

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

April 10, 2023
7:30 p.m.

Councilors Present: Emily Semple, Matt Keating, Alan Zelenka, Jennifer Yeh, Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Lyndsie Leech, and Randy Groves

Mayor Vinis opened the April 10, 2023, meeting of the Eugene City Council in a hybrid in-person and virtual format at 101 W. 10th Avenue, Suite 114, Eugene, OR 97401.

1. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Vinis read proclamations for National Day of Silence and Earth Day.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Evans – shared updates from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding active bills and legislative priorities.
- Councilor Keating – spoke about recent meetings with the Southeast Neighbors Association and his attendance of the National League of Cities Congressional Conference; noted the upcoming meeting of the Human Rights Commission’s Homelessness and Poverty Work Group.
- Councilor Groves – noted upcoming meetings of the Active Bethel Citizens and the Churchill Area Neighbors.
- Mayor Vinis – noted an upcoming Earth Day event and an event for Food Waste Prevention Week.
- Councilor Clark – noted the upcoming Annual Book Sale benefitting the Friends of Eugene Public Library.
- Mayor Vinis – spoke about her recent trip to Kakegawa, Japan, one of Eugene’s Sister Cities.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- February 27, 2023 Meeting
- March 8, 2023 Work Session
- March 13, 2023 Public Hearing and Meeting
- March 15, 2023 Work Session

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

C. Approval of A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Water Utility System Revenue Bonds and Providing for Related Matters

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Groves, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to approve the items on Consent Calendar 1.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

4. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Lin Woodrich – spoke in favor of a public health overlay zone in West Eugene.
2. Robin Bloomgarden – spoke in favor of a public health overlay zone in West Eugene.
3. Jan Bohman – spoke in favor of a public health overlay zone in West Eugene.
4. Jere C. Rosemeyer – spoke in favor of a health overlay zone in West Eugene.
5. Sue Craig – spoke in favor of a health overlay zone in West Eugene.
6. Elliot Grey – spoke in favor of the electrification ordinance.
7. Lisa Dion – spoke in favor of a health overlay zone in West Eugene.
8. Rich Locke – spoke about environmental impact of unhoused population.
9. Timothy J. Williams – spoke on behalf of the unhoused community.
10. Otto Poticha – spoke in favor a master plan for the new city hall site.
11. Paige Hopkins – spoke in favor of a health overlay zone in West Eugene.
12. Zach Mulholland – spoke in favor of a health overlay zone and revenue committee.
13. Wayne Martin – spoke in support of better treatment of the unhoused community.
14. Laura Appell – spoke for the decriminalization of psychedelic plants and fungi.
15. Arjorie Arberry-Baribeault – spoke in favor of a health overlay zone in West Eugene.
16. Suzanne O'Shea – spoke in favor of a health overlay zone in West Eugene.
17. Jerrel Brown – spoke in favor of a health overlay zone in West Eugene.
18. Randolph Nelson – spoke in favor of a designate unhoused camping area.
19. Josh Easterlund – spoke for the decriminalization of psychedelic plants and fungi.
20. Sammy Rothauge – spoke in favor of affordable housing.
21. Bella Lee – spoke in favor of supporting homeless youth.
22. Patty Hine – spoke in favor of a public health overlay zone in West Eugene.
23. Thomas Newman – spoke in favor density in new housing.

Council Discussion

- Mayor Vinis – noted her appreciation for those who gave testimony including Lisa Dion and those who spoke on behalf of the unhoused.
- Councilor Semple – noted her appreciation for those who gave testimony including Timothy Williams, Wayne Martin, Sammy Rothauge and Bella Lee.
- Councilor Groves – noted his support for the public health overlay zone; noted the limitations of a zone; noted local resources to deal with toxic waste.
- Councilor Evans – noted his appreciation for those who gave testimony including Lin Woodrich, Robin Bloomgarden, Suzanne O'Shea, Jerrel Brown, and other residents from Wards 6 and 8.
- Councilor Keating – noted his appreciation for those who gave testimony including Lisa Dion, Thomas Newman, Jan Bohman, and other members of local organizations.

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katie LaSala". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Katie" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "LaSala".

Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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