

# MINUTES

Eugene City Council  
McNutt Room—City Hall  
777 Pearl Street—Eugene, Oregon

June 27, 2012  
12:00 p.m.

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

COUNCILORS ABSENT: Andrea Ortiz, George Poling

Her Honor Mayor Kitty Piercy called the June 27, 2012, work session of the Eugene City Council to order.

## **Downtown Summer Programs Update**

Community Events Manager Billie Moser described upcoming downtown summer programs such as Summer in the City. She said Track Town 12 had provided two large-screen monitors for live viewing downtown of events at the Olympic Trials, and many people had taken the opportunity to view events on the monitors.

## **A. WORK SESSION**

### **2012 General Obligation Bonds for Street Preservation Projects**

Public Works Director Kurt Corey noted that Parks Open Space (POS) Director Johnny Medlin would be retiring soon and Mark Schoening would serve as the Acting-In-Capacity POS Director.

Mr. Corey explained that the work session was an opportunity for the City Council to continue its discussion of funding capital pavement preservation projects with a General Obligation (GO) bond measure to fix streets.

The council discussed several aspects of the City's street preservation projects, including the wisdom of continuing to use an auditor, the fact that surveys show most people are satisfied with the street preservation program and the need for a sustainable budget for street preservation costs.

## **MOTION AND VOTE**

Councilor Brown moved, seconded by Councilor Taylor, to direct the City Manager to bring the council a resolution placing a \$43 million GO bond measure to fix streets on the November 2012 ballot, consistent with the resolution in Attachment A. PASSED 8:0.

## **B. WORK SESSION**

### **City Council Processes**

## **Minutes and Meeting Records**

Mayor and City Council Support Manager Beth Forrest explained that the council minutes-taking process was being streamlined in order to save money and provide a more efficient meeting management process. Several questions were raised by the council such as whether the minutes could be indexed electronically and if it was a good thing to lose minutes which are nearly verbatim. Ms. Forrest said Sire Technologies,

the company which will provide the City's new meetings management software, was scheduled to provide a demonstration at an upcoming meeting and would be able to answer questions at that time. She also noted that verbatim minutes could be provided if requested. She said the councilors would be provided with iPads or laptops and staff help would be provided in learning how to use the new equipment and technology.

#### Future Office and Meeting Space – August Move

Ms. Forrest summarized the move of the City Manager's Office (CMO), including the Mayor and councilors' offices, to the Public Services Building in August. In response to questions, City Manager Jon Ruiz said that the CMO move back to a permanent home would take at least a couple of years.

#### Intergovernmental Relations (IGR)

It was noted that former IGR Manager Brenda Wilson was now the Executive Director of the Lane Council of Governments and her temporary replacement for several months would be Planning Director Lisa Gardner. The role of the IGR Manager and how that role might change in the future was discussed. Several councilors expressed their belief that Ms. Gardner was a "great choice" as an interim replacement.

#### Council Vacancies

The filling of a council vacancy was discussed. The legal requirement is that no appointment can be made until a position has been vacated which means that no formal action can be taken to fill Councilor Farr's council seat until January, but all other steps towards filling the position can be started immediately.

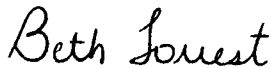
The group agreed that an official recruitment for the position would begin in October with consensus on an appointment to be reached before the council takes its winter break. The appointment could then take place at the State of the City in January, by which time Councilor Farr will have resigned his council position to take his seat as a County Commissioner.

The Mayor requested that the public be given official notice of the appointment process and timeline.

#### **V. ADJOURN:**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 1:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Forrest  
City Recorder

*(Recorded by Kris Bloch)*