

## MINUTES

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

May 8, 2024  
12:00 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 May 8, 2024, work session of the Eugene City Council in a virtual format.

#### 1. **WORK SESSION: Police Auditor's Office and Civilian Review Board Annual Reports**

Mayor Vinis introduced Police Auditor, Leia Pitcher, who presented the 2023 Annual Report of the Independent Police Auditor's Office.

##### Councilor Discussion:

- Mayor Vinis – noted the Police Auditor's team is beneficial to those making complaints and the general public as they pursue complaints needing further investigation.
- Councilor Keating – asked if the data allows for individual complaints to be separated from those who have submitted multiple complaints; asked for the number of unique complainants; asked if there are data points on crimes committed after a pursuit was called off; noted interest in a comparison to regional and national data points.
- Councilor Groves – noted pursuits are dangerous for everyone involved; thinks the current policy is reasonable but should be continually reviewed and refined; noted confidence in the police department, the Police Chief, and the City's training program.
- Mayor Vinis – noted interest in the pursuit trend, training, and response; noted interest in alternative police responses for pursuits and what the training suggests.
- Councilor Semple – noted she is impressed with the thoroughness of the Police Auditor's reports.
- Mayor Vinis – asked for more information on the collaboration improvements for deadly force investigations.

Mayor Vinis introduced the Civilian Review Board Chair, José Cortez, and Vice Chair, Carolyn Williams, who presented the 2023 Annual Report of the Civilian Review Board.

##### Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – Asked about the rate of differences in adjudication between Eugene Police Department and the Police Auditor; asked if there is any consistency or trends in disagreement.
- Councilor Zelenka – thinks it's important to have additional reviews of complaints; noted Alan Leiman is leaving the Civilian Review Board and hopes to see him appointed to the Police Commission.
- Mayor Vinis – noted it's helpful to look through Civilian Review Board minutes to review discussions and to understand how the work is approached.

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala  
City Recorder

*(Recorded by Natalie Venhuda)*

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