

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

November 13, 2023
7:30 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Emily Semple

Mayor Vinis opened the November 13, 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Officer Rebecca Warden, in recognition of Veteran's Day.

2. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Vinis read proclamations for Native American Heritage Month and Transgender Day of Remembrance.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Evans – shared updates from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding legislative priorities, including support for ballot measure 110 reform and one time funding to assist with the PeaceHealth University District hospital closure.
- Councilor Zelenka – shared updates from the Police Commission regarding its discussion on the use of video cameras around the City.
- Mayor Vinis – acknowledged community members Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians Chief Donald “Doc” Slyter, Evelyn Anderton, and Priscilla Gould, who recently passed away.
- Councilor Keating – acknowledged additional community members Julie Whitmore and Frank Vignola who passed away; showed appreciation for United States Veterans; shared updates from the Human Rights Commission regarding its vacancies; acknowledged the Middle East conflict and encouraged people to donate to the American Red Cross.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- September 11, 2023 Work Session
- October 11, 2023 Work Session and Urban Renewal Agency Meeting
- October 16, 2023 Public Hearing
- October 18, 2023 Work Session
- October 25, 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

- 5. ACTION: An Ordinance Amending the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan Diagram to Redesignate the Property Identified as Assessor's Map 17-04-32-14, Tax Lot 002000 Nd Assessor's Map 17-04-32-13, Tax Lot 00600 from Campus Industrial to Light Medium Industrial and Rezone the Property from E-1 Campus Employment to I-2 Light Medium Industrial.**

City Manager Medary introduced the proposed ordinance.

MOTION: Councilor Groves, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to adopt the Ordinance Amending the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan Diagram to Redesignate the Property Identified as Assessor's Map 17-04-32-14, Tax Lot 002000 Nd Assessor's Map 17-04-32-13, Tax Lot 00600 from Campus Industrial to Light Medium Industrial and Rezone the Property from E-1 Campus Employment to I-2 Light Medium Industrial.

VOTE: 7:0 PASSED

- 6. ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Climate Friendly & Equitable Communities Parking Standards; Amending Sections 9.0500, 9.2160, 9.2430, 9.2450, 9.2751, 9.2775, 9.3030, 9.3116, 9.3125, 9.3155, 9.3165, 9.3515, 9.3625, 9.3631, 9.3715, 9.3811, 9.3815, 9.3910, 9.3915, 9.3950, 9.3970, 9.5150, 9.5200, 9.5350, 9.5450, 9.6105, 9.6205, 9.6410, 9.6415, 9.6420, 9.6430, 9.6435, 9.6440, 9.6794, 9.6810, 9.6815, 9.6820, 9.8030, 9.8615, and 9.9500 of the Eugene Code, 1971; 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 Climate Friendly & Equitable Communities Parking Standards included as Attachment A to the AIS.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Groves – stated that while he does appreciate aspects of the Climate Friendly & Equitable Communities legislation, he has concerns regarding the State's mandates and the erosion of home rule authority; believes Oregon cities should maintain the ability to manage and make these types of decisions.
- Councilor Clark – asked if the Land Conservation and Development Commission's work was founded in existing statutory authority and not from an executive order from the governor; asked if the legislation has been litigated at the State's supreme court level alongside home rule authority; noted concerns

with proposed ordinance; suggested staff look to the role Springfield's Planning Commission has taken to provide recommendations.

- Councilor Zelenka – noted one of his biggest concerns with the new rules was related to the reduced parking requirements; asked if the Council must enact one of the options presented; asked what would happen if Council chooses to do nothing; noted concerns with unintended consequences of the rule going into effect by itself; noted he will support the motion despite his stated concerns.
- Councilor Groves – stated he has been considering the options and the outcomes of this vote; noted concern with how the Land Conservation and Development Commission is trying to execute the ordinance.
- Councilor Clark – noted that he intends to vote no; stated that if the Council votes against the ordinance, it may have to engage in its own lawsuit.
- Councilor Keating – stated that he would be voting against the ordinance; noted his concern with the home rule factor of this discussion; indicated that he is open to considering other options if the vote fails.
- Councilor Yeh – asked staff to remind Council what will happen if the vote fails; indicated she will support the motion.
- Councilor Zelenka – stated that the Council has the option to have a Eugene ordinance with local input or the Land Conservation and Development Commission's ordinance code without local input; encouraged Council to pass the ordinance with local input.
- Mayor Vinis – emphasized the importance of community engagement on the proposed changes.

VOTE: 4:3 PASSED (Opposed by Councilors Clark, Keating, and Evans)

7. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Jere Rosemeyer – spoke against the use of artificial turf at the proposed Golden Gardens Sports Park.
2. Charles Areford – spoke in support of a gas station construction ban in Eugene.
3. David Igl – spoke about accuracy when representing local history.
4. Madison Lusk – spoke in favor of calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.
5. Zach Mulholland – spoke against the use of artificial turf at the proposed Golden Gardens Sports Park.
6. Matt Dompe – spoke in favor of the city contributing funds for the Emeralds stadium.
7. Janet Ayres – spoke about camping at Jefferson Park.
8. Gerry Meenaghan – spoke in appreciation of the work of city staff.
9. Charlie Loeb – spoke in favor of expanding cycling routes.
10. Bob Petit – spoke against the use of artificial turf at the proposed Golden Gardens Sports Park.
11. Carolyn Partridge – spoke in support of a gas station construction ban in Eugene.
12. Richard Locke – spoke in support of efforts to keep local waterways clean.
13. Andrew Brown – spoke in support of a sports bond.
14. Stefan Strek – spoke about the recent passing of his cat.
15. Kamryn Springfield – spoke in favor of calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

16. Steven Hunnicutt – spoke in support of a sports bond.
17. Louis Christopher – spoke in support of a sports bond.
18. Allen McWayne – spoke about the Eugene Emeralds’ stadium plan.
19. Charlie Rojas – spoke against water bill increases.
20. Linda Kelley – spoke in support of a gas station construction ban in Eugene.
21. Don Heady – spoke about previous council work sessions topics and supporting the local community.
22. Debby McGee – spoke in support of a gas station construction ban in Eugene.
23. Lin Woodrich – spoke against the use of artificial turf at the proposed Golden Gardens Sports Park.
24. Maya Lazaro – spoke against the use of artificial turf at the proposed Golden Gardens Sports Park.
25. Rudy Hess – spoke in favor of sidewalk infrastructure improvements.

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Natalie Venhuda)

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