

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

September 23, 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 September 23, 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

Christina Nelson, Region 9 Director with the American Public Works Association (APWA) and Rich Hoey, Public Work Director, spoke about the City of Eugene Public Works Department receiving the Re-accreditation Award.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Groves – noted his recent attendance at a press conference for the Environmental Protection Agency clean-up of the J.H. Baxter site; noted the upcoming healthcare forum hosted by the Churchill Area Neighborhood Association.
- Councilor Keating – noted the upcoming November election; reminded the community to register to vote.

3. Priority Goal Action: Acquisition of Land for Affordable Housing – 1091 Coburg Road

Ellen Meyi-Galloway, Affordable Housing Production Manager, introduced the topic and provided background information.

Council Discussion:

- Mayor Vinis – stated it is a triumph to find a piece of land that is both affordable and workable for this project.
- Councilor Keating – noted the project is in Ward 4 and is near a grocery store.

MOTION: Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Groves, moved to approve the use of up to \$870,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the acquisition of 1091 Coburg Road for future Affordable Housing development. **VOTE: 8:0 PASSED**

4. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- July 8, 2024 Work Session
- July 10, 2024 Work Session
- July 15, 2024 Public Hearing
- July 17, 2024 Work Session

- July 22, 2024 Work Session
- July 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: 8:0 PASSED**

5. CONSENT CALENDAR 2

- A. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor’s Map 17-04-05-00, Tax Lot 00400, Located South of Awbrey Lane and West of HWY 99N)(City File: A 24-10)**
- B. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor’s Map 17-04-24-22, Tax Lot 00300, Located on Rosetta Avenue) (City File: A 24-5)**

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – asked why Consent Calendar 2 was being considered before Public Comment; asked if there were annexation items on Consent Calendar 2; requested that Consent Calendar 2 be considered after Public Comment in case members of the public wanted to speak to the annexation.
- Councilor Keating – asked if Council could ask the audience if anyone was planning on speaking to the annexation.
- Councilor Zelenka – noted annexations were not part of the consideration to move Public Comment to the end of the agenda.
- Mayor Vinis – stated she was moving Consent Calendar 2 to the end of the agenda.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Lin Woodrich – asked for public health development standards to be separated from risk bonds work; asked for a police substation to be located in the Bethel area.
2. Rebecca Hill – spoke in favor of reinstating the Breakfast Brigade's permit.
3. Curt Offenbacher – spoke against the Integrated Materials and Energy Recovery Facility.
4. Jason Sydes – spoke against the genocide in Gaza and asked the City to adopt an ethical investment policy.
5. Lisa Levsen – spoke in favor of reinstating the Breakfast Brigade's permit.
6. Jenni Carmichael – spoke in favor of reinstating the Breakfast Brigade's permit.
7. Danelle Carlson – spoke in favor of reinstating the Breakfast Brigade's permit.
8. Dharmika Henshel – spoke against the USD Clean Fuels transloading facility.
9. Lisa Arkin – spoke against the USD Clean Fuels transloading facility.
10. Pat Reilly – spoke in favor of reinstating the Breakfast Brigade's permit.
11. Danny Huffsmith – asked the City to adopt an ethical investment policy.
12. Robert Yost – spoke in favor of reinstating the Breakfast Brigade's permit.
13. Starry White – spoke against the USD Clean Fuels transloading facility.
14. Megan Moreland – spoke about a local financial institution.
15. Mervyn Duddy – spoke against the USD Clean Fuels transloading facility.
16. Rev. Wayne Martin – spoke about local non-profit group Breakfast Brigade.
17. William O'Brien – spoke in favor of reinstating the Breakfast Brigade's permit.
18. Richard Greene – spoke in favor of reinstating the Breakfast Brigade's permit.

19. Kamryn Stringfield – asked the City to adopt an ethical investment policy.
20. Madeline Martin-Adams – asked the City to adopt an ethical investment policy.
21. Jacob Trewe – asked the City to adopt an ethical investment policy.
22. Gabriel Scott – spoke in favor of reinstating the Breakfast Brigade's permit
23. David Igl – spoke about local historical events.
24. Misty Bowman – spoke in favor of dark skies and reducing light pollution.

Council Discussion:

- Mayor Vinis – stated she is grateful to the Breakfast Brigade for feeding the hungry; noted City staff are working with the group to resolve the permitting issue; noted she is concerned about the proposed USD Clean Fuels transloading facility; noted she has a long history of supporting Palestinian rights; stated the City's corporate investments are a small fraction of the entire portfolio; encouraged those in favor of divestment to focus on more impactful pathways.
- Councilor Semple – noted her desire for the Breakfast Brigade to find a workable solution; noted her respect for Robert Yost; stated there are insufficient places for the unhoused to dispose of their trash.
- Councilor Leech – asked staff to speak to the latest update to the investment advisory boards; noted she is concerned about the proposed USD Clean Fuels transloading facility; stated her desire for the Breakfast Brigade to find workable solutions; noted the Whiteaker neighborhood needs more investment.

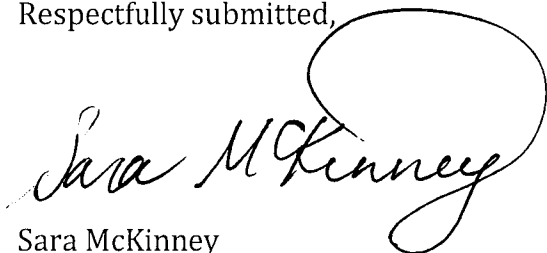
7. CONSENT CALENDAR 2 - Items pulled.

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

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara McKinney
Deputy City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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