

## MINUTES

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

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

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

**Councilors Absent:** Jennifer Yeh

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

**Human Rights Commission Chair Joel Iboa recognized Indigenous People's Day.**

### **1. PUBLIC FORUM**

1. Ralph McDonald – Supported the climate strike resolution on behalf of Sustainability Commission.
2. Anna Baio – Spoke in opposition to 5G and recent installation concerns.
3. Bekki Bruckner – Spoke in opposition to 5G and recent installation concerns.
4. Victor Odlivak – Spoke in opposition to 5G.
5. Cherie Martin – Supported a proposed resolution declaring the right to safe and legal abortion.
6. Courtney Mills – Supported a proposed resolution declaring the right to safe and legal abortion.
7. Laurie Trieger - Supported a proposed resolution declaring the right to safe and legal abortion.
8. Joshua Korn – Spoke in opposition to 5G and discussed the recent work session.
9. Lauri Segel – Spoke in opposition to 5G and requested follow-up with work session.
10. Sabrina Siegel – Spoke in opposition to 5G and discussed the recent work session.
11. Todd Boyle – Discussed low-income housing ideas and concerns.
12. Jaden Salama – Spoke to concerns about bike infrastructure and safety in Eugene.
13. Catherine Rohan – Spoke to concerns about bike infrastructure and safety in Eugene.
14. Finley Heeb – Spoke to concerns about bike infrastructure and safety in Eugene.
15. Sean Vermilya - Spoke to concerns about bike infrastructure and safety in Eugene.
16. Aliza Whalen - Spoke to concerns about bike infrastructure and safety in Eugene.
17. Rachel Cohen – Spoke to concerns about bike infrastructure and safety in Eugene.
18. Rebecca Lewis - Spoke to concerns about bike infrastructure and safety in Eugene.
19. Marc Schlossberg - Spoke to concerns about bike infrastructure and safety in Eugene.
20. Chelsea Jennings – Supported a proposed resolution declaring the right to safe and legal abortion.
21. Kimberly Koops – Supported a proposed resolution declaring the right to safe and legal abortion.
22. Mariah Clark - Supported a proposed resolution declaring the right to safe and legal abortion.
23. Ruby Jernigan – Supported the youth-led climate strike resolution.
24. Jesse Hubbe – Supported the youth-led climate strike resolution.
25. Claire Gillies – Supported the youth-led climate strike resolution.
26. Lex Worden – Supported the youth-led climate strike resolution.
27. Abraham Likwornik – Spoke in opposition to 5G technology.
28. Bill O'Brien – Expressed concern about technology and other issues.
29. Carolyn Partridge – Discussed desire for council to pass a climate emergency declaration.
30. Jim Neu – Discussed concerns regarding MUPTE for Gordon Building and corporate influences.
31. Debra McGee – Discussed climate concerns and desire for climate recovery goal changes.
32. Ron Unger – Discussed concerns around climate change and support for climate strike resolution.
33. Robin Bloomgarden – Spoke in opposition to 5G.

34. Stefan Strek – Spoke about community safety initiative and payroll tax concerns.
35. Michael Carrigan - Discussed climate strike resolution, equity and declaration of climate emergency.
36. John Barofsky – Gave tribute to the work of Jon Ruiz during his tenure with the City.
37. Michael Townshend – Discussed issues including 5G, climate concerns, and council structure.
38. Thomas Hiura – Discussed music education and the need to increase time to speak at council.
39. Drix – Spoke about a variety of issues including the Hult Center and technology.

#### Council Discussion

- Councilor Syrett – Expressed appreciation for speakers; announced intention to introduce the resolution regarding abortion access; addressed criticisms about councilors’ attendance at boards and commissions meetings.
- Councilor Taylor – Expressed appreciation for the speakers on a variety of topics including transportation and abortion rights; discussed abortion rights and bicycle safety; shared support for climate-strike resolution.
- Councilor Semple – Expressed appreciation for speakers including those who spoke about abortion rights and bike safety; discussed need for increased bike safety, especially at 18<sup>th</sup> and Hilyard.
- Councilor Zelenka – Expressed appreciation for and discussed resolution opposing abortion bans across the country; expressed appreciation for testimony about bike safety; noted that it was City Manager Jon Ruiz’s last regular meeting and thanked him for his management during the Great Recession.
- Councilor Clark – Expressed appreciation for City Manager Jon Ruiz’s work during his tenure at the City of Eugene and cited several specific examples and anecdotes; expressed disappointment about comments made regarding Indigenous People’s Day.
- Councilor Syrett – Expressed appreciation for those who addressed bike safety and issues around friction between bicycle and automobile infrastructure; supported comments made about City Manager Jon Ruiz’s tenure with the City, including his management of reserves during the Great Recession.
- Mayor Vinis – Addressed thought changes around key issues like housing, climate change, safety, and equity, noting their effect on events like Indigenous People’s Day; expressed appreciation for the leadership of City Manager Jon Ruiz.

#### **4. ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Protections for Individuals and Amending Section 2.497 of the Eugene Code, 1971.**

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Semple, moved to adopt an Ordinance Concerning Protections for Individuals and Amending Section 2.497 of the Eugene Code, 1971. **PASSED 7:0**

#### **5. ACTION: A Resolution in Support of the Youth-Led Climate Strike Eugene, Oregon on September 20 Beginning a Week of Climate Awareness Actions Through September 27, 2019, Declaring a Climate Emergency, and Calling for Full Implementation of the Eugene Oregon Climate Recovery Ordinance (CRO) and Other Immediate Measures to Restore a Safe Climate.**

**MOTION:** Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Semple, moved to adopt a resolution in support of the youth-led climate strike.

#### Council Discussion

- Councilor Semple – Spoke about the process for drafting the resolution creation and read portions of it aloud.
- Councilor Zelenka – Spoke about his attendance at the youth climate strike and expressed appreciation for the participation of youth from local high schools; expressed support for the resolution.

**VOTE ON MOTION: PASSED 7:0**

The meeting adjourned at 9:31p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beth Forrest*

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City Recorder

*(Recorded by Samantha Roberts)*

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