

MINUTES

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

**June 24, 2019
5:30 p.m.**

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

Councilors Absent: Betty Taylor, Greg Evans

Councilor Semple opened the June 24, 2019, Work Session of the Eugene City Council in Mayor Vinis' absence.

1. Committee Reports and Items of Interest

Council Discussion

- Councilor Yeh – spoke about the recent Kathmandu Sister City annual picnic and expressed appreciation for the event and upcoming Sister City-related plans.
- Councilor Pryor – reported on an event he attended for National Refugee Day.
- Councilor Semple – announced that she would be bringing a resolution forward from the Human Rights Commission; provided details about a building for potential shelter use.

2. WORK SESSION: Urban Reserves Planning

Senior Planner Rebecca Gershow and Metro Community Planning Manager Terri Harding provided City Council with an update on the Urban Reserves planning work to date.

Councilor Zelenka arrived at 5:45.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Clark – expressed appreciation for the report; asked why certain employment forecasts were used over others, and about the nature of information within the presentation; spoke about missing information from forecasts and urged council to consider additional land for urban reserves, asked why staff would consider including land with more than a 20-degree slope and if there is a clear and objective path for those lands.
- Councilor Syrett – expressed appreciation for report; asked how modeling assumptions based on low density residential housing models in the report compare to state conversations about increasing density; inquired about what policies exist that direct assumptions towards low density housing; questioned whether the assumption of low density will work with future planning efforts and spoke to desire to speak about assumption more in the future; spoke about greater density in residential areas.
- Councilor Pryor – mentioned time as a factor in conversation; asked how housing affordability can be included in urban reserves planning; discussed affordability of land and development as well as other considerations; discussed how to bring land together to provide affordable housing and related challenges; spoke to density requirements and livability standards.
- Councilor Clark – reiterated concerns around slope considerations; inquired about effects on R1 UGB analysis if HB 2001 (2019) would pass and how much this would increase capacity in R1 UGB analysis; discussed what could happen if the bill passes; inquired how

SB 100 will affect the city's ability to utilize buildable lands; suggested adjusting timeline and reasons why; expressed belief that this report requires broad participation due to its broad community impact.

3. **WORK SESSION: 2021 Update**

Public Works Director Sarah Medary and 2021 Project Lead Stephanie Scafa gave an update on the International Association of Athletics Federation's World Athletics Championships (Oregon21), to be held in Eugene August 6 – 15, 2021, including event planning efforts and the status of current and future projects.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Syrett – expressed excitement for the events; inquired about financial contributions from the City specifically with law enforcement and public safety; inquired about hotel accommodations, alternative accommodations, including short-term rental policy impacts; spoke about previous experiences with the Los Angeles Olympics including Olympic Arts Festival and ways to engage community members.
- Councilor Semple – inquired about community questions and concerns including outreach efforts, housing issues and inequities, and transportation impacts; expressed appreciation but noted risks and possible negative outcomes associated with the event.
- Councilor Clark – discussed potential impacts of the event and asked staff to think about leveraging the event to solve large-scale community problems, like homelessness, and to engage Council in the coming months.
- Councilor Yeh – discussed the legacy of the event (referencing Councilor Clark's comments); discussed other locations of events throughout the state.
- Councilor Zelenka – inquired about and discussed statewide transportation efforts to facilitate travel from Portland to Eugene; asked how many hotel rooms exist in the Eugene metro area.
- Councilor Semple - announced that the June 26 City Council Work Session is cancelled.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes
 - May 13, 2019, Meeting
 - May 20, 2019, Work Session
 - May 28, 2019, Work Session
 - May 28, 2019, Meeting and Public Hearing
 - May 29, 2019, Work Session
- B. Approval of Tentative Working Agenda
- C. Approval of Neighborhood Matching Grants for Fiscal Year 2020

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. **PASSED 6:0.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Recorder

(Recorded by Samantha Roberts)

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