

The latest from the City Manager's Office on The Coal Train Issue (email RCD 8/21/12):

The Eugene City Council has a work session on Monday evening, September 17, which tentatively is scheduled for discussion on the proposed transport of coal for export through Eugene. This is a regularly scheduled Eugene City Council work session rather than an open forum. As scheduled, the work session begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Bascom-Tykeson Rooms of the Eugene Public Library, and it will be followed by 7:30 p.m. public hearings on other items.

The Mayor will convene and run the meeting and panelists will share information -- Mayor Piercy and members of the City Council will ask questions, offer perspectives and discuss issues. Work sessions are open to the public, although there is no public testimony opportunity. At this work session, the council is not scheduled to take action on a proposed resolution to oppose coal transport through Eugene; consideration of the resolution would occur at a later meeting.

After consulting with the Mayor and Councilor Alan Zelenka, who introduced the proposed resolution, staff extended invitations for presenters from the Port of Coos Bay, Climate Solutions and Physicians for Social Responsibility, and to Reedsport Mayor Keith Tymchuk in his capacity as a member of the Oregon Solutions Network – Regional Advisory Committee for the South Coast. We are confirming these speakers and it is possible that the date could change.

The council's tentative working agenda is available on the City of Eugene public website. Eugene City Council meetings include a Public Forum opportunity for testimony on this and other issues, and these are set for the September 10 and September 24 meetings, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. The Eugene City Council now is on summer recess. The tentative working agenda (link below) includes future council meeting dates, as well as items tentatively scheduled for upcoming meetings. With the closure of Eugene City Hall, council meetings will happen in the Bascom-Tykeson Rooms in early fall before moving to Harris Hall in the Lane County Public Service Building.

For additional information, you may contact Sustainability Liaison Babe O'Sullivan, babe.osullivan@ci.eugene.or.us, 541-682-5017, or me. We will keep you and others updated on the council's agenda planning on this item. Thank you for your interest!

Regards,

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