

City of Springfield
Joint Elected Officials (JEO) Regular Meeting

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE JOINT ELECTED OFFICIALS
FROM THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AND LANE COUNTY
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2005.

The City of Springfield Council and Lane County Commissioners met in a Regular Session in the Library Meeting Room, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield, Oregon, on Monday, June 20, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Leiken and Commissioner Chair Anna Morrison presiding.

ATTENDANCE

Present were Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy, Mayor Leiken and Councilors Ballew, Fitch, Lundberg, Woodrow and Pishioneri and Commissioner Chair Anna Morrison and Commissioners Sorenson, Stewart and Green. Also present were County Administrator Bill VanVactor, City Manager Mike Kelly, Assistant City Manager Cynthia Pappas, City Attorney Joe Leahy, Administrative Coordinator Julie Wilson and members of the staff.

Councilor Ralston and Commissioner Dwyer were absent (excused).

Roll call was conducted for the Springfield Council. All members were present except for Councilor Ralston (excused).

Commissioner Morrison called to order the Lane County Board of Commissioners meeting for June 20, 2005. Board members were present except for Commissioner Dwyer (excused).

Mayor Leiken welcomed Eugene Mayor Piercy.

UPBEAT

1. Recognition of ACTSO Medal Winners from Lane County Schools.

Commissioner Green introduced this item and said the elected officials would take this time to recognize some outstanding young individuals in the community. This recognition occurred on an annual basis. ACT-SO was sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and was an acronym for Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics. The program encouraged high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students. There were many categories for the competition and all African-American high school students who were citizens of the United States were eligible to participate.

Commissioner Green introduced Arbrella Luvert, member of NAACP Executive Board, and also one of the advisors for ACTSO. Ms. Luvert said this was one of the greatest programs there was in terms of youth initiative for African American students. She shared information regarding the NAACP, one of the largest and oldest civil rights organizations which had two youth initiatives. This one was targeted for African American youth in high schools. The very first competition was held in Portland, Oregon. The program offered opportunity for students to compete in sports as well as an opportunity to compete in several academic areas. She thanked the elected officials

for taking the time to recognize the success of the students. She also recognized Dr. Snell Fontus for his efforts and support related to this program. She acknowledged the mentorship associated with this program.

Commissioner Green thanked participants, including specific audience members, the parents at the meeting this evening, NAACP board members Dennis Shine and Henry Luvert, and chaperones also at the meeting this evening.

Mayor Piercy said she would be recognizing Eugene students but also wanted to express, on behalf of the entire community and Eugene council appreciation of all participants and how much they appreciated the efforts they had made. She read a proclamation recognizing the ACT-SO program.

Mayor Piercy recognized Gold Medal Winners from Eugene as follows:

Destiny Henderson, Churchill High School, Gold, Photography and Oratory
Desiree Fountaine, Churchill High School, Gold, Essay
Courtney Howard, Churchill High School, Gold, Drawing

Mayor Leiken thanked everyone for their support of the ACT-SO program and read his letter of support to the students. He also recognized efforts of Dennis Shine for recommending recognition of the ACT-SO program about five years ago. Mayor Leiken recognized the accomplishments of the students and recognized Springfield Gold Medal winners as follows:

Ashley Patterson, Thurston High School, Gold, Dramatics
Justin Roberts, Springfield High School, Gold, Poetry
James Harman, Thurston High School, Gold, Musical Instrument/Classical
James Harman, Thurston High School, Gold, Musical Instrument/Contemporary

Commissioner Anna Morrison echoed comments made by both Mayors and thanked everyone for their support. She recognized accomplishments of the following students:

Ashley Patterson, Thurston High School, Gold, Dramatics
Courtney Howard, Churchill High School, Gold, Drawing
Justin Roberts, Springfield High School, Gold, Poetry
James Harman, Thurston High School, Gold, Musical Instrument/Classical & Contemporary
Desiree Fountaine, Churchill High School, Gold, Essay
Destiny Henderson, Churchill High School, Gold, Photography and Oratory

Commissioner Morrison presented the students with a check presentation to NAACP / ACT-SO Program, in the amount of \$5,000, on behalf of the Lane County Board of County Commissioners. This funding was to help defray trip expenses to Milwaukee while participating in the International ACT-SO Competition.

Ashley Patterson presented a monologue called the "Invisible Friend." The group applauded her presentation and message.

Mayor Leiken thanked Mayor Piercy for attending. She exited the meeting.

Mayor Leiken thanked Ashley Patterson for her presentation.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Proposed Metro Plan Diagram Amendment, Concurrent Glenwood Refinement Plan Diagram Amendment, Glenwood Refinement Plan Text Amendment Establishing Designation, Zoning, and Development Policies, and Amendment to the Springfield Development Code for the Area Known as "Subarea 8: The River Opportunity Area" in the Glenwood Refinement Plan, Excepting the Parcels South of the Railroad Tracks.

Mayor Leiken opened the public hearing for Springfield.

Commissioner Morrison opened the public hearing and announced this was a second reading and public hearing of ordinance PA 12-23, IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN AREA GENERAL PLAN COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE METRO PLAN, DIAGRAM FOR PROPERTY IN THE GLENWOOD AREA WITH CONCURRENT GLENWOOD REFINEMENT PLAN DIAGRAM AND TEXT AMENDMENTS AND ADOPTING SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES.

Commissioner Morrison conducted a reading in regards to the second half, ORDINANCE NO. 2-05, IN THE MATTER AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF LANE CODE TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE SPRINGFIELD DEVELOPMENT REGULATION FOR APPLICATION TO URBANIZABLE LANDS WITHIN THE SPRINGFIELD URBAN GROWTH AREA, LANE CODE 10.600-15, AND ADOPTING SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES.

Commissioner Morrison introduced Lane County staff representative Stephanie Schultz.

City Planner Susanna Julber introduced this topic. The package of amendments necessary to adopt a redevelopment process for the Glenwood Riverfront, which the council initiated on September 20, 2004, was now before the Springfield City Council and Lane County Board of Commissioners. The amendments would allow the development of Subarea 8 into a land use pattern which included a mix of residential, office, and commercial uses along the Glenwood Riverfront, as well as allow the flexibility to respond to a changing market through a Master Plan Modification procedure.

The Mixed Use/Nodal Development Metro Plan and Refinement Plan diagram designations were effective upon adoption of this amendment. The remainder of the Amendments, including Article 44 of the Springfield Development Code, and zoning districts consistent with the policies of the Refinement Plan, were applied as the properties within the Project Area are annexed into the City.

The Springfield Planning Commission made a recommendation for approval of the Amendments, with some recommended changes on May 18, 2005, with a vote of 6-0. The Lane County Planning Commission made a recommendation for approval, with some recommended changes, on May 17, 2005, with a vote of 4-1-1. These changes were addressed in Attachment 2.

No specific development was approved pursuant to the Joint Elected Official's approval of the Amendments. A second reading of the Ordinance before the Springfield City Council was scheduled for July 18. The Lane County Board of Commissioners had a first reading on the

amendments on June 1, 2005. The Joint Elected Officials may elect to keep the record open at this June 20 meeting.

Ms. Julber entered into the public record the packet the elected officials had, all the exhibits and attachments. She noted that the minutes from the Planning Commission meetings had not been approved yet and were in draft at this point. She pointed to Exhibit E of the ordinance, which was the staff report, and the response to criteria and findings for the plan and development code amendments for Subarea 8, the river opportunity area in Glenwood. This report showed that it met the criteria from Article 7 of the Springfield Development Code for plan amendments and development code amendments.

1. Fred Simmons, 312 52nd Street, Springfield, OR. Mr. Simmons spoke regarding this topic. He had resistance to the amalgamation in that turf. As far as planning goes, a one hundred foot buffer needed to be maintained. The seventy-five foot average appeared there would be some substantial alterations in the process. The concept of storm water issues were such that we needed to go one step further than just cleaning storm water. We needed to change the plumbing codes and change codes to allow storm water to be used for sanitary sewer purposes in this type of area and use it as a complimentary sustainable component. One of the problems with the plan was the issues of exclusions of business. There are a number of nodes that were adopted previously in Springfield and none have come to fruition. They have been replaced by Burrito Amigos and other facilities that don't fit into that node. When some businesses were excluded here, you begin to foreclose some of the economic opportunities in that area. The dream was great; there was no question about that. It was a significant contribution to the community, but the entire zoning change at this point, by excluding some of those other uses, not only put a grandfather clause in there, but created some real ending points for people that have those existing businesses. Because of their non conforming use, they would not be able to go to a financial institution and secure funding for expansion or replacement of those businesses. There were glitches that needed to be addressed, but the bucket was not there to fund it. There were some restrictions on existing business. He urged council to be careful.
2. Zachary Vishanoff, Patterson Street Eugene, OR. Mr. Vishanoff provided an article to the group, by the Oregon Daily Emerald, titled Community Groups Fear Impacts of ODOT Plan. This article was related to interchange problems. He said this plan seemed to tie into the interchange and our community had not discussed the Gateway problem. That was one of the things it was rationalizing putting in the interchange there. Somehow we don't know when we are coming into Eugene. If there was a more grand entrance then we could become the world's greatest place. He said the Gateway problem was something people in Eugene needed to discuss. He did not think people would spend a lot of money trying to create a real psychological entrance when we had a backlog in road repair already. He referenced the congress of the new urbanism group and read a portion of an article titled "New Urbanism Doesn't Speak to Western Towns".
3. Jozef Siekiel-Zdzienicki, 1025 Taylor Street, Eugene, OR. Mr. Siekiel-Zdzienicki testified regarding this subject. He referenced the Glenwood Redevelopment Plan and said it is a great project. The filtration system went along with what they say they wanted to do and he thought it would work. He said the steeping of the roofline was good and the confinement of the lighted areas was important. He had two caveats, though. He said

the setback from the river should be more than seventy-five feet. He said he would push for one hundred and fifty, but did not think that was a viable number, so he would push for the one hundred foot setback. The density for these properties would be high. He said since the focus was on the river you would have more people going toward it. People don't stay on the path. That extra twenty-five feet would make a big difference. He warned that there would be areas that would be grandfathered in that were less than seventy-five feet from the river. You need to be very careful about that. He is a builder and realized some can find a loophole in the rule and would get around this.

Mayor Leiken closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Morrison asked if anyone else wanted to testify and no one appeared. Commissioner Morrison closed the public hearing for the Board of County Commissioners.

Springfield City Council will not take action on this until July 18th.

Commissioner Morrison said the Lane County Commissioners would take action on July 27 their next available meeting date after the Springfield City Council takes action.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STEWART WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GREEN, THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MOVED TO BRING ORDINANCE PA 12 23 AND ORDINACE 2-05, TO A THIRD READING AND DELIBERATION ON JULY 27. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Springfield City Council was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Lane County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes Recorder Julie Wilson

Sidney W. Leiken
Mayor

Attest:

City Recorder