

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Meeting and Eugene Urban Renewal Agency Meeting and Eugene City Council Public Hearing Eugene, Oregon 97401

December 11, 2023
7:30 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Lyndsie Leech

Mayor Vinis opened the December 11, 2023, 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 a proclamation for Human Rights Day.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Keating – noted his attendance at a performance of *To Kill a Mockingbird* at the Hult Center; noted his attendance at a round table discussion about the potential creation of a port at Coos Bay, Oregon; noted the recent celebration of life for James Jacobson.
- Mayor Vinis – noted her attendance at a Human Rights Day event.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- October 9, 2023 Work Session
- October 9, 2023 Meeting
- November 15, 2023 Meeting
- November 27, 2023 Work Session
- November 27, 2023 Meeting

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Allyson Kim Hazlehurst – introduced the youth ambassadors who recently returned from a trip to Eugene’s Sister City, Jinju, South Korea.
2. Maren Widmer – spoke about their trip to Eugene’s Sister City, Jinju, South Korea.
3. Callyn Widmer – spoke about their trip to Eugene’s Sister City, Jinju, South Korea.
4. Emily Beatty – spoke in favor of a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Palestine.
5. Stefan Strek – spoke about the passing of his beloved cat.
6. Anna Rain – spoke about the conflict in Palestine and its effects on women.

7. Susan Hirata – spoke in favor of STAR voting and the upcoming ballot measure.
8. Ryder Hales – spoke in favor of a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Palestine.
9. Michael Curtin – asked Council to not directly oppose the upcoming ballot measure on STAR voting.
10. Todd Boyle – spoke in favor of a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Palestine.
11. Scott Fife – spoke in favor of STAR voting and the upcoming ballot measure.
12. Leilani Sabzalian – spoke in favor of a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Palestine.
13. Brennan Fitzgerald – spoke in favor of a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Palestine.
14. Mark Osterloh – asked Council to not directly oppose the upcoming ballot measure on STAR voting.
15. Jacob Trewe – spoke in favor of STAR voting and the upcoming ballot measure.
16. Nicholas De Grange – spoke in favor of a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Palestine.
17. Valentine Bentz – spoke in favor of a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Palestine.
18. Thomas Hiura – spoke in favor of a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Palestine.
19. Justin Russell – asked Council to not directly oppose the upcoming ballot measure on STAR voting.
20. Spencer McIntyre – spoke in favor of a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Palestine.
21. Emma Scott Lavin – asked Council to not directly oppose the upcoming ballot measure on STAR voting.
22. Jonathan Miller – spoke in favor of STAR voting and the upcoming ballot measure.
23. Sigh O'Nara – spoke in favor of STAR voting and the upcoming ballot measure.
24. Wendy Cook – spoke in favor of STAR voting and the upcoming ballot measure.
25. Geoffrey Gordon – spoke in favor of a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Palestine.
26. Ashley Wright – spoke in favor of STAR voting and the upcoming ballot measure.
27. Erica Lyon – spoke in favor of STAR voting and the upcoming ballot measure.
28. Carver Goldstein – asked Council to not directly oppose the upcoming ballot measure on STAR voting.
29. Sara Wolk – spoke in favor of STAR voting and the upcoming ballot measure.
30. Ben Smith – spoke in favor of STAR voting and the upcoming ballot measure.
31. Katherine Price – spoke in favor of a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Palestine.
32. Sienna Fitzpatrick – spoke in favor of a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Palestine.
33. Kamryn Stringfield – spoke in favor of a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Palestine.
34. Allen McWayne – spoke against the use of City funds being used to build a stadium for the Eugene Emeralds.
35. Charlie Henderson – spoke in favor of a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Palestine.
36. Julie Williams-Reyes – spoke in favor of a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Palestine.
37. Bill O'Brien – spoke in favor of a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Palestine.
38. Luna Wicker – spoke in favor of a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Palestine.
39. Aidain C – spoke in favor of Council creating a resolution for a ceasefire in Palestine.
40. Sass – spoke in favor of STAR voting and the upcoming ballot measure.
41. Chelsi Cahoon – spoke in favor of a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Palestine.
42. Sam Schall – asked Council to not directly oppose the upcoming ballot measure on STAR voting.

Council Discussion:

- Mayor Vinis – noted her appreciation for the evening’s speakers; asked staff for clarification on council’s legal obligation to have meetings about certified ballot measures.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR 2

A. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor’s Map 17-03-09-31, Tax Lot 01300 Located at 3633 Coburg Road). (City File: A 23-7)

MOTION: Councilor Groves, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to approve the items on Consent Calendar 2. **VOTE: 7:0 PASSED**

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION: A Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget; Making Appropriations for the City of Eugene for the Biennium Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2025

Mayor Vinis opened the public hearing.

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

1. John Barofsky– spoke in favor of the proposed action.

Mayor Vinis closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Councilor Groves, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to adopt a resolution adopting a supplemental budget; making appropriations for the City of Eugene for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025. **VOTE: 7:0 PASSED**

Mayor Vinis closed the meeting of the Eugene City Council and convened a meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency.

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION: A Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget; Making Appropriations for the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene for the Biennium Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2025

Mayor Vinis opened the public hearing.

Agency Director, Sarah Medary, introduced the topic and provided background information.

1. John Barofsky– spoke in favor of the proposed action.

Mayor Vinis closed the public hearing.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Semple – noted her appreciation for the support and insight of John Barofsky.
- Councilor Groves – noted his appreciation for John Barofsky’s support and commitment.
- Mayor Vinis – noted her appreciation for John Barofsky’s dedication and support.

MOTION: Councilor Groves, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to approve a resolution, adopting a supplemental budget; making appropriations for the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025.

VOTE: 7:0 PASSED

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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