

MINUTES

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

**June 17, 2019
7:30 p.m.**

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

Councilors Absent: Emily Semple, Betty Taylor

Mayor Vinis opened the June 17, 2019, public hearing of the Eugene City Council.

1. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Vacating E. 8th Alley, Located Between High Street and High Alley (City File VRI 18-1)

Mayor Vinis opened the public hearing and asked councilors for any ex-parte communications they would like to disclose. Councilors Pryor, Syrett, and Evans disclosed ex-parte contact. City Manager Jon Ruiz provided background on the item.

Comments in Support:

1. Ginevra Ralph - explained how the ordinance would increase safety and accessibility.
2. Colin MacArthur - outlined requirements met by applicant and explained the ways in which the ordinance would benefit the public.
3. Lynnea Barry – supported the alley vacation and expressed concern for drivers and pedestrians who have been and could continue to be at risk due to the blind corners near the alley.
4. Jonathan Brandt – said the ordinance would enhance safety and increase Americans with Disabilities Act access.
5. Karen Warren – shared a personal experience of a near-accident in the alley and supported the alley vacation.

There were no neutral comments or comments in opposition.

Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka – noted that there is no public infrastructure in the alley; asked for more information on how the assessment was arrived at; asked whether the curb cut would be removed on High Street; asked about alleys in his ward that are “bollarded”—would like to hear from staff why and how that occurs.
- Councilor Clark – asked whether the ordinance would be of concern to the County because of their future construction plans.
- Councilor Evans – supported taking action immediately on the item.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to adopt an ordinance vacating E. 8th Alley, located between High Street and High Alley.

PASSED 6:0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest

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City Recorder

(Recorded by Cas Casados)

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