

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

February 27, 2023
7:30 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Greg Evans

Mayor Vinis opened the February 27, 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. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Keating – noted his appreciation for Mayor Vinis strongly denouncing the recent anti-Semitic activity in the community.
- Councilor Semple – noted that Egan Warming Centers are not open tonight but will be open tomorrow evening.
- Councilor Leech – spoke against the recent anti-Semitic activity in the community.
- Mayor Vinis – noted that she attended services at Temple Beth Israel Friday evening to show support for the community.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- February 6, 2023 Special Meeting
- February 8, 2023 Work Session
- February 13, 2023 Work Session
- February 15, 2023 Work Session
- February 21, 2023 Public Hearing

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

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

VOTE: 7:0 PASSED

3. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Lin Woodrich – spoke in favor of a public health overlay zone in West Eugene.
2. Hanna Nguyen – spoke in favor of a public health overlay zone in Eugene.
3. Peter Dragovich – noted concerns about misinformation spread by signature gatherers.
4. Natalie Crowder – spoke against the ban on fossil fuel infrastructure in new residential construction.
5. Debra Mc Gee – spoke in favor of building electrification.
6. Jim Neu – spoke in favor of building electrification.

7. Jacob Trewe – spoke in favor of building electrification.
8. Joshua Korn – spoke about wireless safety and broadband infrastructure.
9. Carol Zorn – spoke against the ban on fossil fuel infrastructure in new residential construction.
10. Nancy Hoheuberry – spoke in favor of affordable housing for the elderly.
11. Duane Mick – spoke in favor of affordable housing for the elderly.
12. Nancy Ahnert – spoke in favor of building electrification.
13. David Piccioni – spoke about strategies to obtain electricity.
14. Ulla McKinney – spoke in favor of affordable housing for the elderly.
15. David Igl – spoke in favor of maintaining accurate historical records.
16. Abigail Gravatt – spoke in favor of building electrification.
17. Sabrina Siegel – spoke about the effects of wireless radiation.
18. Kiasia Baggenstos – spoke about the effects of parking tickets on students.
19. William Smith – spoke about wireless safety and broadband infrastructure.
20. Patricia Hine – spoke in favor of building electrification.
21. Rita Kingsley – spoke in favor of affordable housing for the elderly.
22. Mike Charlton – spoke in favor of building electrification.
23. Dan Staso – noted his concerns about the World Economic Forum.
24. Kevin Cronin – spoke in favor of renter protections.
25. Richard Locke – spoke in favor of environmental stewardship.
26. Eva Bortnick – spoke about wireless safety and broadband infrastructure.
27. Mearl Grabill – spoke in favor of renter protections.

Council Discussion

- Mayor Vinis – noted her appreciation for the testimony from the residents of the Eugene Hotel.
- Councilor Semple – noted her appreciation for the testimony from the residents of the Eugene Hotel, 350 Eugene, and those who spoke about 5G and wireless safety.
- Councilor Keating – noted his appreciation for the testimony from the residents of the Eugene Hotel; encouraged climate advocates to continue working towards a healthier planet; noted appreciation for local amenities including the Hult Center.
- Councilor Yeh – spoke about resources to learn more about Black History Month .
- Councilor Groves – noted his concern for those on fixed incomes experiencing rent increases.
- Councilor Leech – noted her appreciation for the evening’s speakers.

4. ACTION: An Ordinance Providing for Withdrawal of Annexed Properties from the Following Special Districts: Goshen Rural Fire Protection District; Junction City Water Control District; Lane Fire Authority; River Road Parks & Recreation District; River Road Water District; Santa Clara Rural Fire Protection District; Santa Clara Water District; Willakenzie Rural Fire Protection District; and Willamalane Park and Recreation District.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Groves, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to adopt An Ordinance Providing for Withdrawal of Annexed Properties from the Following Special Districts: Goshen Rural Fire Protection District; Junction City Water Control District; Lane Fire Authority; River Road Parks & Recreation District; River

Road Water District; Santa Clara Rural Fire Protection District; Santa Clara Water District; Willakenzie Rural Fire Protection District; and Willamalane Park and Recreation District.

VOTE: 7:0 PASSED

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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