M I N U T E S

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

July 8, 2019
7:30 p.m.

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

Councilor Taylor opened the July 8, 2019, meeting of the Eugene City Council in Mayor Vinis' absence.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Reading of the Declaration of Independence**
   Candace Shorak of the Eugene-Jinju Sister City Committee, Galina Groza of the Eugene-Irkutsk Sister City Committee, and Larry Yamoaka of the Eugene-Kakegawa Sister City Committee led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Declaration of Independence in honor of Independence Day.

2. **PUBLIC FORUM**
   1. David Piccioni – shared his ideas for making sure courthouse toilets do not get clogged.
   2. Peter Dragovich – read an excerpt from Moody's Investors report on climate change.
   3. Deb McGee – requested the council sunset the city's use of methane gas.
   4. Todd Boyle – suggested ways to reduce the cost of housing.
   5. Joshua Korn – spoke about electro-sensitivity; asked council for a moratorium on 5G.
   6. Linda Heyl – spoke about reducing natural gas to meet climate goals.
   7. Victor Odlivak – spoke about federal legislation regarding 5G technology.
   8. Eric Jackson – said community court is ineffective and needs to be a court of record.
   9. Eliza Kashinsky – spoke of House Bill 2001 being an opportunity for Eugene.
   10. Sue Sierralupé – requested more sharps containers around the city and in new bathrooms.
   11. Jamie Porter – felt the handling of her stalking case by the police department was lacking.

   Discussion
   - Councilor Evans – asked whether there had been an agreement made with Northwest Natural Gas to extend for a year.
   - Councilor Clark – asked for clarification about what would happen if council did not renew its franchise agreement with Northwest Natural Gas; said the end of the franchise agreement wouldn't necessarily end the use of natural gas in the city.
   - Councilor Taylor – thanked David Piccione and Sue Sierralupé for their comments.
   - Councilor Semple –thanked Sue Sierralupé for her work.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
   A. Approval of City Council Minutes
   January 23, 2019, Work Session
   May 13, 2019, Joint Work Session
   May 20, 2019, Public Hearing

B. Approval of Tentative Working Agenda

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

4. ACTION: Appointments to the Human Rights Commission

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to reappoint Joel Iboa to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term beginning July 9, 2019, and ending on June 30, 2022. **PASSED 8:0.**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to appoint Daniel Borson to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term beginning July 9, 2019, and ending on June 30, 2022. **PASSED 6:2,** Councilors Evans and Clark opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to appoint Kirstin London to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term beginning July 9, 2019, and ending on June 30, 2022. **PASSED 8:0.**

MOTION: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to appoint Heather Sielicki to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term beginning July 9, 2019, and ending on June 30, 2022.

Councilor Zelenka - pointed out that Amanda McCluskey had received the most votes of any candidate for the nomination and asked for clarification about whether she could still be appointed if she lived outside of the urban growth boundary.

MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to substitute Amanda McCluskey for Heather Sielicki. **PASSED 5:3,** Councilors Taylor, Semple and Yeh opposed.

Councilor Semple - felt strongly that council should not appoint candidates outside of the city limits if there were qualified candidates within.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION: PASSED 5:3, Councilors Taylor, Semple and Yeh opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Forrest
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City Recorder

(*Recorded by Cas Casados*)
Link to the webcast of this City Council meeting here.