

## MINUTES

### Eugene City Council Virtual Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

March 14, 2022  
7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Vinis opened the March 14, 2022, meeting of the Eugene City Council in virtual format.

#### 1. CEREMONIAL MATTER

Mayor Vinis proclaimed March 31, 2022, as Transgender Day of Visibility in the City of Eugene.

#### 2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

##### Council Discussion

- City Manager Medary – discussed options for providing humanitarian aid to the citizens of Ukraine.
- Councilor Syrett – thanked City Manager Medary and staff for their efforts to reestablish the City Council Emerging Need Fund.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to direct the City Manager to contribute \$10,000 from the City Council Emerging Need Fund to the nonprofit Direct Relief for humanitarian aid and relief in Ukraine. **PASSED 8:0**

- Councilor Semple – discussed candidate registrations for City Councilor elections.
- Councilor Yeh – discussed the opening of a renewable natural gas facility; gave an overview of presentations on equity, diversity, inclusion provided by Dr. Johnny Lake at a recent Police Commission meeting.
- Councilor Keating – discussed access issues with links to Transponder and other LGBTQIA+ resources on the City website; advocated for more prominent space on the City webpage for LGBTQIA+ resources; discussed a recent trip to Washington DC and President Biden’s advocacy for bipartisan efforts to address the national opioid crisis and lack of mental health resources.
- Councilor Zelenka – discussed the discrimination and equity presentation at Police Commission and suggested inviting Dr. Lake to a City Council meeting for part of a work session
- Councilor Clark – echoed Councilor Zelenka’s request that Dr. Lake present to Council on equity and inclusion.
- Councilor Evans – asked the City Manager about ongoing equity and diversity trainings within the City and advocated for additional presentations and resources dedicated to these issues; shared his experience with police encounters.

- City Manager Medary – discussed increased trainings surrounding equity, diversity and inclusion provided by the City.
- Councilor Evans – asked further questions about trainings related to the trans community and those representing the full gender spectrum.
- Councilor Yeh – noted “Pints for Cause” event for Transponder at Ninkasi Brewing on March 17.
- Mayor Vinis – provided an update that she sent letter to mayor of Irkutsk on behalf of Council condemning the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- Councilor Keating – asked to have the Mayor’s letter read aloud and placed into the City record.

## 2. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

- A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes
  - October 11, 2021, Work Session
  - October 20, 2021, Work Session
  - January 12, 2022, Work Session
  - January 19, 2022, Work Session
  - January 24, 2022, Work Session
  - January 24, 2022, Council Meeting
  - January 26, 2022, Work Session
- B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda
- C. Adoption of an Ordinance Providing for Withdrawal of Annexed Properties from the Following Special Districts: 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; and Willakenzie Rural Fire Protection District.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to approve the items on Consent Calendar 1, minus the October 11, 2021 meeting minutes. **PASSED 8:0**

## 3. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Michael Havlik – expressed concerns about proposed renter’s protections.
2. Kathryn Dunn – expressed concerns about proposed renter’s protections.
3. Tom Kreider – discussed large events using sustainable waste management.
4. Joann Shotola – expressed concerns about proposed renter’s protections.
5. Steve Trewe – advocated for passage of proposed renter’s protections.
6. Carolyn Partridge – advocated for mandating electrification.
7. Robin Miller – expressed concerns about proposed renter’s protections.
8. Linda Kelley – discussed concerns about dependency on fossil fuels.
9. Ellen McKean – advocated for passage of proposed renter’s protections.
10. Moriah Stendel – advocated for ongoing work towards decarbonization.
11. Mahindra Mohan Kumar – advocated for passage of proposed renter’s protections.
12. Scott Smith – expressed concerns about proposed renter’s protections.
13. Lin Woodrich – discussed soil contaminants and rules for chronic toxic polluters.
14. Dylan Plummer – advocated for mandating electrification.
15. Kyle Trefny – advocated for mandating electrification.

16. Kevin Cronin – advocated for passage of proposed renter’s protections.
17. Tim Morris – advocated for passage of proposed renter’s protections.
18. Jane Coverdell – advocated for passage of proposed renter’s protections.
19. William Smith – discussed wireless safety and broadband infrastructure.
20. Sandra Shotridge – advocated for passage of proposed renter’s protections.
21. Isabella Clark – advocated for passage of proposed renter’s protections.
22. David Soloos – expressed concerns about proposed renter’s protections.
23. Richard Locke – shared business owner concerns on homelessness issues.
24. Jennifer Korn – advocated for passage of proposed renter’s protections.
25. Aya Cockram – advocated for ongoing work towards decarbonization.
26. Cindy Allen – advocated for delay in implementation of House Bill 2001.
27. Tara Garkow – advocated for passage of proposed renter’s protections.
28. Aimee Okotie-Oyekan - advocated for ongoing work towards decarbonization.

#### Council Discussion

- Mayor Vinis – thanked the speakers for their testimony.
- Councilor Keating – thanked the speakers for their testimony and ongoing contributions to the community; discussed equitable treatment of tenants and urged others to not draw parallels between tenants requesting the return of their deposit and theft.
- Councilor Syrett – thanked the speakers for their testimony; discussed middle housing codes and the impact on climate change; encouraged residents to look at housing implementation pipeline work toward affordable housing.
- Councilor Yeh – discussed the expansion of the urban forest; thanked speakers for their testimony on diversity and reminded everyone about current openings on Eugene Boards and Commissions.

#### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR 2**

- A. Adoption of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor’s Map 17-04-23-14, Tax Lots 01600 and 02300, Located at 1070 and 1075 Fairway Drive)(City File: FAIRWAY HOMES LLC; A 21-14)

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to approve the item(s) on Consent Calendar 2. **PASSED 8:0**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brooke Freed  
City Recorder AIC

*(Recorded by Jay Ferris)*

Webcast of meeting available [here](#).