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Eugene City Council Meeting and Eugene City Council Public Hearing Eugene, Oregon 97401

February 26, 2024
7:30 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Greg Evans

Mayor Vinis opened the February 26, 2024, 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. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Groves – noted a recent meeting at UA Local 290 with the US Secretary of Labor, Julie Su, to discuss internships and apprenticeships to increase job opportunities for high school students.
- Councilor Keating – noted he also attended the meeting with the US Secretary of Labor and Congresswomen Val Hoyle; noted his attendance at the candlelight vigil for home healthcare nurses; noted his mother’s last round of chemotherapy is March 15.
- Mayor Vinis – noted she attended a roundtable meeting with Congresswoman Val Hoyle and local utilities to debrief on the ice storm; noted Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was not designed for localized issues like the ice storm, and that there is a desire to see that change.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- January 22, 2024 Meeting

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

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

3. ACTION: An Ordinance Extending The Sunset Date Of Ordinance No. 20672 (Temporary Establishment Of “Safe Parking” And “Safe Tent” Sites That Are Larger Than Allowed Under Section 4.816 Of The Eugene Code, 1971)

MOTION: Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Groves, moved to adopt an Ordinance Extending the Sunset Date of Ordinance No. 20672 (Temporary Establishment of “Safe Parking” and “Safe Tent” Sites that are Larger than Allowed Under Section 4.816 of the Eugene Code, 1971).

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – asked about the budgetary impacts of the ordinance.
- Councilor Semple – stated her appreciation and support for these shelters.
- Councilor Zelenka – noted an average of 25 percent of people who utilize these shelters move on to permanent housing; stated more shelters are needed.
- Councilor Groves – noted that while he is concerned about the costs, this solution is better than people living on the streets; noted he frequently visits Everyone Village and is impressed by the number of people who are able to become productive community members.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: 7:0 PASSED

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning State Traffic Laws; Amending Section 5.005 of the Eugene Code, 1971; and Providing an Immediate Effective Date

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

Mayor Vinis opened the public hearing.

There were no speakers for the Public Hearing.

Mayor Vinis closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Groves, moved to adopt An Ordinance Concerning State Traffic Laws; Amending Section 5.005 of the Eugene Code, 1971; and Providing an Immediate Effective Date. **VOTE: 7:0 PASSED**

5. PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ACTION: An Ordinance Providing for Withdrawal of Annexed Properties from the Following Special Districts: Lane Fire Authority; River Road Park & Recreation District; River Road Water District; Santa Clara Rural Fire Protection District; Santa Clara Water District; Willakenzie Rural Fire Protection District; and Willamalane Park and Recreation District.

Mayor Vinis opened the public hearing.

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

There were no speakers for the Public Hearing.

Mayor Vinis closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Groves, moved to approve the Ordinance Providing for the Withdrawal of Annexed Properties included as Attachment A to this AIS. **VOTE: 7:0 PASSED**

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Kay Rose – spoke against proposed changes to Franklin Boulevard.
2. Janet Harris – spoke against proposed changes to Franklin Boulevard.
3. Otto Poticha – spoke against proposed changes to Franklin Boulevard.
4. Charles Frazer – spoke against proposed changes to Franklin Boulevard.
5. Sue Crosby – spoke against proposed changes to Franklin Boulevard.
6. John Hirons – spoke against proposed changes to Franklin Boulevard.
7. Kathleen Frazer – spoke against proposed changes to Franklin Boulevard.
8. Travis Thompson – spoke about his recent experience with a home invasion.
9. Allen McWayne – spoke against the city supporting the construction of a Eugene Emeralds stadium.
10. Sarah Koski – spoke about her work with the unhoused.
11. Thomas Bruno – spoke against proposed changes to Franklin Boulevard.
12. Eric Bergland – spoke against proposed changes to Franklin Boulevard.
13. Rich Locke – spoke about trash on West 11th and the availability of County jail beds.
14. John Crowder – spoke against the River Road Santa Clara plan; against virtual only joint hearings with the City and County; spoke in favor of reintroducing the pledge of allegiance to Council meetings.
15. Heather Quaas-Annsa – thanked Council for passing the safe sleep site ordinance; asked for more shelter support.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Groves – asked if council will be receiving an update about the Franklin Boulevard project; noted there is a carveout in the River Road plan for a business area; stated he liked the idea to reintroduce the Pledge of Allegiance to council meetings; noted he had been told that the County jail was unable to activate more beds due to federal edict and structural issues; asked to confirm the bed capacity at Lane County jail; noted he has visited all Safe Sleep Sites.
- Councilor Keating – noted his appreciation for those who work at Community Supported Shelters; noted his concern with the changed Franklin Boulevard plan; noted there are other options for traffic calming besides roundabouts; stated he would like to have a work session about the project.

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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