kim Woodward* - supports - great for business, jobs and services, and downtown Eugene.

Mayor Piercy closed this public hearing and opened the third public hearing item.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
An Ordinance Vacating the Portion of West 4th Alley Located between 4th and 5th Avenues and Lincoln and Charnelton Streets (VRI 12-3)

- *Cheryl Monson* - supported the application, noting she has worked at this business for 15 yrs.

Mayor Piercy closed the public hearing and opened the fourth public hearing item.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
An Ordinance Providing for Withdrawal of Annexed Properties from the River Road Park & Recreation District, and the River Road Water District

No one signed up to speak.

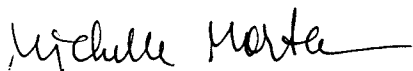
Mayor Piercy closed this public hearing and opened the fifth public hearing item.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
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)

- *Bill Bizyk* - Proposal has flaws, too many to list in three minutes, will submit written concerns.
- *Denise Swanson* - Supported the ordinance, with increased limits for small farm animals.
- *Genie Hardin* - Keeps small goats outside of town, supported allowing up to four goats.
- *Judy Scher* - Beekeeper; wants a maximum of four hives on any size lots, noting fewer isn't good.
- *Katja Kohler-Gause* - Raises goats, chickens, rooster, ducks; supportive of proposal.
- *Katharine Hunt* - Beekeeper; supportive of increase to four hives on lots under 20K sq. ft.
- *Barbara Elliott* - Beekeeper; supportive of four hives on smaller lots, more on larger lots.
- *Keegan Caughlin* - Avid urban farmer; proposal is too strict, numbers don't pan out.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Mortensen
Deputy City Recorder