

## MINUTES

### Eugene City Council Meeting and Eugene Urban Renewal Agency Meeting and Eugene City Council Public Hearing Eugene, Oregon 97401

March 13, 2023  
5:30 p.m.

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

Councilor Groves opened the March 13, 2023, meeting of the Eugene City Council in a hybrid in-person and virtual format at 101 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 114, Eugene, OR 97401.

#### 1. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Councilor Groves read proclamations for International Women’s Day, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and Transgender Day of Visibility on behalf of Mayor Vinis.

#### 2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Zelenka – noted that oil companies reported record profits this year.

#### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

##### A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- February 13, 2023 Meeting
- February 22, 2023 Work Session
- February 27, 2023 Work Session
- February 28, 2023 Joint Elected Officials Public Hearing

##### B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

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

**VOTE: 8:0 PASSED**

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARING – An Ordinance Concerning Rental Housing; Amending Sections 8.405, 8.415, 8.425, and 8.440 of the Eugene Code, 1971; and Adding Sections 8.437 and 8.445 to that Code.

Councilor Groves opened the Public Hearing.

Councilor Groves provided time for Council members to disclose any potential conflicts of interest.

#### Council Discussion:

- Councilor Leech – noted that she has a potential conflict of interest because she owns two rental units in the city of Eugene.

- Councilor Keating – noted that he rents a dwelling unit in the city of Eugene.

City Manager, Sarah Medary, introduced the topic and provided background information.

1. Daniel Patrick Isaacson – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
2. Dusti Wolfe – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
3. Rebecca Bradvica – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
4. Dylan Plummer – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
5. Alli Sayre – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
6. Kim Arscott – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
7. Jeffrey Albanese – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
8. Ryan Moore – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
9. John Prince – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
10. Christopher Looney – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
11. Matt Bryson – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
12. Gavin Burgess – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
13. Shanda Miller – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
14. Darren Stone – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
15. Zach Mulholland – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
16. Scott Smith – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
17. Lisa Connolly – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
18. Rajeev Ravisankar – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
19. Joan Morgan – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
20. Mearl Grabill – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
21. Annette Gurdjian – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
22. Ron Burley – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
23. Kathryn Netter – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
24. Charlie Swanson – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
25. Sara Pyle – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
26. Jessica Greenlee – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
27. Brittany Quick-Warner – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
28. Joann Shotola – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
29. Joshua Cavalo – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
30. Richard Thorin – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
31. Lynn Porter – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
32. Bethany Cotton – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
33. Max Liebreich – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
34. Diana Stearns – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
35. Randy Birzer – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
36. Mahindra Kumar – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
37. Jacob Trewe – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
38. Ethan Klein – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
39. Orazio Belsito – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
40. Eva Kronen – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
41. John Roberts – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
42. Eric Lundberg – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
43. Tod Harris – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

44. Ian Winbrock – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
45. Dan Pulju – noted suggested changes to the ordinance.
46. Sue Prichard – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
47. Mike Grudzien – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
48. Tim Olguin – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
49. Danny Noonan – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
50. Tim Morris – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
51. Don Heady – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
52. Aimee Lahey – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
53. Stefan Strek – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
54. Vicki Miller – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
55. Kris McAlister – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
56. Kevin Cronin – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
57. Nancy Mackay – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
58. Marilyn Nagy – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
59. Lana Sheta – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
60. Marcia Edwards – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
61. Kathryn Dunn – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
62. Paul Fenley – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
63. Ryan Therrell – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
64. Lilia Hinds – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
65. Kim McCarty – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
66. Charlie Hansen – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
67. Todd Miller – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
68. Madeline Cowen – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
69. Patricia Hine – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
70. Sarah Means – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
71. Angelique Orman – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
72. Mysti Frost – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
73. David De La Torre – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
74. Mary Reilly – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
75. Jamey Duhamel – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
76. Misty Jones – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
77. Aya Cockram – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
78. Celine Swenson Harris – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
79. Chris Wig – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
80. Brian Kester – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
81. Steve Coastsworth – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
82. Tara Garkow – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
83. Sandra Bishop – spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
84. Ellen McKean – spoke in favor of the ordinance.
85. Austin Fohnagy – spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Councilor Groves closed the Public Hearing.

#### Council Discussion

- Councilor Keating – spoke to clarify the relationship between landlords and tenants.

- Councilor Groves – noted his appreciation for the evening’s speakers; stated that he intends to deliberate further on this issue.
- Councilor Semple – noted her appreciation for the community’s engagement on this issue.
- Councilor Yeh – noted her appreciation for the evening’s speakers.

**5. PUBLIC FORUM**

1. Barry Nobel – spoke in favor of serving food to the unhoused.
2. Stefan Strek – asked people to speak out about improvements they’d like to see.
3. Thomas Newman – spoke in favor of housing density.
4. Zach Mulholland – spoke in favor of a revenue committee.
5. Don Heady – spoke in favor of mending the community.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING and ACTION: 2023-2029 Capital Improvement Program**

Councilor Groves opened the Public Hearing.

City Manager, Sarah Medary, introduced the topic and provided background information.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Clark – asked how much of the City’s buildable land will be served by the Capital Improvement Program.
1. Stefan Strek – spoke in favor of converting to cobblestone streets.

Councilor Groves closed the Public Hearing.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to adopt the Proposed 2023-2029 Capital Improvement Program as recommended by the Budget Committee.  
**VOTE: 8:0 PASSED**

**7. ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Budget Committee Term and Amending Sections 2.013 and 2.604 of the Eugene Code.**

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to adopt An Ordinance Concerning Budget Committee Term and Amending Sections 2.013 and 2.604 of the Eugene Code, 1971.  
**VOTE: 7:1 PASSED** (Councilor Clark opposed)

**Councilor Groves closed the meeting of the Eugene City Council and convened a meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency.**

**8. ACTION: Ownership Transfer of Farmers Market Pavilion and Plaza**

City Manager and Agency Director, Sarah Medary, introduced the topic and provided background information.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – asked how the City plans to preserve and honor the history of the Eugene Farmer’s market.
- Councilor Keating – noted his enthusiasm for additional uses for the Pavilion.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to direct the Agency Director to take the actions necessary to facilitate the transfer of ownership of the Pavilion Property from the Urban Renewal Agency to the City of Eugene for no consideration.

**VOTE: 8:0 PASSED**

**Councilor Groves closed the meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency.**

Councilor Groves adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala  
City Recorder

*(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)*

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