

MINUTES

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

January 16, 2013
Noon

COUNCILORS PRESENT: George Brown, Greg Evans, Mike Clark, Chris Pryor, Alan Zelenka, Claire Syrett, George Poling

City Council President George Poling called the January 16, 2013, work session of the Eugene City Council to order.

MOTION: Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to direct the City Manager to prepare and schedule a public hearing on an ordinance suspending the Multi-Unity Property Tax Exemption (MUPTE) program until after the City Council completes a review of the MUPTE program to determine whether changes should be made.

DISCUSSION:

- Concerns were expressed about sending mixed messages to the development community.
- Temporarily setting aside MUPTE application review could negatively impact the building community, ultimately slowing growth and economic progress.
- Concerns were expressed about taxpayer benefit, elements of the ordinance, who benefits from the tax exemption etc.
- There was some agreement that a review is needed but is not necessarily urgent.

MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Syrett made a motion to postpone action until January 30, 2013. PASSED 7:1; Councilor Taylor opposed

A. WORK SESSION: Tri-Annual Report to City Council from Police Auditor

Police Auditor Mark Gissiner reviewed the latest report regarding Eugene Police complaints, incidents, EPD issues, and areas of interest.

Discussion Points:

- Use of force situations are closely watched, reviewed and supervised.
- Planning underway for more community forums to help educate, exchange information.
- Mental health issues are of concern to police officers (not trained counselors).
- Substance abuse problems, particularly methamphetamines are significant issue.
- Jail bed space restricts/hampers police efforts to combat crime.
- In-car videos and personnel videos (pocket videos) have been helpful.
- Age of criminals is generally older than many other cities.
- Efforts to combat racial profiling and gender bias should remain high priority.
- State level funding cuts impact the City at the local level, particularly in area of mental health.
- Better signage needed to improve safety.

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

This item was postponed and will be rescheduled on another date.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Mortensen", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michelle Mortensen
Deputy City Recorder