

# MINUTES

## Eugene City Council Hybrid Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

September 12, 2022  
7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Vinis opened the September 12, 2022, meeting of the Eugene City Council in a hybrid in-person and virtual format at 101 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 114, Eugene, OR 97401.

### 1. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Mayor Vinis – shared a proclamation for National Stepfamily Day on September 16.
- Councilor Syrett – discussed a recall election currently occurring; stated that she will remain in her role and fulfill her duties until or unless her status on council changes; shared that council will review the Intergovernmental Relations Committee’s legislative priorities for the 2023 legislative session in an October Work Session; discussed her attendance at a trade union Labor Day picnic.
- Councilor Groves – discussed his attendance at a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for a local tea company; discussed concerns about fires at Wild Iris Ridge Park; acknowledged the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the attacks on September 11, 2001.
- Councilor Keating – showed appreciation for first responders who are currently fighting wildfires throughout Oregon; requested a moment of silence for the anniversary of the attacks on September 11, 2001.
- Councilor Semple – acknowledged several tragic events that occurred locally in the past week; expressed concern about mental health challenges and lack of housing; shared that there will be a council retreat at the end of the month to discuss a two-year priority-based budget; requested input from the public for potential solutions.
- Councilor Clark – shared that Saturday, September 17, is Constitution Day as well as former City Councilor Betty Taylor’s birthday.

### 2. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

#### A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- June 13, 2022 Meeting
- June 21, 2022 Public Hearing
- June 22, 2022 Work Session
- June 27, 2022 Work Session
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- June 29, 2022 Work Session
- July 11, 2022 Work Session
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- July 18, 2022 Public Hearing and Work Session
- July 20, 2022 Work Session
- July 25, 2022 Work Session

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- July 27, 2022 Work Session

## B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

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

### 3. PUBLIC FORUM

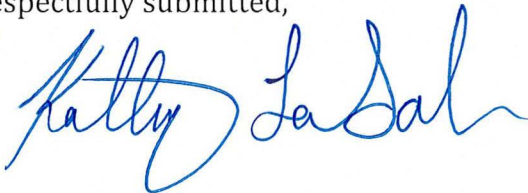
1. Lin Woodrich – discussed a public health overlay, road bond, and Bethel area plan.
2. John Crowder – spoke in opposition to Emerald Express bus lanes on River Road.
3. Patti Swinehart – spoke about recall election and asked questions about the process.
4. Suzanne O'Shea – spoke to homeless concerns and in favor of public health overlay.
5. Joshua Korn – shared concerns about 5G and Wi-Fi pollution.
6. William Smith – spoke about wireless safety.
7. Thomas Newman – spoke in favor of alternative transportation.
8. Chuck Areford – spoke in opposition to effort to recall Councilor Syrett.
9. Richard Locke – spoke against recall lawsuit; spoke about loitering and littering.
10. Eric Jackson – shared concerns about fentanyl in the community.

#### Council Discussion

- Councilor Evans – expressed that he is looking forward to discussing the public health overlay zone and the Bethel area plan; expressed his desire to have Union Pacific Railroad included in the discussion about the overlay zone.
- Councilor Groves – stated his interest in the public health overlay zone and the Bethel area plan; noted that increased housing is helping to improve some of the issues discussed; expressed concern over fentanyl in the community; noted that the Community Safety Initiative tax is making progress on some of the issues discussed.
- Councilor Clark – highlighted the importance of moving forward with the Bethel area plan; requested input from Bethel community on what outcomes they hope to achieve with the Bethel area plan.
- Councilor Keating – shared an excerpt from the Oregon State Constitution about the recall process for an elected officer; expressed his support for Councilor Syrett.

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala  
City Recorder

*(Recorded by Olivia Clark)*

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