

MINUTES

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

**June 13, 2016
5:30 p.m.**

Councilors Present: George Brown, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, George Poling, Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor

Mayor Piercy opened the June 8, 2016, meeting of the Eugene City Council.

A. WORK SESSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Ordinance on Downtown Urban Renewal Plan Amendment

Assistant City Manager Sarah Medary and Economic Prosperity Programs Manager Amanda Nobel Flannery gave a PowerPoint presentation discussing the background on downtown improvements, May 25 council direction, and revised proposed amendment.

Council discussion:

- Urban Renewal was originally designed for slum and blight which no longer exists downtown.
- Sunset of the district would provide \$1 million a year to be spent on other projects.
- Community desires incremental development downtown; this is the next step.
- Urban renewal is the most rational tool to fund the projects without imposing new taxes on citizens.
- In 2010, council voted not to extend the urban renewal district again; a commitment that should be honored.
- Conditions have changed since 2010, proposal is now the proper thing to do.
- Community engagement aspect is a positive change to the plan proposal.
- Costs need to be nailed down for projects as soon as possible.
- City has full support from all other governmental partners, unlike conditions in 2010.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to adopt Council Bill 5155 to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for the Downtown Urban Renewal District.

MOTION TO AMEND: Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to amend the ordinance to (1) add the following language at the end of the ordinance title: “and referring the plan amendments to the electors of the city at the November 8, 2016 election”; and (2) add a new section 3 at the end of the ordinance that reads: “Section 3. The provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Ordinance shall not become effective unless approved by the electors of the City of Eugene at the City election to be held concurrently with the statewide election on November 8, 2016. **FAILED 3:5**, Councilors Brown, Taylor and Zelenka in support.

Council discussion:

- Urban renewal decisions have never been put on the ballot before; bad precedent to set now.
- Councilors are elected to make tough decisions on behalf of their constituencies.
- All the projects in the urban renewal district have yielded positive results.
- Concern that there may be corporate powers trying to kill efforts for a public fiber network.

MOTION TO AMEND AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to amend to raise the amount of the spending limit by an additional million dollars to be added to the LCC project. **PASSED 5:3**, Councilors Brown, Taylor and Zelenka opposed.

Council discussion:

- This will help with efforts to create a public/private partnership and innovation hub.
- More opportunities needed for wet labs and maker space.
- Goal is to keep people and jobs here and help families thrive.

MOTION TO AMEND AND VOTE *with friendly*: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to amend under section a, 2nd sentence beginning with the effective date of the 2016 amendment, the Agency will also be able to use tax increment funds in the plan area to help create an improved permanent Farmers' Market not to exceed \$4 million, as well as to improve any public parks, public plazas, restrooms, open spaces, streets, and sidewalks within the plan area not to exceed \$5.2 million. Subsection Band the end of the sentence add the language not to exceed \$3 million of tax increment funds. Under subsection C after "the Agency may provide" insert up to \$6 million of tax increment funds as part of the redevelopment. **PASSED 5:3**, Councilors Taylor, Poling and Clark opposed.

Council discussion:

- LCC project can't be completed for \$3 million; language needs to be flexible for this one element.
- This won't bind council but will require a public process.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: PASSED 5:3, Councilors Brown, Taylor and Zelenka opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chuck Crockett

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Deputy City Recorder

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7:30 p.m.**

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Mayor Piercy opened the June 8, 2016, meeting of the Eugene City Council and held a moment of silence for the Orlando shooting victims.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

In honor of Flag Day, Mayor Piercy read a portion of a Presidential Proclamation and student leaders from Sheldon High School lead the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

2. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Fire Chief Randall Groves was honored for his years of service, accomplishments, leadership and retirement.

South Eugene High School students Corina MacWilliams, Sage Fox, and Wesley Georgiev were honored as Youth Climate Advocates.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Coreal Riday-White – Supported campaign to achieve 350ppm to address climate change.
2. Jim Neu – Supported climate recovery ordinance and better communication.
3. Nicholas Fox – Supported the climate recovery ordinance and implementation.
4. Corina MacWilliams – Supported the climate recovery ordinance and implementation.
5. Sage Fox – Supported the climate recovery ordinance and implementation.
6. Jen Miley – Opposed to proposed new cell tower in West Eugene.
7. Nancy Wallace – Opposed to proposed new cell tower in West Eugene.
8. Kate Sullivan – Opposed to proposed new cell tower in West Eugene.
9. William Merris – Opposed to proposed new cell tower in West Eugene.
10. David Hunter – Opposed to proposed new cell tower in West Eugene.
11. Linda Kelley – Opposed to proposed new cell tower in West Eugene.
12. Bill Sharp – Requested reduced speed on West 18th and Washington Park to 20 mph.
13. Peter Grotticelli – Supported gun control measures to help reduce terrorism.
14. Steven Shipman- Supported efforts to help the homeless.
15. Nick Moll – Supported the climate recovery ordinance and implementation.

Council discussion:

- More information requested about existing parameters and limitations around cell tower regulations.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. **PASSED 8:0**

5. ACTION: A Special Ordinance Granting an Exemption to the Application of Section 6.200 of the Eugene Code, 1971 (Ordinance to Renew Five-Year Exception to Application for Controlled Ecological Burning)

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to postpone action to give people more opportunity to make objections, ask questions, or make suggestions. **FAILED 4:5** Councilors Taylor, Clark, Evans and Brown in support. Mayor broke the tie in opposition.

Council discussion:

- No comparison between controlled burning and field burning.
- Provides an ecological benefit to control invasive species besides using chemicals.
- It's a way to take land back and make it into a well-recognized and important wetland.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to adopt Council Bill 5154, to provide a five-year exception to the application of Eugene Code 6.200 to provide for prescribed burning by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the Nature Conservancy, and the City of Eugene for wetland vegetation protection, management, and restoration. **PASSED 6:2**, Councilors Taylor and Clark opposed.

6. ACTION: Appointment to Boards, Committees and Commissions

Budget Committee

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to appoint Garrett Dunlavey to Position 3 on the Budget Committee for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2019. **PASSED 8:0**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to appoint Jon Jasper to Position 5 on the Budget Committee for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2019. **PASSED 8:0**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to appoint Shaun Londahl to Position 6 on the Budget Committee, for an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2018. **PASSED 8:0**

Civilian Review Board

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to reappoint Steve McIntire to Position 3 on the Civilian Review Board, for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2019. **PASSED 8:0**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to reappoint Christopher Wig to Position 4 on the Civilian Review Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2019. **PASSED 8:0**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to appoint Richard Roseta to Position 6 on the Civilian Review Board for an unexpired term beginning July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2018. **PASSED 8:0**

Historic Review Board

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to appoint Zarina Bell to Position 2 on the Historic Review Board for an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2017. **PASSED 8:0**

Human Rights Commission

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to appoint Aria Seligman to Position 5 on the Human Rights Commission, a three-year term beginning July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2019. **PASSED 8:0**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to appoint Julia Johnson to Position 6 on the Human Rights Commission, a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2019. **PASSED 8:0**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to appoint Aimee Walsh to Position 7 on the Human Rights Commission, for an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2018. **PASSED 8:0**

Planning Commission

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to reappoint Mark Baker to Position 1 on the Planning Commission for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2020. **PASSED 8:0**

Police Commission

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to reappoint William Whalen to Position 1 for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2020. **PASSED 8:0**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to appoint Edward Goehring to Position 2 for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2020. **PASSED 7:1** Councilor Clark opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to appoint Justine Dauenhauer to Position 3 for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2020. **PASSED 8:0**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to appoint Silver Mogart to Position 8 for a four- year term beginning July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2020. **PASSED 8:0**

Sustainability Commission

Mayor Piercy formally recognized the following councilor-appointed members of the Sustainability Commission:

- Councilor Brown appointed Ralph McDonald to the Ward 1 position for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2020.
- Councilor Taylor appointed Eben Fodor to the Ward 2 position for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2020.
- Councilor Poling reappointed Kevin O'Brien to the Ward 4 position for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2020.

Toxics Board

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved appoint Derrick Thoma to Position 1, an industry representative on the Toxics Board for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2019. **PASSED 8:0**

Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to reappoint Nancy Bray to Position 6 on the Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee, for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2019. **PASSED 8:0**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to appoint Laurel Burke to Position 12 on the Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee, for an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2017. **PASSED 8:0**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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