

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

May 8, 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 May 8, 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 World Mental Health Awareness Month, International Period Month, International Workers' Day, and International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Yeh – noted that the City planted 746 trees this season including several redwoods along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.
- Councilor Leech – noted that it is Maternal Mental Health Month and encouraged the community to support new parents; spoke in favor of maintaining a civil and positive discourse during election season.
- Councilor Keating – spoke about recent work by the Human Services Commission and the Poverty and Homeless Board; noted his recent attendance at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Freedom Fund Dinner; noted that he had read a proclamation for Workers Memorial Day on behalf of Mayor Vinis for the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations; noted that May 21st is NAMIWalks Day; noted that Election Day is May 16th and encouraged the community to vote; noted that there have been 199 mass shootings in the United States so far this year.
- Councilor Zelenka – noted his frustration and sadness around gun violence; noted his attendance at the annual Police Commission work planning retreat; noted that on May 7th Governor Kotek requested that public institutions fly their flags at half mast in recognition of fallen firefighters; noted his appreciation for firefighters and the dangerous work they do.
- Mayor Vinis – noted her attendance at the recent Public Safety Forum for the Spanish-speaking community.
- Councilor Groves – noted his appreciation for Mayor Vinis's proclamations and Councilor Zelenka for mentioning fallen firefighters; noted the many occupational hazards firefighters face.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- April 10, 2023 Work Session

- April 10, 2023 Meeting
- April 19, 2023 Work Session
- April 26, 2023 Work Session

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

C. Approval of Ratification of FY 2023-24 Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC), Regional Wastewater Program Budget and Capital Improvements Program

D. Approval of Eugene-Springfield 2023 Annual Action Plan for Affordable Housing and Community Development

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

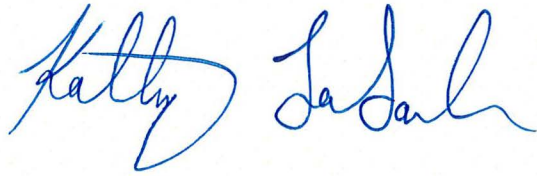
1. Vanessa Ringgold – spoke in favor of maintaining funding for Greenhill.
2. Diane Bolte-Silverman – spoke in favor of maintaining funding for Greenhill.
3. Joshua Korn – noted possible effects from vaccines for pregnant or lactating women.
4. Stefan Streck – spoke about recent city improvements and the value of positivity.
5. Gerilyn VanPykeren – spoke in favor of designated camping spaces for the homeless.
6. Amanda Ligon – spoke in favor of maintaining library funding.
7. Jason Bowman – spoke in favor of help for the homeless and against 2-hour notices.
8. Wayne Martin – spoke in favor of more humane policies for the unhoused.
9. Rich Locke – spoke in favor of designated camping spaces for the homeless.
10. Joan Medina – spoke about sidewalk inaccessibility and Make Way Day.
11. Emily Votaw – spoke in favor of maintaining funding for Greenhill.
12. Tara Nagelhout – spoke in favor of maintaining funding for Greenhill.
13. Misha English – spoke in favor of maintaining funding for Greenhill.
14. Sammy Rothauge – spoke in favor of more humane policies for the unhoused.
15. Eric Jackson – spoke in favor of more humane policies for the unhoused.
16. Cary Lieberman – spoke in favor of maintaining funding for Greenhill.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – noted the upcoming budget meeting; noted his appreciation for Joan Medina’s testimony about clear sidewalks and accessibility issues.

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "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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