

## MINUTES

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

**September 10, 2018  
7:30 p.m.**

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

Mayor Vinis opened the September 10, 2018, meeting of the Eugene City Council.

### 1. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Laurie Powell – spoke about the Climate Recovery Ordinance, specifically related to the TSP.
2. John Clarenbach – shared concerns about the large increase of homeless on Mill Street.
3. Jerry Smith – talked about Eugene’s need for a public shelter.
4. David Igl – requested that council make a public statement regarding the renaming of Dunn Hall.
5. Nicholas Knight – spoke about the smoking ban and its effect on minimum wage workers.
6. John Thielking – talked about the Ninth Circuit Court opinion regarding sleeping and camping.
7. Justin MacDonald – shared concerns about public safety issues and unhoused individuals.
8. Phoenix Downer – spoke about homeless camping.
9. Gwendolyn Iris – talked about the Ninth Circuit Court opinion regarding sleeping and camping.
10. Janet Zoll – asked if the City of Eugene is in compliance with the Ninth Circuit Court ruling.
11. Michael Weed – shared concerns about City’s stance on Ninth Circuit Court ruling.
12. Kathy Walker – asked City Council to remove the camping ban.
13. Todd Boyle – asked council to focus public resources on low-income housing.
14. Ken Neubeck – expressed disappointment in the City’s response to the Ninth Circuit Court ruling.
15. Tracy Joscelyn – supported working hard towards housing individuals with winter coming.
16. Eric Jackson – spoke about moving forward after Ninth Circuit Court Decision.
17. Patrick – asked Council to think before acting with regard to unhoused individuals.
18. Daniel DeLay – spoke about the homeless epidemic.
19. Alex Reitz – talked about how the unhoused need a place to be.
20. Jerry Glass – shared opinion that it feels like war has been declared against the homeless.
21. Nicole St. Germain – asked council to think about kindness and humility towards the unhoused.

#### Council Discussion

- Thankful for all of the valuable input and believe that the Boise decision does affect Eugene.
- Want to be able to provide a safe place where people can lie down and legally go to sleep.

### 2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes
  - a. July 9, 2018, Meeting
  - b. July 9, 2018, Work Session
  - c. July 11, 2018, Work Session
  - d. July 16, 2018, Meeting
  - e. July 16, 2018, Work Session
  - f. July 18, 2018, Work Session
  - g. July 23, 2018, Meeting
  - h. July 23, 2018, Work Session
  - i. July 25, 2018, Work Session

- B. Approval of Tentative Working Agenda
- C. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor's Map 17-04-23-13, Tax Lot 109—located on 1127 and 1129 Maclay Drive)(City File: Jesse Brabham; A 18-2)
- D. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor's Map 17-03-28-40, Tax Lots 1401 and 1402—located on 1 and 2 Chevy Chase Lane). (Chase/LeCompte; A 18-4)

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

3. **PUBLIC HEARING:** An Ordinance Changing the Street Name of the Undeveloped Portion of Suzanne Way to Tennyson Avenue, as it Extends North From Crescent Avenue to Tennyson Avenue (City File SC 18-1)

Mayor Vinis opened the public hearing and asked if any councilors needed to disclose any bias, conflicts of interest, ex parte communications or abstentions.

Councilor Clark disclosed that before the meeting started he asked the person who is going to testify if she thought this was a good idea or not, but said he was capable of making an unbiased decision.

Associate Planner Nick Gioello introduced the Public Hearing topic.

Support

1. Teresa Bishow - spoke in support of the proposed street name change.

Neutral

No one spoke with a neutral stance on this issue.

Oppose

No one spoke in opposition to this issue.

Mayor Vinis closed the Public Hearing and the record.

4. **ACTION: A Resolution Granting a Measure 49 Claim and Waiving a Provision of Chapter 9 of the Eugene Code, 1971 for Property Located Adjacent to 70 West 24<sup>th</sup> Place, Eugene, Oregon (Assessor's Map 18-03-06-42, Tax Lot 2700)**

**MOTION:** Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to adopt the Resolution Granting a Measure 49 Claim for Property Located adjacent to 70 West 24<sup>th</sup> Place, Eugene Oregon.

Assistant Planner Dan Lawler and Senior Planner Gabe Flock introduced the action item.

Council Discussion

- Questions asked about the 2014 code amendments and why the city added a provision that restricted the building size on alley access lots.
- Concern expressed that a decision made in this case would set a precedent for other Measure 49 cases, cases related to ADUs, or alley access lots.
- This situation seems to be an unintended consequence stemming from the 2014 code changes and the lot in question does seem to qualify for an exemption to the rule.
- Encourage re-opening the record to allow the public to make additional comments.

**MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE AND VOTE:** Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to substitute for the current motion to re-open the record for the Measure 49 claim for additional written testimony until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 12, 2018 and the claimant's rebuttal period until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 19, 2018 and postpone council's vote to Monday September 24, 2018. **PASSED 6:2**, Councilors Syrett and Pryor opposed.

Council Discussion

- Request made for a better staff analysis of the evidence that was presented throughout the process and whether or not it was applicable to the decision.
- Question asked about the timeline to make the decision and whether opening the record would affect the deadline at all.

**VOTE: PASSED 8:0**

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Deputy City Recorder

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