

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Virtual Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

May 11, 2020
7:30 p.m.

Councilors Present: Emily Semple, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, Jennifer Yeh, Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor

Mayor Vinis opened the May 11, 2020, meeting of the Eugene City Council in a virtual format.

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

Council Discussion

- Councilor Evans – informed council that action on the proposed resolution declaring May as Asian Pacific American Month would be postponed until May 26 so that additional edits to the resolution language could be incorporated.
- Councilor Semple – expressed concern about the pace and availability of Covid-19 testing; asked about the City’s exit strategy for homeless camps.
- Mayor Vinis – read aloud the “May 2020 is Still Bike Month” Proclamation.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes
 - April 22, 2020, Work Session
 - April 27, 2020, Work Session
 - April 27, 2020, Meeting
- B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda
- C. Ratification of FY21 Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC) Regional Wastewater Program Budget and Capital Improvements Program

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Yeh, moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar 1. **PASSED 8:0.**

3. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Joshua Korn – requested a moratorium on all new 5G-related infrastructure.
2. JoJo Jensen – supported immediate implementation of sensible short-term rental regulations.
3. Dan Bryant – encouraged extension of the Low-Income Rental Housing Property Tax Exemption.
4. Thomas Hiura – spoke about censorship of political candidates.
5. Tim Kovash – voiced concern about the lack of collaboration on the STR ad hoc committee.
6. Bruce Sisson – asked council to consider the results of a public survey on STRs showing support.
7. Lin Woodrich – outlined projects and other initiatives currently underway in the Bethel area.
8. Kathryn Dunn – requested a pause on activity and reconfiguration of the STR committee.
9. Valerie Harris – said the outcome of the STR committee process is disappointing; no consensus.
10. Chelsea Swift – spoke about the effects of re-opening local commerce and shelter issues.
11. Kris McAlister – thanked all involved in shelter-in-place coordination; requested more facilities.
12. Kristina Lang – opposed any new regulations on short-term rentals.
13. John Barofsky – expressed appreciation for staff and volunteers associated with the Street Bond.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Clark – supported those who advocated a reconstitution of the STR Ad Hoc Committee; agreed with the testimony of Dan Bryant.
- Councilor Evans – acknowledged the many good things and positive momentum happening in the Bethel area.
- Councilor Taylor – voiced support for immediate council action on STR regulations.

City Manager Pro Tem Medary briefed council on the status of and plans for the short-term rental issue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest

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City Recorder

Link to the webcast of this City Council meeting [here](#).