

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Virtual Work Session Eugene, Oregon 97401

November 18, 2020
12:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Vinis opened the November 18, 2020, work session of the Eugene City Council.

1. **WORK SESSION: Eugene Municipal Court Update**

Municipal Court Presiding Judge Greg Gill gave an update on Eugene Municipal Court operations.

Councilor Evans joined the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – thanked Judge Gill and Municipal Court staff; asked clarifying questions about the court docket and its timeframe; asked if Municipal Court has learned any new practices from Circuit Court.
- Councilor Syrett – stated she is impressed by the work of Judge Gill and Municipal Court staff and pleased to hear that a virtual court can continue as the community moves out of the pandemic.
- Councilor Semple – asked questions regarding court access; asked why minor offenses are brought in front of a judge in a month when other trials are waiting until March for a court date.
- Councilor Zelenka – thanked Judge Gill and staff; expressed appreciation that a virtual court can continue after the pandemic; asked if justice is still being served during the pandemic.
- Councilor Taylor – stated it disturbs her to hear that people are cited and fined for smoking marijuana when people who are doing things to other people get by.

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. to allow Council to transition in the virtual format.

Mayor Vinis reconvened the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e)**

The City Council met in Executive Session held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) to deliberate with persons designated to negotiate real property transactions.

The meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Julie Adams
Deputy City Recorder

(Recorded by Jessica Gebb)

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