

## MINUTES

### Eugene City Council Work Session Eugene, Oregon 97401

February 14, 2024  
12:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Vinis opened the February 14, 2024, work session of the Eugene City Council in a virtual format.

#### 1. **WORK SESSION and ACTION: Right of Way Jurisdictional Transfer Requests of Annexed County Roads to the City of Eugene**

City Manager, Sarah Medary, introduced City Engineer, Jenifer Willer, who provided information on the evaluation of several annexed county roads that are recommended for jurisdictional transfer.

##### Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Groves – asked what the additional costs are of incorporating the Climate Action Plan 2.0 and Transportation System Plan, and what the plans do to encourage or discourage development; asked if the incorporation of the Green Hill Road improvements will make developing the 200-acre parcel located between Ward 8 and Ward 6 easier; expressed interest in exploring the impact of the right of way transfer on encouraging development.
- Councilor Zelenka – noted that there are several places where roads and climate change intersect in the City, including the Warm Pavement Program and street trees which reduce greenhouse gas emissions and costs; noted the additional intersection of bike and pedestrian accessibility may impact climate change; noted the final intersection, Vision Zero, may increase costs for long-term gain by reducing deaths.
- Councilor Semple – asked who pays for the annexation of streets without full infrastructure and if it had to all be developed in the past before it was annexed.

**MOTION:** Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Groves, moved to adopt the Resolution at Attachment A to this AIS entitled “a resolution requesting that jurisdiction over portions of County Road Nos. 1297, 465, 1256, 1551, 1891, 2146, 200, and 540 be transferred to the City of Eugene.”

**VOTE: 6:0 PASSED** (Councilor Leech and Councilor Clark were not present for the vote)

## 2. **WORK SESSION: Eugene Public Library – Year 2 Levy Report**

City Manager, Sarah Medary, introduced the Library, Recreation and Cultural Services Executive Director, Joshua Bates, and Community Services Manager, Angela Ocaña, to report on year 2 expanded library services made possible with levy funding.

Councilor Leech entered the meeting during Item 2 at 12:38 p.m.

### Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Semple – noted she thinks the libraries are the most successful part of the City; noted the library is so much more than books; noted the library is a place where everyone is supported; noted she feels personally cared for at the library; expressed gratitude for the library staff, patrons, and community members who voted for the levy.
- Councilor Keating – noted that he loves the library and appreciates voters who supported the levy; believes the library should be open and safe to all; asked if there has been an increase in library usage after Council adopted an ordinance prohibiting unauthorized camping within 1,000 feet of an educational facility; asked if there is data to support a continued increase in library computer usage; asked how healthy the Library of Things plan is.
- Councilor Yeh – noted the library is on the frontline for interacting with the community; noted that libraries are a great example of what a cultural institution can and should provide for its community; asked what is on the horizon for libraries.
- Councilor Groves – believes the library system is a front door to the City; noted interest in what the future is for the library; noted that the library is a lifeline for people, as it provides them access to educational resources.
- Councilor Zelenka – stated that he is impressed with the library’s resource offerings and how quickly they have evolved.
- Mayor Vinis – noted interest in the recovery of the library and the future innovations of the library; asked if there are any particular members of the community who need more specific services; noted her interest in the library’s outreach to the Eugene Mission; expressed appreciation for children’s books being sorted by topic instead of author or title; noted her appreciation for the “It’s Your Lucky Day” and the theme of the month fiction sections in the library.
- Councilor Semple – expressed appreciation for the “It’s Your Lucky Day” section; noted her interest in organizing children’s books by topic.

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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City Recorder

*(Recorded by Natalie Venhuda)*

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