MINUTES

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

June 25, 2012
5:30 p.m.

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

Her Honor Mayor Kitty Piercy called the June 25, 2012, work session of the Eugene City Council to order.

Animal Services Update
Interim Animal Services Manager Kelly Darnell and Police Lieutenant Jen Bills provided an update on the new service delivery model for animal services, scheduled to begin July 1, 2012.

The councilors expressed an interest in frequent progress reports and good communication to the public about the transition.

Motion on Cost of Living Adjustment

MOTION AND VOTE

Council Brown moved, seconded by Councilor Farr, that the City Council and Mayor forego the 2.9 percent cost of living adjustment for FY13 that otherwise would be due under the Eugene Charter.
PASSED 8:0

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i)

The Eugene City Council met in Executive Session to review and evaluate the performance of an employee.

B. WORK SESSION
Police Auditor Annual Performance Review

The Mayor and councilors each expressed their appreciation for the job Police Auditor Mark Gissiner is doing. Specific suggestions from the councilors included the following: engage with the community more; develop a marketing strategy; assist the University of Oregon to set up an oversight system; meet one-on-one with all councilors; and reach out to a wider audience for feedback on the program's efficacy.

The council discussed compensation for the Police Auditor relative to other department executives.

MOTION AND VOTE

Councilor Pryor moved, seconded by Councilor Ortiz, to give the Police Auditor a step increase but no Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).
PASSED 8:0

C. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

Mayor Piercy reported on her upcoming One-On-One at the Delta Oaks Market of Choice, meeting the presumptive new University of Oregon President, Michael R. Gottfredson, participating in U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials ceremonial events, and the "Let's Move Eugene" event at Amazon Pool.

Councilor Zelenka reported on the Sustainability Commission meeting and retreat, and commended the Track and Field trials as a well-run event.

Councilor Ortiz reported on the Police Commission's discussion of budget issues, the Whitaker Community Council meeting, and parking issues related to enterprise zone activity.

Councilor Pryor reported he had attended the Track and Field opening ceremony; taken a bike tour of bicycle facilities in Ward 8, and attended the Lane Council of Government meeting which was George Kloeppel's last as Executive Director.

Councilor Poling reported on the Mayor's One-On-One held in Ward 4, the recent Eugene Police Department promotion ceremony, the Travel lane County Awards Dinner, the opening of Willakenzie Crossing, and the Lane Transit District EmX Steering Committee meeting.

Councilor Clark expressed appreciation for the Olympic Trials event, and reported on the Northeast Neighbors meeting at which the attendees discussed the interim use of undeveloped parkland.

Councilor Taylor suggested that unused parkland be converted in community gardens, and commended the "Step into Poetry" display in the stairwells of the Overpark. Councilor Taylor asked staff for information about regulations covering vacant houses that aren't being maintained.

Councilor Farr supported the creation of community gardens and announced that he had named Claire Syrett to serve as the Ward 6 appointee to the Sustainability Commission.

Mayor Piercy reported on the dedication of the Officer Chris Kilcullen memorial garden at Willamette High School, the Fire and Emergency Services graduation ceremony, and her participation in judging the "most beautiful chicken contest."

Mayor Piercy adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest

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City Recorder