

# MINUTES

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

**June 10, 2019  
7:30 p.m.**

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

Mayor Vinis opened the June 10, 2019, meeting of the Eugene City Council.

## **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Eugene Police Cadets Caleb Pruitt, Adilena Rios, Lauren Nusser, and Chance Cummings led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag in honor of Flag Day on June 14.

### Council Discussion

- Councilor Zelenka – talked about City Council participating in the Pledge of Allegiance, acknowledging certain holidays throughout the year and inviting community members to participate in leading the Pledge.

## **2. PUBLIC FORUM**

1. Todd Boyle – proposed new zoning specifically for low-income housing.
2. Sabrina Siegel – shared concerns about communication between council and the city attorney.
3. Bekki Bruckner – shared concerns about communication between council and the city attorney.
4. Abraham Likwornik – shared concerns about City Council communication and 5G.
5. Joshua Korn – shared concerns about 5G technology.
6. Barbara Wade – read a letter from Peter DeFazio about the safety of 5G technology.
7. David Piccioni – made comments about community safety and police enforcement.
8. Carolyn Partridge – shared concerns that Eugene will not meet emissions reduction goals.
9. Linda Heyl – shared concerns about NW Natural’s deep decarbonization plans.
10. Rouanna Garden – encouraged no new expansion of natural gas in the area.
11. Robin Bloomgarden – talked about the need to phase out fossil fuels, including natural gas.
12. Jim Neu – shared concerns about NW Natural’s deep decarbonization plans.
13. Debby McGee – talked about the need to phase out fossil fuels, including natural gas.
14. Linda Perrine – talked about phasing out fossil fuels and encouraging solar energy.
15. Donna Riddle – proposed using the Greyhound Bus Station as a navigation center.
16. James Hatcher – spoke about the free speech plaza at Saturday Market and the lack of canopies.
17. Patricia DeVall – spoke about the free speech plaza at Saturday Market and the lack of canopies.
18. Kayla McDonald – spoke about the free speech plaza at Saturday Market and canopies.
19. Heather Allen – spoke about the free speech plaza at Saturday market and the lack of canopies.
20. Carol Scherer – shared support for developing programs for the unhoused.
21. Michael Carrigan – asked council to declare a homelessness state of emergency.
22. Rich InLove – shared concerns about rent increases and livability.
23. Zondie Zinke – shared concerns that council did not properly vet community safety money.
24. Mary Austerman – talked about the treatment of vendors at the free speech plaza.
25. Jerry Glass – shared concerns about homeless people getting harassed by police.
26. Eric Jackson – shared concerns that Municipal Court is not currently a court of record.
27. Michael Gannon – shared concerns that City Council is not being responsive enough.

28. Janet Ayers – shared concerns about MUPTE and the imbalance of governance.
29. Timothy Morris – shared concerns about additional rules against the unhoused population.
30. Al Lepage – spoke about fire prevention and concerns about fireworks.
31. Kimberly Gladen – talked about improvements at the free speech plaza on Saturdays.
32. Lonnie Douglas – spoke against the community safety payroll tax.
33. Pamela Krause – spoke about the need for more community conversations.
34. Tom Brandt – shared concerns about public input and not addressing community concerns.
35. Mike Rose – talked about the benefits of the Shedd Institute in the community.
36. Peter Kowalke – shared concerns about 5G technology in the community.
37. Avery Temple – shared concerns that the payroll tax will fund police more than prevention.
38. Katherine Janson – talked about the importance of community services versus more police.

#### Council Discussion

- Councilor Syrett – made comments about increased funding to CAHOOTS over the last few budgets, noting its value to the community; asked about the fireworks ordinance passed in 2018; spoke about the changes made to the payroll tax before it was adopted by City Council at the earlier work session.
- Councilor Semple – said it was important to point out that CAHOOTS is included in the community safety funding; expressed the desire to educate people more about the expected community safety services; addressed vending at the free speech plaza.

*Mayor Vinis announced a 10-minute break.*

### **3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **A. Approval of City Council Minutes**

- May 15, 2019, Work Session
- May 20, 2019, Public Hearing
- May 22, 2019, Work Session

#### **B. Approval of Tentative Working Agenda**

#### **C. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor's Map 17-04-11-43; Tax Lot 2500—located at 320 Santa Clara Avenue) (City File: Porter, Daniel and Brenda; A 18-12)**

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

### **4. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Concerning Persons in Charge of Planting Strips and Amending Section 7.370 of the Eugene Code, 1971.**

City Manager Jon Ruiz introduced the public hearing.

1. Chris Gadsby – spoke in support of the ordinance concerning planting strips.
2. Pete Knox – spoke in support of the ordinance concerning persons in charge of planting strips.
3. John Thielking – spoke in opposition to the ordinance concerning planting strips.
4. Charmaine Rehg – spoke in support of the ordinance concerning planting strips.
5. Bill O'Brien – asked council to do more to address and help homeless individuals in Eugene.
6. Leslie Noxon – spoke in support of ordinance concerning planting strips.
7. Rich InLove – encouraged more thought put in to decisions related to homelessness.
8. Susan Selig – spoke in support of the ordinance concerning planting strips.
9. Irene Alltucker– spoke in support of the ordinance concerning planting strips.
10. Jaime Henslee – spoke in support of the ordinance concerning planting strips.
11. Zondie Zinke – spoke in opposition to the ordinance concerning planting strips.

12. Jerry Glass – spoke in opposition to the ordinance concerning planting strips.
13. Eric Jackson – spoke in opposition to the ordinance concerning planting strips.
14. Tiffany Edwards - spoke in support of the ordinance concerning planting strips.
15. Janet Ayers – spoke in support of the ordinance concerning planting strips.
16. Michael Gannon – spoke in opposition to the ordinance concerning planting strips.
17. Sharree Strausbaugh – spoke in support of the ordinance concerning planting strips.
18. Kimberly Gladen – spoke in support of the ordinance concerning planting strips.
19. Shannon Grosse – spoke in support of the ordinance concerning planting strips.
20. Tom Brandt – encouraged council to address homeless issues in the community.
21. Peter Dragovich – spoke in opposition to the ordinance concerning planting strips.

**5. ACTION: Use of Future Property Tax Revenue to Pay Midtown Arts Center System Development Charges**

Community Development Director Mike Kinnison presented information about the Midtown Arts Center project.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Semple, moved to approve the City Manager proceeding with the City's payment of the non-residential portion of the Midtown Art Center's SDCs from property tax revenue that the City will receive from the construction of the Center. **PASSED 8:0.**

**6. ACTION: Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees**

Mayor Vinis said that the appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees would be postponed until Wednesday.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Forrest  
City Recorder

*(Recorded by Elena Domingo)*

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