

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

September 11, 2023
7:30 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Jennifer Yeh

Mayor Vinis opened the September 11, 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 International Day of Democracy.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Evans – shared updates from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding legislative priorities, preparation for the upcoming legislative session, and about the League of Oregon Cities conference in October.
- Councilor Groves – noted it was the anniversary of 9/11; noted the loss of life and health effects experienced by first responders.
- Councilor Keating – spoke about the anniversary of 9/11; noted he had gone on a ride along with Eugene Police Department; noted his attendance at the annual Southeast Neighbors Picnic; noted there is a Human Services Commission meeting next week.
- Mayor Vinis – noted her attendance at the Square One Village 10-year anniversary fundraiser; spoke about the significance and success of Square One Village.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- June 14, 2023 Work Session
- June 21, 2023 Work Session
- June 26, 2023 Work Session
- June 26, 2023 Meeting and Urban Renewal Agency Meeting
- July 10, 2023 Work Session
- July 10, 2023 Meeting

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

C. Approval of Adoption of a Resolution Amending Eugene City Council Operating Agreements and Repealing Resolution No. 5312

D. Approval of Motion Relating to Voters' Pamphlet for the November 2023 Special Election

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

4. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Lin Woodrich – spoke in favor of a public health overlay zone in West Eugene.
2. Allen Mc Wayne – spoke about weaknesses of the Eugene Emeralds’ stadium plan.
3. Stephen Boulton – spoke about changes to hangar leases at the Eugene airport.
4. Richard Locke – spoke about the effects of immigration and sanctuary cities.
5. Sandi Mann – spoke about the City’s response to issues including homelessness.
6. Billy Harper – spoke in favor of the city contributing funds for the Emeralds stadium.
7. Rachel Bitecoff – spoke in favor of the city contributing funds for the Emeralds stadium.
8. Jarl Berg – spoke in favor of the city contributing funds for the Emeralds stadium.
9. Benjamin Brubb – spoke about changes to hangar leases at the Eugene airport.
10. Jill Cole – spoke in favor of the city contributing funds for the Emeralds stadium.
11. Rick Satre – spoke in favor of the city contributing funds for the Emeralds stadium.
12. Don Heady – spoke about the closure of the University District hospital.
13. Kathryn Beer – spoke in favor of the city contributing funds for the Emeralds stadium.
14. Kimber Meyers – spoke in favor of the city contributing funds for the Emeralds stadium.
15. David Yeakel – spoke about changes to hangar leases at the Eugene airport.
16. Joshua Rodriguez – spoke in favor of the city giving funds for the Emeralds stadium.
17. Emma Spratt – spoke in favor of the city contributing funds for the Emeralds stadium.
18. Niles Hanson – spoke about changes to hangar leases at the Eugene airport.
19. Leslie Robinet – spoke about changes to hangar leases at the Eugene airport.
20. Dale Berg – spoke in favor of the city contributing funds for the Emeralds stadium.
21. Maya Lazaro – thanked city for work with Active Bethel Community.
22. John Hirons – spoke about changes to hangar leases at the Eugene airport.
23. Steve Kretsinger – spoke about changes to hangar leases at the Eugene airport.
24. Rena Cowan – spoke about changes to hangar leases at the Eugene airport.
25. Allan Benavides – spoke in favor of the city contributing funds for the Emeralds stadium.
26. Shad Turner – spoke about changes to hangar leases at the Eugene airport.
27. Tim Laue – spoke in favor of the city contributing funds for the Emeralds stadium.
28. Paul Redhead – spoke about changes to hangar leases at the Eugene airport.
29. Bruce Lamont – spoke about changes to hangar leases at the Eugene airport.
30. Warren Beer – spoke in favor of the city contributing funds for the Emeralds stadium.
31. Kerri Beverly – spoke about difficulties she has experienced in her life.
32. Jake Engelhardt – spoke in favor of the city contributing funds for the Emeralds stadium.
33. Eric Jackson – spoke about issues with the city website and with trespass letters.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Groves – noted that he is a baseball fan and has season tickets to the Eugene Emeralds; noted Council will be continuing to explore the issue of providing funds for the stadium; acknowledged the communication challenges between the hangar leaseholders, the airport, and the Federal Aviation Administration.
- Councilor Keating – thanked Emma Sprat for her testimony; noted his love for the Eugene Emeralds; noted Council will continue to explore avenues to contribute funds for the stadium; encouraged the community to offer funding ideas.
- Councilor Semple – noted her appreciation for the evening’s speakers; noted she is concerned about how to provide funding for the stadium given current budget constraints; encouraged the community to offer funding ideas.
- Councilor Zelenka – noted he is a fan of the Eugene Emeralds; stated he is concerned about how to provide funding for a stadium considering budget constraints; encouraged the community to offer funding ideas.
- Mayor Vinis – noted her appreciation for the evening’s speakers.

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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