

MINUTES

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

November 26, 2012
7:30 p.m.

COUNCILORS PRESENT: George Brown, Pat Farr, Mike Clark, Chris Pryor, George Poling,
Alan Zelenka, Claire Syrett

COUNCILORS ABSENT: Betty Taylor

Her Honor, Mayor Piercy called the November 26, 2012, regular meeting of the Eugene City Council to order.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Debra McGee, Occupy Interfaith, expressed support for her group.

Jason Gray, SLEEPS, expressed support for his group.

Sabra Marcroft, SLEEPS, expressed support for the car camping ordinance extension.

Jean Stacy, spoke in favor of lifting a ban on homeless camping and in support of SLEEPS.

Helen Liguori supported the Task Force on Homelessness recommendations.

Jerry Smith asked that other government bodies participate in helping the homeless.

Tracy Joscelyn, a homeless person, asked that the ban on camping be lifted.

James Robert Mathesen said homelessness was a socio-economic issue of class warfare.

Hedin Manus Brugh asked for a cemetery for the homeless if other demands were not met.

Diane Sciacca asked that the ban on camping be lifted to provide shelter for the homeless.

Alley Valkyrie asked the City to lift the ban on camping before it got sued over the issue.

Michael Carrigan said CALC provides space for a homeless camp and supported lifting the ban on camping.

John Monroe questioned the projects being funded by the City.

Rick Kintz said as a homeless person in a wheelchair he needs access to electrical outlets.

David Ivan Piccioni read his letter that was recently published in *The Register-Guard*.

Robin Bloomgarden asked for an end to the camping ban due to the onset of cold weather.

Joe Tyndall thanked the City for agreeing to spend \$200,000 on the homeless situation but felt that it was not enough in terms of "bed years."

Andrew Brand, Evergreen Housing Development Group, spoke in favor of the property tax exemption for his housing project.

John Pinkstaff, Evergreen Housing Development Group, supported the City Manager's recommendation for his project.

Richard Bauer supported reducing the Evergreen project to two stories in height.

Christopher Logan said Evergreen was an out-of-state developer that was not interested in being charitable to its residents.

Michael Gannon suggested the ban on camping be lifted by some sort of executive action.

2. ACTION:

An Ordinance Adopting Amended Hazardous Substance Tracking Instructions for Reports Due Beginning April 1, 2013, and Removing Three Hazardous Substances from the List of Reportable Chemicals

MOTION AND VOTE:

Councilor Brown moved, seconded by Councilor Farr, to adopt Council Bill 5079 amending the Hazardous Substance Tracking Instructions for reports due beginning April 1, 2013, and removing three hazardous substances from the List of Reportable Chemicals. PASSED: 7:0

3. ACTION:

An Ordinance Concerning Used Merchandise Dealer Provisions and Amending Sections 4.989 and 4.990 of the Eugene Code, 1971

MOTION AND VOTE:

Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Farr, moved that the City Council approve Council Bill 5080 concerning used merchandise dealer provisions and amending Sections 4.989 and 4.990 of the Eugene Code, 1971. PASSED: 7:0

4. ACTION:

An Ordinance Continuing to Allow Tent Camping at Vehicle Campsites by Amending Section 5 of Ordinance 20484 to Extend the Sunset Date to December 31, 2014

MOTION AND VOTE:

Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Farr, moved to adopt Council Bill 5082 extending the sunset date of Ordinance No. 20484 to December 31, 2014. PASSED: 7:0

5. ACTION:

An Ordinance Concerning Sign Standards and Amending Sections 9.0500, 9.6610, 9.6615 and 9.6630 of the Eugene Code, 1971

MOTION AND VOTE:

Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Farr, moved to adopt Council Bill 5074, an ordinance concerning sign standards, including the findings attached to that ordinance as Exhibit A. PASSED: 7:0

6. ACTION:

A Resolution Approving a Low-Income Rental Housing Property Tax Exemption for the Property Located Adjacent to 1410 River Road, Eugene, Oregon (Evergreen Housing Development Group, LLC/ Applicant)

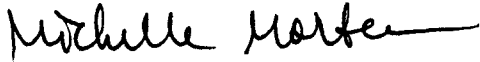
Councilor Brown suggested that the council hold a work session to re-examine the policy on tax exemptions given to affordable housing projects.

MOTION AND VOTE:

Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Farr, moved to adopt a resolution approving a 20-year low-income rental housing property tax exemption for the property located adjacent to 1410 River Road, Eugene, Oregon (Assessor's Property Account Number 1837937). PASSED: 6:1, Clark opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Mortensen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michelle Mortensen
Deputy City Recorder

Recorded by Kris Bloch