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Eugene City Council Meeting and Eugene Urban Renewal Agency Meeting and Eugene City Council Public Hearing Eugene, Oregon 97401

**December 9, 2024
7:30 p.m.**

Councilors Present: Emily Semple, Matt Keating, Alan Zelenka, Jennifer Yeh, Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Lyndsie Leech, and Randy Groves

Mayor Vinis opened the December 9, 2024, meeting of the Eugene City Council in hybrid in-person and virtual format at 500 E. 4th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401, North Building.

1. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Vinis read a proclamation for Human Rights Day. City Manager, Sarah Medary, honored Mayor Vinis and Councilor Semple for their years of service.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Clark – noted his appreciation for Mayor Vinis and Councilor Semple’s service to the community.
- Councilor Keating – thanked Mayor Vinis and Councilor Semple for serving the community.
- Councilor Zelenka – thanked Mayor Vinis and Councilor Semple for their leadership and service.
- Councilor Evans – shared updates from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding legislative priorities and policies and preparation for the upcoming legislative session.
- Councilor Groves – noted his appreciation for Mayor Vinis and Councilor Semple and their commitment to civil discourse.
- Councilor Yeh – noted her appreciation for Councilor Semple’s support when she joined the Council.
- Councilor Leech – stated her appreciation for Councilor Semple’s support when she was new to Council; noted the Homelessness and Poverty Workgroup of the Human Rights Commission is hosting a candlelight vigil for Homeless Person’s Remembrance Day on December 21.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- September 30, 2024 Special Meeting
- October 14, 2024 Work Session
- October 14, 2024 Meeting
- October 21, 2024 Work Session
- October 23, 2024 Work Session
- October 28, 2024 Work Session
- October 28, 2024 Meeting

- October 30, 2024 Work Session
- November 13, 2024 Work Session
- November 18, 2024 Public Hearing

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

MOTION: Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Groves, moved to approve the items on Consent Calendar 1.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

IN FAVOR: Semple, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Clark, Evans, Leech, and Groves.

OPPOSED: None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR 2

A. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Portions of the Rights-of-Way of Wilkes Drive, River Loop 1, and River Loop 2 to the City of Eugene (Areas Identified as a Portion of the Wilkes Drive Right-of-Way Between River Road and River Loop 1; a Portion of the River Loop 1 Right-of-Way Between Wilkes Drive and the Urban Growth Boundary; and a Portion of the River Loop 2 Right-of-Way Between the Urban Growth Boundary and Robbie Street (Assessor's Map Nos. 17-04-02-43, 17-04-02- 44, 17-04-01-33, and 17-04-01-34; 17-04-01; And 17-04-01-31 and 17-04-01-32)) (City File: Wilkes Drive, River Loop 1 and 2; A 24-15)

MOTION: Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Groves, moved to approve the items on Consent Calendar 2.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

IN FAVOR: Semple, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Clark, Evans, Leech, and Groves.

OPPOSED: None.

5. Public Hearing and Action: Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget; Making Appropriations for the City of Eugene for the Biennium Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2025.

City Manager, Sarah Medary, introduced the topic and provided background information.

Mayor Vinis opened the public hearing.

1. John Barofsky – spoke in favor of the proposed action.

Mayor Vinis closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Groves moved to adopt a resolution adopting a Supplemental Budget; making appropriations for the City of Eugene for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

IN FAVOR: Semple, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Clark, Evans, Leech, and Groves.

OPPOSED: None.

Mayor Vinis closed the meeting of the Eugene City Council and convened a meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency.

6. Public Hearing and Action: A Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget; Making Appropriations for the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene for the Biennium Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2025

Agency Director, Sarah Medary, introduced the topic and provided background information.

Mayor Vinis opened the public hearing.

1. John Barofsky – spoke in favor of the proposed action.

Mayor Vinis closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Groves moved to approve a resolution, adopting a supplemental budget; making appropriations for the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

IN FAVOR: Semple, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Clark, Evans, Leech, and Groves.

OPPOSED: None.

Mayor Vinis closed the meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency and convened a meeting of the Eugene City Council.

7. Possible Action: Appointments to the Toxics Board

MOTION: Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Groves moved to appoint Noemi Torres to the Toxics Board beginning December 10, 2024, to fill an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2025.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

IN FAVOR: Semple, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Clark, Evans, Leech, and Groves.

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Groves moved to appoint Tom Stedman to the Toxics Board beginning December 10, 2024, to fill an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2027.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

IN FAVOR: Semple, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Clark, Evans, Leech, and Groves.

OPPOSED: None.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Lin Woodrich – spoke against the proposed USD CleanFuels facility and in favor of a public health overlay zone and a police substation in the Bethel area.
2. Sam Schwartz – spoke about cybersecurity risks.
3. Bill O'Brien – spoke about folks experiencing substance abuse and homelessness.
4. Wayne Martin – spoke in support of a permit for Neighbors Feeding Neighbors.
5. Sarah Boom – spoke in favor of reducing the police budget.
6. Misty Bowman – spoke in favor of dark skies and reducing light pollution.

Council Discussion:

- Mayor Vinis – stated community engagement on public health standards will begin in January; noted she would like to see a productive conversation about alternatives for Neighbors Feeding Neighbors.
- Councilor Keating – asked if there have been mediation efforts between the City and Neighbors Feeding Neighbors; noted interest in a work session on cybersecurity.
- Councilor Groves – noted a resolution with the City and Neighbors Feeding Neighbors would have to balance the impacts on the neighborhood.
- Councilor Semple – reflected on her experiences with public comment over the years; encouraged everyone to maintain hope and celebrate themselves and each other.

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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