

MINUTES

Eugene City Council
125 E. 8th Avenue, Harris Hall
Eugene, OR 97401

November 21, 2012
Noon

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

COUNCILORS ABSENT: George Poling

Her Honor, Mayor Piercy called the November 21, 2012, work session of the Eugene City Council to order.

A. WORK SESSION: Homeless Winter Strategies

The council discussed challenges, options and resources related to homelessness in Eugene. Three focus areas were discussed:

1. Temporary shelter – possible locations and options – MASH style tent was taken off the table as a possible short-term solution for shelter. Can the Egan Center be expanded?
2. Use of funds: Is hiring a coordinator the best use of funds? \$35,000 is a lot of money, and it could be used for emergency shelter.
3. Public Bathrooms and bathroom use for Occupy Medical on the weekends.

MOTION AND VOTE:

Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Farr, moved to authorize the City Manager to spend up to \$225,000 on all six identified strategies plus a bathroom for the Occupy Medical Clinic through the winter, plus expansion of the emergency cold weather shelter.

Councilor Clark offered a friendly amendment to add the words “Marginal beginning working capital.” PASSED: 7:0.

Mayor Piercy asked the council to consider asking the Human Rights Commission (HRC) for input on forming a committee to address ongoing homeless issues. Councilor Pryor added that he’d like to see the Human Services Commission (HSC) involved as well as a more comprehensive way to address community concerns around homelessness.

MOTION AND VOTE:

Councilor Farr, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to ask the HRC, in coordination with the HSC, take the issue up at its December meeting. PASSED: 7:0.

B. WORK SESSION: City Hall

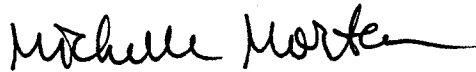
Mike Penwell, Kristie Hammitt and Jason Dedrick gave a PowerPoint presentation to the council regarding City Hall options.

Highlights of the discussion included:

- EWEB site is still an option.
- EWEB site would create a civic space near the river yet close to downtown.
- It's important to keep an eye on the future.
- Next steps: Identify values and support consolidation now, where possible.
- A survey to gather more information would be helpful.

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Michelle Mortensen
Deputy City Recorder