

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

October 10, 2022
7:30 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Alan Zelenka

Mayor Vinis opened the October 10, 2022, 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 proclamations for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Indigenous Peoples' Day.

In honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day on October 10, Kris Galago, a Hawaiian native and Pacific Islander advocate, shared a Hawaiian welcome. Chris Young, a Samoan Native and Pacific Islander advocate, gave a speech recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Groves – shared his experience walking the Fern Ridge bike path along Amazon Creek with constituents, City staff, and a Lane County Commissioner-elect.
- Councilor Evans – shared his experience attending the League of Oregon Cities conference; noted the awards received by colleagues he works with on the Equity and Inclusion Committee and the People of Color Caucus.
- Councilor Yeh – recognized staff and the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission who have recently received awards.
- Mayor Vinis – expressed condolences regarding the death of Betty Snowden, a local businesswoman and racial justice advocate.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- September 19, 2022 Public Hearing
- September 21, 2022 Work Session

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

C. Real Property Disposal: Inadvertent Reservation of Right of Way

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to approve the items on Consent Calendar 1. **PASSED**
6:0

4. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Lin Woodrich – spoke in favor of the public health overlay zone.
2. Thomas Newman – spoke in favor of a parking mandate.
3. Heinz Selig – voiced concerns about homelessness, public safety, and Washington-Jefferson Park.
4. Ellen Furstner – spoke in support of food distribution in Washington-Jefferson Park.
5. Ralph McDonald – stated his support for the fireworks ban.
6. Suzanne O'Shea – spoke in favor of the public health overlay zone.
7. Lottie Rohde – spoke in favor of building electrification and climate protection.
8. William Smith on behalf of Mark Hurwit – spoke about 5G and electromagnetic frequency safety.
9. Deb McGee – spoke in favor of banning new gas infrastructure.
10. Joanne Flaherty – spoke in support of food distribution in Washington-Jefferson Park.
11. Rose Comaduran – spoke in favor of building electrification.
12. Richard Locke – spoke in favor of public safety and cleaning up the Amazon bike path.
13. Jan Bohman – encouraged Council to appoint a climate-friendly Ward 7 Councilor.
14. Jan Zoll – spoke in support of food distribution in Washington-Jefferson Park.
15. Stefan Strek – spoke about the impacts of COVID; spoke in favor of peace.
16. David Ivan Piccioni – spoke in favor of low-cost psilocybin therapy.
17. David Igl – spoke about the representation of local history and University of Oregon Professor Frederick Dunn.
18. Greg Vik – spoke in favor of a coordinated master plan to address homelessness.
19. Gareth Newnham – spoke in favor in building electrification and climate policy.

Council Discussion

- Mayor Vinis – noted her appreciation for public forum speakers.
- Councilor Keating – noted his appreciation for the comments from Ward 2 residents; spoke in opposition to comments made about Councilors Evans and Yeh regarding local history.
- Mayor Vinis – spoke about the City's response to homelessness and the need for more services outside of the City; thanked those who provide services for homeless people in the community.

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Olivia Clark)

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