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Eugene City Council Public Hearing Eugene, Oregon 97401

November 18, 2024
5:30 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 November 18, 2024, public hearing of the Eugene City Council in hybrid in-person and virtual format at 500 E. 4th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401, North Building.

1. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Extending the Term of Ordinance No. 19775 and Ordinance No. 20397 Granting to Comcast of Oregon, II, Inc. a Franchise for Operation of a Cable Telecommunications System.

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.

2. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Concerning Middle Housing; Making A Text Amendment To The Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan; Replacing Variations Of The Terms "One Family" And "Single Family" With "Single-Unit," Replacing Variations Of The Term "Two Family" With "Duplex," Replacing Variations Of The Term "Three Family" With "Triplex," Replacing Variations Of The Term "Four Family" With "Fourplex," And Replacing Variations Of The Terms "Multiple Family" And "Multi-Family" With "Multi-Unit" Or "Multiple-Unit" Throughout The Eugene Code; Amending Sections 9.0500, 9.2160, 9.2161, 9.2700, 9.2720, 9.2740, 9.2741, 9.2750, 9.2751, 9.2760, 9.2761, 9.2770, 9.2775, 9.2777, 9.2780, 9.3050, 9.3065, 9.3100, 9.3115, 9.3116, 9.3125, 9.3145, 9.3210, 9.3215, 9.3220, 9.3221, 9.3300, 9.3310, 9.3510, 9.3625, 9.3630, 9.3800, 9.3810, 9.3811, 9.3815, 9.3822, 9.3823, 9.3910, 9.3915, 9.6105, 9.6650, 9.6703, 9.6730, 9.6740, 9.6745, 9.6775, 9.6792, 9.6793, 9.6795, 9.6885, 9.7000, 9.7015,

9.7020, 9.7025, 9.7030, 9.7055, 9.7230, 9.7600, 9.8005, 9.8030, 9.8210, 9.8215, 9.8220, 9.8423, 9.8510, 9.8515, 9.8520, 9.8705, 9.8710, And 9.8865 Of The Eugene Code, 1971; Deleting Sections 9.2705, 9.2735, And 9.2737 Of That Code; Adding Sections 9.5550, 9.7640, 9.7641, 9.7642, 9.7643, 9.7644, 9.7900, 9.7905, 9.7910, 9.7915, 9.7920, 9.7925, 9.8191, 9.8192, 9.8193, 9.8194, 9.8195, 9.8196, 9.8197, 9.8198, And 9.8199 To That Code; Addressing The Oregon Land Use Board Of Appeals' Remand Of Ordinance No. 20705; And Providing An Effective Date.

Mayor Vinis opened the public hearing.

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

1. Kaarin Knudson spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
2. Kathy Ging spoke against the proposed ordinance.
3. Tiffany Edwards spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
4. Eliza Kashinsky spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Vinis closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Groves – asked for information on what the criterion is for determining sufficient infrastructure.

3. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Establishing a Fire Service Fee and Adding New Sections 6.760, 6.765, 6.770, 6.775, 6.780, 6.785, and 6.790 to the Eugene Code, 1971.

Mayor Vinis opened the public hearing.

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

1. Danny Patch spoke against the proposed ordinance.
2. David Van Der Haegen spoke against the proposed ordinance.
3. Kathryn Dunn spoke against the proposed ordinance.
4. Kris Siewert spoke against the proposed ordinance.
5. Lloyd Madden spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
6. John Barofsky spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
7. Kim Arscott spoke against the proposed ordinance.
8. Marchello Folino spoke against the proposed ordinance.
9. Tiffany Edwards spoke against the proposed ordinance.
10. Katie Wilgus spoke against the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Vinis closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Groves – noted the fire department is a foundational service; noted the growth in property taxes is not keeping pace with the cost of delivering services; noted concern with the proposed method of funding and wants community involvement on this topic; noted staffing for the fire department has not changed since the 1980s; noted the fee feels rushed; noted interest in what the potential cuts will look like.
- Mayor Vinis – noted the City’s website has a helpful facts, answers, and questions (FAQ) section on the proposed fee.

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Natalie Venhuda)

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