

## MINUTES

**Eugene City Council  
Harris Hall, 125 East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**May 29, 2019  
12:00 p.m.**

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

Councilors Absent: Greg Evans, Chris Pryor

Mayor Vinis opened the May 29, 2019, work session of the Eugene City Council.

### **1. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) and 192.660(2)(f)**

Mayor Vinis reopened the May 29, 2019 work session of the Eugene City Council at 12:23 p.m.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Semple, moved to direct the City Manager to schedule a public hearing on a possible one-year agreement to extend the franchise agreement with Northwest Natural Gas. **PASSED 6:0**

### **2. WORK SESSION: Review of 2018 Implementation of Bond Measure to Fix Streets and 2019 Pavement Management Report**

Principal Civil Engineer Jenifer Willer presented the Street Repair Review Panel 2018 Annual Report to the City Council as well as the 2019 Pavement Management Report.

#### Council Discussion

- Councilor Clark - expressed appreciation for the presentation and bond process; inquired about the sources of income funding outside of the bond (i.e. property taxes).
- Councilor Syrett - expressed appreciation to staff and the citizen committee for their work; spoke about experiences traveling on roads and gave kudos to contractors for quality of work.
- Councilor Zelenka – expressed appreciation to Public Works for maintenance on roads as well as the work of the citizen committee; reviewed 2019 pavement management report statistics and nature of backlogged maintenance; inquired about the difference in funding needs for projects; expressed appreciation for projects.
- Mayor Vinis – echoed comments by councilors; expressed appreciation for the presentation and the work of the street review panel.
- Councilor Zelenka – encouraged consideration of opportunities for Public Works to develop promotional materials about potholes.

### 3. Committee Reports and Items of Interest

#### Council Discussion

- Councilor Taylor – discussed school zone speeding dangers and concerns and desire to do something about that; discussed Budget Committee concerns about full-time position approval and other funding needs; discussed need for conversation about funding positions around the City.
- Councilor Semple – discussed motion passed in Budget Committee for accessible restrooms downtown and other restroom needs.
- Councilor Clark – expressed agreement with Councilor Taylor’s comments; requested that next year’s budget process be presented as more of a reflection of city goals and values as a means of deciding priorities; requested a discussion of the process and purpose of public forum at the next process session and spoke to the council’s experience with current public forum process.
- Councilor Syrett – agreed with the desire to improve the value of public forums; discussed concerns from River Road Community Organization regarding development on Lombard Avenue.
- Councilor Yeh –expressed agreement with councilors Taylor and Clark about budget concerns; asked the City Manager what is happening with canopies at the Free Speech Plaza and why canopies have been prohibited; inquired where security is represented at the Saturday Market and who has legal authority over the space.
- Councilor Zelenka – expressed agreement with Councilor Clark about having a discussion about public forum; announced open house for Franklin Boulevard Project; reported on Police Commission retreat during the past weekend and topics discussed therein; inquired about old city hall lot and parking lot development; asked what ‘temporary’ means in terms of parking lot development on site.
- Councilor Taylor – discussed and inquired about canopy prohibition at the Free Speech Plaza.
- Mayor Vinis – reported on the Walkability Conference in Georgia and action plan development for long-term needs; announced Walk with the Mayor opportunity; noted that EWEB and Council leadership have regular meetings.
- Councilor Taylor – requested updates from the Mayor regarding meetings with the 4J and Bethel Superintendents.

The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beth Forrest*

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City Recorder

*(Recorded by Samantha Roberts)*

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