

MINUTES

Eugene City Council
Bascom/Tykeson Room, Eugene Public Library
100 W. 10th Avenue—Eugene, Oregon

October 31, 2012
Noon

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

Her Honor, Mayor Piercy called the October 31, 2012, work session of the Eugene City Council to order.

A. ACTION: Appointment of Interim Ward 7 City Councilor

MOTION AND VOTE:

Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Farr, moved to appoint Claire Syrett as interim City Councilor for Ward 7 for the remainder of Councilor Andrea Ortiz's current term. PASSED: 7:0.

Ms. Syrett was sworn in and joined the other councilors at the table.

B. URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY WORK SESSION: Disposition of Real Property

Mayor Piercy adjourned the City Council work session and opened the meeting of the Urban Renewal Agency.

MOTION AND VOTE:

Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to postpone the item to November 7. A friendly amendment to change the proposed meeting date to November 14, 2012, was accepted. FAILED: 3:5; councilors Clark, Farr, Poling, Pryor, and Zelenka opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE:

Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Farr moved to authorize the Agency Director to sell the parcel identified in Attachment A to Northwest Community Credit Union consistent with the terms included in Attachment B. PASSED: 6:2; councilors Taylor and Brown opposed.

Councilor Clark left the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

C. WORK SESSION: Opportunity Eugene Discussion Follow-Up.

Mayor Piercy closed the Urban Renewal Agency discussion and reconvened the City Council Work Session.

Planning and Development Department staff Michael Wisth and Sarah Medary presented information about winter strategies and other ways to address the immediate needs of homeless people in the community. Mr. Wisth summarized the work that has been done to

date and touched on some items with associated budgetary needs. The summary included the following suggestions:

- Increase number of authorized car camping sites
- Increase staffing at local social service agencies
- Address homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing options
- Find a temporary shelter for homeless people now, before it gets really cold
- Have a panel discussion to help better inform council on this topic

MOTION AND VOTE:

Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Brown moved to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. PASSED: 6:1; Councilor Poling opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE:

Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Brown moved to remove City Hall from the list of prospective properties to be considered for a homeless camp site. PASSED: 5:2; councilors Farr and Poling opposed.

Staff indicated they would return to council with site and funding options in mid-November.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

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