

# MINUTES

## Eugene City Council Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

July 22, 2024  
7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Vinis opened the July 22, 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. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Vinis read a proclamation for Eugene/Springfield LGBTQ Pride Day.

### 2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Semple – noted the upcoming annual Slugfest event on August 9, 2024.
- Mayor Vinis – noted she had recently read a proclamation for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Mark CME Church, a local center of the black community.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

#### A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- May 13, 2024 Meeting
- May 15, 2024 Work Session
- May 22, 2024 Work Session
- June 10, 2024 Work Session

#### B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

#### C. Appointments to the Police Commission

#### D. Transportation SDC Project Plan Amendment

#### E. Initiation of Land Use Code Amendment for Stormwater Development Standards to Implement the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Requirements

**MOTION:** Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Groves, moved to approve the items on Consent Calendar 1. **VOTE: 8:0 PASSED**

### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR 2

#### A. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor's Map 17-04-24-31, Tax Lot 07700, Located on Stults Avenue) (City File: A 24-3)

#### B. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor's Map 17-04-24-21, Tax Lot 02100 Located on the northeast corner of River Road and Sandra Lane) (City File: Clinton Reeve; A 24-4)

#### C. Approval of a Resolution Annexing a Portion of the Right-of-Way of Hunsaker Lane to the City of Eugene (Area Identified as a Portion of the Hunsaker Lane

**Right-of-Way Between River Road and Ross Lane (Assessor's Map Nos. 17-04-11 And 17-04- 12)) (City File: Hunsaker Lane; A 24-6)**

- D. Approval of a Resolution Annexing a Portion of the Right-of-Way of South Willamette Street to the City of Eugene (Area Identified as a Portion of the South Willamette Street Right-of-Way Between Spencers Crest Drive and Eugene's Urban Growth Boundary (Assessor's Map Nos. 18-03-18 and 18-03-19)) (City File: South Willamette Street; A 24-7)**
- E. Approval of a Resolution Annexing a Portion of the Right-of-Way of Maxwell Road to the City of Eugene (Area Identified as a Portion of the Maxwell Road Right-of-Way Between Prairie Road and Northwest Expressway (Assessor's Map No. 17-04-15)) (City File: Maxwell Road; A 24-8)**

**MOTION:** Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Groves, moved to approve the items on Consent Calendar 2. **VOTE: 8:0 PASSED**

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Misty Bowman – spoke in favor of reducing light pollution.
2. Heather Allen – spoke about the importance of safety at the Pride in the Park event.
3. Zora Parker – spoke about the importance of the Pride in the Park event.
4. Kendra Rivera – spoke about the importance of the Pride in the Park event.
5. Lucy Moore – spoke about the need for safer sidewalks.
6. Megan Tucker – spoke about the importance of the Pride in the Park event.
7. Julia Ozab – spoke about the importance of the Pride in the Park event.
8. Whitney Donielson – spoke about the importance of the Pride in the Park event.
9. Brooks McLain – spoke about the importance of the Pride in the Park event event.
10. Cameron Leyda – spoke about the importance of the Pride in the Park event.
11. Robert Jackson – spoke about the importance of sustainable environmentalism and the dangers of electric batteries.
12. Stefan (Ace Dog) Streck – spoke in favor of maintaining the urban canopy.
13. Andrew Simrin – spoke in favor of reducing light pollution.
14. Jan Jamieson – spoke about the importance of the Pride in the Park event.
15. Liz LaVenture – spoke about the importance of the Pride in the Park event.
16. Brittany Chapman – spoke about the importance of the Pride in the Park event.
17. Robert Knodel – spoke about the importance of the Pride in the Park event.
18. Kae Anthony – spoke about the importance of the Pride in the Park event.
19. Charlie Loeb – spoke about the need for safer sidewalks.
20. Helen Shepard – spoke about the importance of the Pride in the Park event.
21. Michelle Cochran – spoke about the importance of the Pride in the Park event.
22. Rev Brenda wills – spoke about the importance of the Pride in the Park event.
23. David Igl – spoke about local history.
24. Scott Fife – spoke against multi-unit property tax exemptions.
25. Bella Jones – spoke about the importance of the Pride in the Park event.

### Council Discussion:

- Councilor Semple – asked staff how the City has worked with Pride in the Park event organizers; noted both events being held in the park have value; noted City staff and event organizers are continuing to work together; thanked those who participated in the public comment period.

- Councilor Keating – noted he has participated in many Pride events; noted traffic safety concerns from last year’s event; asked about the proposed administrative order to open up street parking in the riverfront; asked about the plan for crowd management; asked if Lane Transit District can offer free fare to the event in the future; noted there is an opportunity to have a pride-friendly event at the Cuthbert Amphitheater that coincides with the Pride in the Park event.
- Mayor Vinis – asked about the availability of accessible parking spots at the Pride in the Park event; stated concern that the community feels disregarded; noted appreciation with the community for bringing their concerns forward; stated her hope that continued conversations will result in a safe and inclusive event.

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala  
City Recorder

*(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)*

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