

MINUTES

**Eugene City Council
Harris Hall, 125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**January 14, 2019
7:30 p.m.**

Councilors Present: Emily Semple, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, Jennifer Yeh, Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor,

Mayor Vinis opened the January 14, 2019, meeting of the Eugene City Council.

1. ACTION: ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2019

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Semple, moved to elect Betty Taylor as President of the City Council for 2019. **PASSED 8:0.**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to elect Emily Semple as Vice President of the City Council for 2019. **PASSED 8:0.**

2. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Abraham Luedtke – spoke in support of a single-use plastics and polystyrene ban.
2. John Ammondson - spoke in support of a single-use plastics and polystyrene ban.
3. Terry McDonald – spoke in support of the River Road landbank site development.
4. Todd Boyle – spoke in support of addressing the housing needs of the lowest-income residents.
5. Adam Kishel – shared concerns about the lack of information on the recent Eugene Police shooting.
6. Eric Jackson – supported exploring alternatives to the current homeless camp models.
7. Aura – shared her experience in the Camp 99 homeless camp and her desired way of life.
8. Kaarin Knudson – conveyed Better Housing Together’s support for the Construction Excise Tax.
9. Carmel Snyder – spoke on behalf of AARP in support of efforts to address affordable housing.
10. Robin Bloomgarden – spoke against single-use plastics and the proliferation of 5G technology.
11. Cindy Allen – opposed the proliferation of 5G in low-density neighborhoods.
12. Karyn Kaplan – spoke in support of a single-use plastics ban.
13. Donna Riddle – urged the council to provide more assistance to the homeless.
14. Cindy Matherly – spoke in support of a single-us plastics ban.
15. Brennen Matherly – spoke in support of a single-use plastics ban.
16. Bill O’Brien – conveyed frustration with City’s involvement in the demolition of Hayward Field.
17. Joshua Caraco – supported more parking for seniors and those with disabilities, not businesses.
18. Nicholas Knight – shared his thoughts about the recent Eugene Police shooting.
19. Lon Otterby – supported a ban on polystyrene products.
20. Deb McGee – supported a ban on single-use plastics.
21. Scott Smith – supported a proposal to enact a law that would curb panhandling on busy streets.
22. Sara Burant – supported a ban on single-use plastics and Styrofoam.
23. Betzi Hitz – spoke in support of a ban on single-use plastics.
24. Amanda Ligon – spoke about the need for police racial bias training.
25. Loretta Huston – opposed the proliferation of 5G technology.
26. Victor Odlivak – spoke in support of efforts to stop the proliferation of 5G.
27. Dag Arneson – spoke about the recent Eugene Police shooting.
28. Michael Gannon – spoke about pedestrian safety, the police shooting, the CET, and the plastics ban.
29. Roman Anderson – supported the implementation of a reasonable CET program.

30. Debbie Jensen – expressed frustration about a personal situation with vehicle towing.
31. D’Arcy Martin – spoke in support of efforts to curb or ban panhandling.
32. Theresa Skotchdopole – supported protecting the area around the River Road housing site.
33. Jen Hornaday – opposed the proposed swale adjacent to the River Road housing site.
34. René Nelson – spoke in support of efforts to stop panhandling.
35. Steve Ochs – spoke in support of the proposed affordable housing funding package.
36. Alyssa Gilbert – spoke in support of a polystyrene ban and other waste issues.
37. Liv Meyer – spoke in support of a polystyrene ban and other environmental initiatives.
38. Stefan Strek – shared his solutions to the issue of homelessness.
39. Rachel McDaid – supported efforts to protect the area around the River Road housing site.
40. Melody Delorme – asked council to adopt a panhandling ordinance similar to Springfield’s.
41. Stephen Carson – opposed the presence of armed guards at public schools.
42. Monique Hall – opposed the proliferation of 5G smart meters.
43. Paul von der Meh – spoke in support of the Homes for Good Project at MLK Commons.

Council Discussion

- Pedestrian safety is an issue in this community; unfortunate that there is no driver education requirement for getting a license.
- There is multi-step process for reviewing deadly force incidents; important to not draw conclusions until the facts are known.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes
 - November 28, 2018, Work Session
 - December 10, 2018, Work Session
 - December 10, 2018, Meeting
 - December 12, 2018, Work Session
- B. Approval of Tentative Working Agenda
- C. Adoption of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor’s Map 17-03-33-12 Tax Lot 200 — located at 435 Lindley Lane) (City File: Sebring; A 18-9)

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Semple, moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. **PASSED 8:0.**

4. ACTION: Approval of Resources for Housing Affordable to Low-Income Persons

Housing Finance Analyst Ellen Meyi-Galloway and Housing Opportunities Team Manager Stephanie Jennings introduced the topic and presented information about the approval process.

Council Discussion

- Working to lower the costs associated with development will result in more units of affordable housing.
- Concerns expressed about the ecological impacts of the proposed development on River Road; support continued efforts to mitigate the impacts on neighboring properties and residents.
- Outreach to community was thorough; project enjoys general support.
- Support expressed for less regimented approach to the development of affordable housing; look at more innovative alternatives and opportunities for collaboration.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Semple, moved to award the property at 1505-1525 River Road and approve use of \$725,000 in HOME funds for the construction of River Road Affordable Housing as proposed by St. Vincent de Paul.
PASSED 8:0

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Semple, moved to approve use of \$749,534 in HOME funds and \$150,466 in Low-Income Housing funds for the construction of the Commons on MLK as proposed by Homes for Good Housing Agency. **PASSED 8:0**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Forrest
City Recorder

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