

**MINUTES**  
**Eugene City Council**  
**Work Session**  
**Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**December 12, 2022**  
**5:30 p.m.**

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

Mayor Vinis opened the December 12, 2022, work session of the Eugene City Council in a hybrid format at 101 W 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eugene OR 97401.

**1. WORK SESSION: Interim Council Appointment, Ward 7**

**MOTION:** Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to appoint Barbie Walker to the interim Ward 7 City Councilor.

**MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE:** Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to substitute Lyndsie Leech.

**VOTE ON MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE (to appoint Lyndsie Leech): FAILED 3:4** (opposed by Councilors Semple, Clark, Evans, and Groves)

**MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE:** Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to substitute for Thomas Hiura.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Semple – noted that Thomas Hiura represents Asian and LGBTQ populations and that their diverse life experiences would help them serve the residents of Ward 7.
- Councilor Clark – noted that he wished he had given Thomas Hiura the chance to interview.

**VOTE ON MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE (to appoint Thomas Hiura): FAILED 2:5** (opposed by Councilors Zelenka, Yeh, Clark, Evans, and Groves)

**VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: FAILED 3:4** (opposed by Councilors Semple, Keating, Zelenka, and Yeh)

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – made a point of inquiry to clarify the definition of the prevailing side regarding nominations.
- Councilor Zelenka – asked for clarity on the process if all motions for appointment fail.

**MOTION:** Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Groves, moved to appoint Carol Zorn.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Evans – stated that he was impressed with Carol Zorn’s interview; noted that she watches Council meetings and seemed well-informed.
- Councilor Zelenka – noted that the Council can postpone the decision to appoint an interim Ward 7 Councilor until Wednesday.

**VOTE: FAILED 3:4** (opposed by Councilors Semple, Keating, Zelenka, and Yeh)

**MOTION:** Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Groves, moved to appoint Janet Ayers for interim Ward 7 councilor.

**VOTE: FAILED 2:5** (opposed by Councilors Semple, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, and Evans)

**MOTION:** Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to appoint Daniel Isaacson for interim Ward 7 councilor.

**VOTE: FAILED 3:4** (opposed by Councilors Semple, Clark, Evans, and Groves)

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka – asked if a motion to renew would be needed if we tabled until Wednesday.

**MOTION:** Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to postpone to a date certain.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – noted alternatives to tabling the decision.
- Councilor Evans – asked City Attorney what would happen if they left the seat open until the May 2023 election; asked what implications would come from a legal suit; asked if a judge could appoint a Councilor to the vacant Ward 7 seat.
- Councilor Semple – asked the purpose of waiting until Wednesday; asked if there would be more applicants or discussion on Wednesday.
- Mayor Vinis – encouraged Council to find a path forward at this meeting.
- Councilor Zelenka – stated that Council was at an impasse; asked for charter clarity on tiebreakers; suggested postponing to Wednesday.
- Councilor Clark – asked what the vote count was for Carol Zorn.
- Councilor Keating – asked if there was a motion on the table; asked about the wording for a motion to renew.

**VOTE: FAILED 3:4** (opposed by Councilors Semple, Keating, Evans, and Groves)

**MOTION:** Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Groves, moved to allow motions to renew to occur at the same meeting in which they were made.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – stated that he would prefer to make a decision tonight; expressed doubt that Councilors would change their mind tonight; noted that he supported Councilor Zelenka’s motion to postpone.
- Councilor Keating – noted that he would like this matter to be decided tonight; spoke in favor of allowing motions to renew to occur at the same meeting in which they were made.
- Councilor Clark – asked to be reminded of the vote for Janet Ayers.

**VOTE: PASSED 5:2** (opposed by Councilors Clark and Zelenka)

**MOTION:** Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to appoint Lyndsie Leech for interim Ward 7 councilor.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – noted that Lyndsie Leech is a millennial, mom, business-owner, and non-profit director who understands the issues facing Ward 7.
- Councilor Clark – noted that he liked Lyndsie Leech and found her to be articulate; noted Lyndsie Leech held similar opinions as the recalled councilor.

**VOTE: FAILED 3:4** (opposed by Councilors Semple, Clark, Evans, and Groves)

**MOTION:** Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to appoint Barbie Walker for interim Ward 7 councilor.

**VOTE: FAILED 3:4** (opposed by Councilors Semple, Keating, Zelenka, and Yeh)

**MOTION:** Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to postpone to a date certain.

**VOTE: PASSED 6:1** (opposed by Councilor Semple)

**2. WORK SESSION: Intergovernmental Relations Update**

City Manager, Sarah Medary, introduced Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Ethan Nelson who provided a presentation on Intergovernmental Relations updates,

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka – asked if the two new Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) process reports would be limited to three minutes during items of interest; asked about priority order for the projects for which IGR is seeking state funding; noted that the infrastructure bills are second priority; asked if clean air upgrades are lower priority because they have potential for federal funding; asked why there was recommendation to strike the general

statement for number 5 on the 2023 Eugene State Priorities list (Attachment B); indicated a desire to make a motion to strike the move to replace general statement number 5 in the 2023 Eugene State Priorities document, and instead add the three recommendations; agreed with the IGR manager's recommendation to strike the general statement in the state priorities list and instead add the general statement to the 2023 State and Federal Legislative Policy document (Attachment A).

- Councilor Clark – asked if there is still need for funds that are not covered in the infrastructure ask; asked about the bill submission deadline; asked if Senator Prozanski is still on the Senate Judiciary; asked if Senator Prozanski can still address items that do not come through pre-session write-up; asked if the City has local bills that local legislators are carrying on our behalf; noted that IGR may need to bring back a past bill related to an annexation and boundary issue in the Santa Clara area.
- Councilor Groves – noted appreciation for the clarity of the report; noted the value of having a buildable lands inventory; asked that the IGR report be skipped in the meeting later this evening.
- Councilor Keating – applauded the work done by the IGR Committee; addressed Councilor Zelenka's earlier request to amend the state priorities document; asked if there is a plan to seek funding for Measure 114 implementation; noted a desire to champion voter wishes in regards to training and database support for local law enforcement when it comes to implementing Measure 114.
- Mayor Vinis – noted her appreciation for the work of the IGR Committee.

**MOTION and VOTE:** Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to adopt the recommended changes to the 2023 Eugene State and Federal Policies Document and the 2023 Eugene State Priorities document as modified by the IGR Committee. **VOTE: PASSED 6:0** (Councilor Yeh was not present for the vote)

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala  
City Recorder

*(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)*  
Webcast of meeting available [here](#).