

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

November 14, 2022
7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Vinis opened the November 14, 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by J.A. Warden, City of Eugene Police Officer and veteran of the Oregon National Guard, in honor of Veteran's Day on November 11.

2. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Vinis read a proclamation for Transgender Day of Remembrance.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Evans – shared information from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting on November 2, 2022 and the committee's strategies for communication with Council.
- Councilor Keating – noted his appreciation for those who participated in the November 8, 2022 mid-term election; congratulated Councilors Evans, Yeh, Zelenka, and Clark on re-election; congratulated Congress Member-elect Val Hoyle and Governor-elect Tina Kotek.
- Councilor Semple – shared information about the Downtown Eugene: Brainstorming Solutions event November 15, 2022; noted her appreciation for those who voted.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- October 10, 2022 Work Session
- October 10, 2022 Meeting
- October 12, 2022 Work Session
- October 17, 2022 Public Hearing
- October 19, 2022 Work Session
- October 24, 2022 Work Session

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

C. Appointments to the Police Commission

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

5. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Jack Stoutenberg – spoke about the effects of the party patrol on University of Oregon students.
2. Meghan Turley – spoke about the effects of the party patrol on University of Oregon students.
3. Luda Isakharov – spoke about the effects of the party patrol on University of Oregon students.
4. Ian Mohr – spoke about the effects of the party patrol on University of Oregon students.
5. Jacob Loomis – spoke about the effects of the party patrol on University of Oregon students.
6. Julia Lo – spoke about the effects of the party patrol on University of Oregon students.
7. Keli Schunk – spoke about dangers from the homeless and response delays from the Eugene Police Department.
8. Madeline Cowen – spoke in favor of electrification.
9. David Igi – spoke about Professor Frederick Dunn.
10. William Smith – spoke on the dangers of microwave radiation from wireless towers.
11. Mat Beecher – spoke on challenges with homeless individuals on private land.
12. Richard Locke – spoke about selective law enforcement and the homeless response.
13. David Piccioni – spoke about local police response and fear of the police.
14. Mike Schwab – spoke about improving Eugene and embracing the Oregon Country Fair.
15. Lin Woodrich – spoke against hydrogen blended natural gas test in Bethel area.
16. Bill Armstrong – spoke about drug and crime activity and slow police response.
17. Carolyn Partidge – spoke in favor of carbon reduction and electrification.
18. Stefan Streck – advocated for world peace.
19. Greg Vik – spoke on structural difficulties involved in helping the unhoused.
20. Thomas Hiura – spoke about Ward 7 Neighbors United and in favor of a clear appointment process for interim City Councilor.
21. Johshua Oladipo – spoke about the effects of the party patrol on University of Oregon students.
22. Don Heady – noted he is an applicant for the Ward 7 interim appointment; spoke about the steam plant project.
23. Joann Shotola – spoke on the effects of renter protections.
24. Finn Jacobson – spoke about the effects of the party patrol on University of Oregon students.
25. Gregory Racha – spoke about the effects of the party patrol on University of Oregon students.
26. Tara Parrillo – spoke about the party patrol in reference to the noise ordinance.
27. Claudia Santino – spoke about the effects the party patrol on the local music scene.
28. Spencer Smith – spoke about the effects of the party patrol on University of Oregon students.
29. Macy Patel – spoke about the effects of the party patrol on University of Oregon students.
30. Johsua Korn – spoke in favor of updating zoning codes to prevent wireless towers.
31. Veronica Miller – spoke against the renter protections roadmap.
32. Kathryn Dunn – spoke in opposition to proposed to renter protections.

Council Discussion

- Mayor Vinis – noted her appreciation for public forum speakers and stated that she would be happy to meet with members from the Associated Students of the University of Oregon.
- Councilor Semple – noted her appreciation for the public forum speakers.
- Councilor Yeh – noted that the community needs better drug and mental health treatments and that it is a high priority for the City; asked the City Manager to provide information on what outreach has been done between the Eugene Police Department and students and to provide more information about recent arrests; encouraged students to report issues to the Police Auditor.
- Councilor Groves – noted that mental health services are provided by the county; noted that the City is continuing to address the unhoused problems in the Jefferson Westside neighborhood, Ward 8, and the Amazon area; noted that the area around the University is being policed more heavily due to out of control parties that were held in the past.
- Councilor Keating – noted appreciation for all who came out and gave testimony and for those who stayed until the end; noted appreciation for Mayor Vinis offering to meet with the Associated Students of the University of Oregon.
- Councilor Clark – noted that the Eugene Police Chief was in the meeting and that he values his relationship with the community; noted that the police auditor can be contacted and that the auditor is employed by the council; assured students the matter will be taken seriously; responded to Lin Woodrich and wished her father a happy birthday.
- Mayor Vinis – noted that the audience had been very respectful.

6. ACTION: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of East 5th Avenue Located Within the Boundaries of the Plat of Town Run

City Manager Sarah Medary provided background information and introduced the topic.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to adopt the An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of East 5th Avenue Located Within the Boundaries of the Plat of Town Run. **VOTE: PASSED 7:0**

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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