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

June 24, 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

Council President Keating opened the June 24, 2024, meeting of the Eugene City Council in hybrid in-person and virtual format at 500 E. 4th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401, North Building.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

In honor of Independence Day on July 4, members of the Youth Advisory Council, Lily Yao and Austin Fore, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and recited the Bill of Rights.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- City Manager Medary – stated appreciation for the staff who worked to prepare the new City Council Chambers; noted the wood ceiling is made of reclaimed red cedar from the original City Hall built in 1964; noted the space has hearing loop technology.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- April 24, 2024 Work Session
- May 8, 2024 Work Session

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

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

4. Public Hearing and Action: Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget; Making Appropriations for the City of Eugene for the Biennium Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2025

Councilor Keating opened the Public Hearing.

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

1. Sylvia Barry – spoke against the proposed resolution.
2. Jess Roshak – spoke against the proposed resolution.
3. Jacob Trewe – spoke against the proposed resolution.
4. Dana Fleming – spoke against the proposed resolution.

Councilor Keating closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Councilor Groves, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, 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**

5. **Public Hearing and Action: A Resolution Electing to Receive State Revenue Sharing Funds Pursuant to Section 221.770 of Oregon Revised Statutes; A Resolution Certifying that the City of Eugene Provides the Municipal Services Required by Oregon Revised Statutes Section 221.760 in Order to Receive State Shared Revenues; A Resolution Determining, Levying and Categorizing the Annual Ad Valorem Property Tax Levy for the City of Eugene for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025.**

Councilor Keating opened the Public Hearing.

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

1. Rebecca Amodeo – spoke against the proposed resolution.

Councilor Keating closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Councilor Groves, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to approve a Resolution electing to receive State Revenue Sharing funds pursuant to Section 221.770 of Oregon Revised Statutes. **VOTE: 7:0 PASSED**

MOTION: Councilor Groves, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to approve a Resolution certifying that the City of Eugene provides the municipal services required by Oregon Revised Statutes Section 221.760. **VOTE: 7:0 PASSED**

MOTION: Councilor Groves, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to approve a Resolution determining, levying and categorizing the annual ad valorem property tax levy for the City of Eugene for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. **VOTE: 7:0 PASSED**

6. **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**

Councilor Keating closed the meeting of the Eugene City Council and convened a meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency.

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

Councilor Keating opened the Public Hearing.

There were no speakers for the Public Hearing.

Councilor Keating closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Councilor Groves, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, 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**

7. Public Hearing and Action: A Resolution of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene Declaring the Amount of Tax to be Certified for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025, and Permanently Increasing the Total Assessed Value of Property Within the Riverfront Urban Renewal Plan Area Pursuant to ORS 457.455

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

Councilor Keating opened the Public Hearing.

There were no speakers for the Public Hearing.

Councilor Keating closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Councilor Groves, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to approve a Resolution of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene Declaring the Amount of Tax to be Certified for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, and Permanently Increasing the Total Assessed Value of Property within the Riverfront Urban Renewal Plan Area Pursuant to ORS 457.455. **VOTE: 7:0 PASSED**

Councilor Keating closed the meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency and convened a meeting of the Eugene City Council.

8. Action: An Ordinance Concerning Charges for Stormwater And Parks Service And Amending Section 6.406 Of The Eugene Code, 1971.

MAIN MOTION: Councilor Groves, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Section 6.406 of the Eugene Code, 1971 as set forth in Attachment A to this AIS.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – stated he will vote against the ordinance; noted concerns about the fee being increased in the future; stated interest in adding a five-year sunset to the ordinance; noted opposition from community members and organizations to the fee; stated a desire for the City to increase revenue by increasing its tax base.

MOTION TO AMEND: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Semple, moved to amend the ordinance to add a five-year sunset.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – asked if the sunset has an end date.
- Councilor Zelenka – asked if the ordinance’s revenue source can be eliminated or substituted in the future.
- Councilor Groves – noted while he is concerned about the precedent the ordinance will set, he will be supporting it.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND: 1:6 FAILED (opposed by Councilors Semple, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Leech, and Groves)

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: 5:2 PASSED (opposed by Councilors Semple and Clark)

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mary Christensen – spoke in favor of improvements to sidewalk safety.
2. David Igl – spoke about the legacy of Fredrick Dunn.
3. Danny Huffsmith – asked the City to adopt an ethical investment policy.
4. Lorna Baldwin – spoke in favor of improvements to sidewalk safety.
5. Gerry Meenaghan – spoke in favor of improvements to sidewalk safety.
6. Jacob Trewe – asked the City to adopt an ethical investment policy.
7. Buck – spoke in favor of renewable energy.
8. Milla Vogelesang-Liu – spoke in favor of climate friendly policies.
9. Lori Harmon – asked the City to adopt an ethical investment policy.
10. Katharine Hunt (Raging Grannies) – spoke in favor of protecting the library budget.
11. Linda Kelley – spoke in favor of electrification.
12. Sophia Morell-Dornberg – asked the City to adopt an ethical investment policy.
13. Rye Butler-Corbett – spoke in favor of climate friendly policies.
14. John Monroe – spoke against the conflict in Gaza.
15. Molly Babcock – spoke in favor of electrification.
16. Geoffrey Gordon – asked the City to adopt an ethical investment policy.
17. Cameron Langley – asked the City to adopt an ethical investment policy.
18. Audrey Schlemmer – asked the City to adopt an ethical investment policy.
19. Misty Bowman – spoke about the effects of light pollution.
20. Todd Boyle – spoke against the conflict in Gaza.

21. Katie Preston – asked the City to adopt an ethical investment policy.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Leech – noted Council had received a memo in May about the City’s divestment and investment policies; asked for additional information about other Oregon jurisdictions work around sustainable investing; asked for a public update on the City’s investment policy.
- Councilor Semple – thanked the public for participating in the meeting; noted interest in restoring library funding when funds become available; noted genocide and investment practices affect us all; noted Council has not forgotten about its electrification policy goals; stated her support for increased sidewalk safety; stated support for decreasing light pollution.
- Councilor Keating – asked for a work session on sidewalk safety and vegetation overgrowth; noted appreciation for those who spoke in support of the library; thanked first responders and other city staff for their work.
- Councilor Semple – noted her appreciation for the testimony of the Raging Grannies.

Councilor Keating adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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