

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Work Session Eugene, Oregon 97401

February 22, 2023
12:00 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Greg Evans

Mayor Vinis opened the February 22, 2023, work session of the Eugene City Council in a hybrid format at 101 W 10th Avenue, Eugene OR 97401.

1. **WORK SESSION: Eugene Airport Advanced Terminal Planning Study**

City Manager, Sarah Medary, introduced Airport Director, Cathryn Stephens, who was joined by RS&H's Mark Ip, Rikki Scantlan, and Frank Gratton, to present information on the Eugene Airport Advanced Terminal Planning Study.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka – asked staff to discuss recent awards and recognition the Eugene Airport received; asked if a greenhouse reduction analysis has been done related to flying local; asked how electrification and alternative fuels infrastructure would integrate into the expansion plan; asked if this expansion plan would be subject to the state requirement for green energy technologies; asked to confirm that the \$200 million cost would not come out of the general fund; noted that the airport can increase capacity while decreasing environmental impact.
- Councilor Groves – noted that the airport needs increased capacity; asked if there are any Federal Aviation Administration grants that can help fund this project; would be like to see how the project would be done in phases and how that would work; would be interested in conference rooms for local business to rent at the airport; is in support of exploring all options, including the alternative fuel options.
- Councilor Keating – asked staff to outline Eugene's 2020 Airport of the Year award; asked about strategy to address revenue growth and to increase staffing to match industry standards; noted an opportunity to expand and utilize advertising in the airport; asked staff to expand on any plans or work to increase transportation and lodging options; interested in an outdoor pet friendly space at the airport.
- Councilor Leech – asked staff to explain the need and projected volume for a charter terminal.
- Councilor Yeh – asked staff to confirm airport capacity and if this project would help to increase revenue and other opportunities such as hotels and transportation; supports the plan to explore all options for the expansion project and alternative fuels.

- Councilor Zelenka – asked staff to discuss weapons confiscated at security.
- Councilor Groves – asked for a projected cost information report; asked if the Eugene Airport is at capacity for air cargo.
- Councilor Keating – asked how the project will impact Lane Aviation Academy at the Eugene Airport.

2. **WORK SESSION: Civilian Oversight System**

Mayor Vinis introduced Police Auditor, Leia Pitcher, who presented information on the Civilian Oversight System recommendations.

Councilor Discussion:

- Mayor Vinis – noted the meeting will be extended 10 minutes and a follow up work session will be scheduled to provide appropriate time to discuss the topic.
- Councilor Groves – is concerned that the proposed changes are meant to expand the process; is concerned with maintaining objectivity and neutrality as well as the public perception of such; supports the addition of mediation; would like information on improving the current processes without expanding or drawing the auditor in to the process.
- Councilor Zelenka – believes the system is effective as it stands; would not support a motion to overhaul the system; is concerned that some suggestions from the ad hoc committee are not appropriate; asked if there are other recommendations from the ad hoc committee that were not presented.
- Councilor Yeh – noted that policy oversight is an important aspect of the auditor’s job; would support exploring the options brought forth in another work session to consider improvements to the processes.
- Councilor Keating – would like to hear commendations as well as complaints that come through the auditor’s office; noted concern with police policies being coupled with hiring; asked if there have been complaints about the hiring process; asked the auditor to bring back answers to the following questions: does the police auditor process align with national police reform plans, what are we trying to fix, do we have an oversight system that we are proud of currently, are we trying to solve a problem that does not exist, and how do the recommendations impact the job of the police chief; believes another work session is needed before Council can consider taking action on any recommendations for change.
- Councilor Leech – supports another work session to discuss and consider the recommendations brought forth.

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "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 Sara McKinney)
Webcast of meeting available [here](#).