

## MINUTES

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

December 5, 2022  
5:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Vinis opened the December 5, 2022, special meeting of the Eugene City Council in a hybrid format at 101 W 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eugene OR 97401.

#### 1. **SPECIAL MEETING: Interim Council Appointment Interviews, Ward 7**

The Council interviewed Janet Ayres, Daniel Isaacson, Lyndsie Leech, Barbie Walker and Carol Zorn for Interim City Councilor, Ward 7. City Councilors asked each candidate the following questions:

- Councilor Clark – In a recent city sponsored community survey, nearly three quarters of the people who answered said they thought the city was “heading in the wrong direction”. Do you agree or Disagree? Why or Why not?
- Councilor Evans – In your view what are the top three issues/challenges facing Eugene currently? And What strategies would you advocate for addressing those issues/challenges?
- Councilor Groves – Ward 7 is one of the city’s most diverse in terms of opinion, ideological perspectives and issues of concern. How will you balance these different perspectives, what steps will you take to establish yourself as the Ward 7 city councilor, and how will you be responsive to what are sometimes opposing points of view.
- Councilor Keating – Learning from one’s mistakes is key – in any arena. While we hear a lot about your vision and values, what is your greatest failure and what have you learned from that experience that prepared you to best serve residents of Eugene’s Ward 7.
- Councilor Semple – The job of Councilor will be more demanding than you realize, no matter how much you think you understand Council, issues people. It will take immense time, energy and attention that you will no longer have to give to your own life, family, friends, other work, your home, hobbies and more. What things in your life fulfill you? What demands do you have on your time? How will you manage these challenges and keep yourself physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy?
- Councilor Yeh – The Council’s vision, values and goals includes being an Equitable Efficient and Accountable Municipal Government. What does equity mean to you in this context and what would you expect from an equitable government?
- Councilor Zelenka – In a survey done by the City, 75% of Eugene residents agreed that “climate change requires much stronger regulations of greenhouse gas

emissions". Do you agree or disagree with this statement, and why? Secondly, when it comes to funding climate change projects do you see them being as being on par with other essential services like libraries, parks, police, and fire? Or do you think funding is more discretionary and we should fund these projects as money is available? Finally, how do you see alternative transportation options generally fitting in as part of our climate change actions, and specifically on River Road.

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala  
City Recorder

*(Recorded by Sara McKinney)*  
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