

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Virtual Work Session Eugene, Oregon 97401

June 14, 2021
5:30 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Greg Evans

Mayor Vinis opened the June 14, 2021, work session of the Eugene City Council in virtual format.

1. Applicant Statements for the Planning Commission

Council President Yeh outlined the interview process. City councilors heard from the applicant for the open position on the City's Planning Commission. The applicant presented a three-minute statement regarding their interest in serving the community through commission membership.

Planning Commission

1. Scott Lemons

After presenting his three-minute statement, the Planning Commission candidate answered the following three questions:

1. What key issues would you hope to address as a member of the Planning Commission?
2. As a group, the Planning Commission often works on lengthy processes and decisions. Describe your skills, experience and approach that will assist you in working in a constructive, collaborative manner.
3. The Planning Commission must often consider and balance complex issues when reviewing planning documents and making land use decisions. In your opinion, what are the most important factors for the Planning Commission to consider in these efforts?

2. WORK SESSION: Vision, Values, Goals and Process

City Manager Sarah Medary continued the discussion around the Council's vision, values, goals and operating agreements, presenting proposed updates and modifications.

Council Discussion

- Mayor Vinis – noted the significant motions proposed by Councilor Zelenka; outlined thoughts on potential options for Council to proceed on these topics.
- Councilor Clark – noted he does not have any changes and that Councilor Zelenka should state his motions.
- Mayor Vinis – clarified her point was to determine if Council wanted to allow staff more time to come back with responses and information on Councilor Zelenka's motions.
- Councilor Syrett – stated she had not been able to see Councilor Zelenka's motions yet but agreed he could make them tonight; proposed Council discussion of the motions tonight but

also table them for later to allow staff time to gather information on their implications; asked staff if it was possible to display list of speakers to the public, once the queue had been established.

- Councilor Keating – stated his desire for all Councilors and necessary staff to be present to discuss the matter and his agreement to table the topic for the future.
- Councilor Groves – stated that, although a lot of time has been spent on the topic, he would like to discuss Councilor Zelenka’s motions further; asked about the most equitable way to hear from as many people in the community as possible.
- Councilor Yeh – noted her belief that Councilor Zelenka’s motions were to create a more equitable and accessible environment; expressed importance of staff input on this issue for further discussion.
- Councilor Zelenka – agreed that a more in-depth discussion with staff input will be necessary for this issue; stated his belief that Council set a bad precedent of discussing significant public policies late at night; shared his intent with raising these motions are to have Council priority goal items happen before Public Forum, to have new voices prioritized in speaking order to Council and to limit the time for Public Forum to 60 minutes instead of 90 minutes.
- Councilor Keating – asked for process clarification around motions due to his intent to amend them to extend talking time for speakers at Public Forum.
- Mayor Vinis – summarized the agreement of Council to table the topic for future discussion and staff input.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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(Recorded by Julie Adams)

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