

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

July 10, 2023
7:30 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Lyndsie Leech

Mayor Vinis opened the July 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 a proclamation for The 33rd Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Evans – shared updates from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding legislative priorities and results from the legislative session.
- Councilor Groves – noted his appreciation for the firefighters who worked on the Moon Mountain Fire.
- Councilor Keating – noted his appreciation for Eugene Springfield Fire and neighboring agencies who worked on the Moon Mountain Fire; noted his appreciation for those who chose not to set off fireworks on the 4th of July; noted his recent attendance at the Eugene Chamber of Commerce happy hour at Hayward Field.
- Councilor Zelenka – noted his appreciation for Eugene Springfield Fire and neighboring agencies who worked on the Moon Mountain Fire; noted the City may need to change its firefighting strategies over time due to climate change and drought.
- Councilor Groves – noted there were fewer calls reporting fireworks this year over last; noted that local fires pose a significant danger every year, but the local force can respond to most reports within minutes, preventing severe outcomes.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- May 15, 2023 Public Hearing
- May 24, 2023 Work Session
- June 12, 2023 Work Session

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

MOTION: Councilor Groves, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to approve the items on Consent Calendar 1. **VOTE: 7:0 PASSED**

4. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Nancy Ahnert – spoke in favor of decarbonization and electrification efforts.
2. Mike McFarlane – spoke in favor of decarbonization and electrification efforts.
3. Betzi Hitz – spoke in favor of decarbonization and electrification efforts.
4. Jim Neu – spoke in favor of decarbonization and electrification efforts.
5. David Igl – spoke about a local history exhibit.
6. Dylan Plummer – spoke in favor of decarbonization and electrification efforts.
7. Jacob Trewe – spoke in favor of decarbonization and electrification efforts.
8. Elissa Karim – spoke in favor of climate efforts.
9. Sam Tyler – spoke in favor of decarbonization and electrification efforts.
10. Don Heady – noted upcoming local events; spoke in favor of climate action.
11. Aya Cockram – spoke in favor of decarbonization and electrification efforts.
12. Chuck Areford – spoke in favor of decarbonization and other climate efforts.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Semple – expressed her appreciation for those who gave testimony; spoke in favor of reducing consumption as a strategy to fight climate change.
- Councilor Zelenka – stated support for a climate action plan that focuses on significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.
- Councilor Evans – stated support for decarbonization incentives.
- Councilor Groves – spoke in favor of incentives and bringing people together to reduce carbon emissions.
- Councilor Keating – thanked Mike McFarlane for his testimony; thanked Mayor for creating the Blue Ribbon Business Council.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR 2: Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget; Making Appropriations for the City of Eugene for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022 and Ending June 30, 2023.

- A. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor's Map 17-04-10-14, Tax Lot 00900 Located on Hyacinth Street south of Travis Avenue) (City File: A 23-1)
- B. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor's Map 18-03-03-40, Tax Lot 01001 Located east of the terminus of Rockcross Road) (City File: ACAK Irrevocable Trust; A 23-2)

MOTION: Councilor Groves, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to approve the items on Consent Calendar 2. **VOTE: 7:0 PASSED**

6. ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Administration and Adoption of a Technical Code for Construction; Amending Sections 8.001, 8.002, 8.003, 8.005 and 8.010 of the Eugene Code, 1971; and Repealing Sections 8.265, 8.270, 8.275, 8.280, 8.285, 8.290, 8.295, 8.300, 8.305, 8.310, 8.905 And 8.915 of That Code; and Providing an Effective Date.

City Manager Medary introduced the proposed ordinance.

MOTION: Councilor Groves, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to adopt the Ordinance Concerning Administration and Adoption of a Technical Code for Construction as set forth in Attachment A.

VOTE: 7:0 PASSED

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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