

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

February 24, 2025
7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Knudson opened the February 24, 2025, meeting of the Eugene City Council in hybrid in-person and virtual format at 500 E. 4th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401, North Building.

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Keating – noted the recent passing of his dog, Vegas; encouraged the community to adopt a pet.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- December 9, 2024 Work Session
- February 18, 2025 Public Hearing

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

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

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR 2

A. A Resolution Requesting That Jurisdiction Over Portions Of County Road Nos. 113, 2249, 1080, 1226, 1008, 1072, 1413, 18, 644, And Wilkes Drive Be Transferred To The City Of Eugene.

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

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

4. ACTION: An Ordinance Extending The Sunset Date Of Ordinance No. 20701 (Temporary Establishment Of “Safe Parking” And “Safe Tent” Sites That Are Larger Than Allowed Under Section 4.816 Of The Eugene Code, 1971).

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

MAIN MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to adopt an Ordinance Extending the Sunset Date of Ordinance No. 20701 (Temporary Establishment of “Safe Parking” and “Safe Tent” Sites that are Larger than Allowed Under Section 4.816 of the Eugene Code, 1971).

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – asked why the sunset date was set for one year out as opposed to two to five years.
- Councilor Kashinsky – stated her intent to make a motion extending the sunset date; noted the ordinance does not commit funds to the sites, it only provides the legal permitting infrastructure needed to continue the sites; stated her proposed motion will save time.
- Councilor Clark – stated he will vote against the amendment; stated extending the motion extends the expectation the policy will be continued whether there is available funding.
- Councilor Leech – asked if amending the ordinance will require another hearing.
- Councilor Groves – asked if the amendment obligates the City to spend any funds.

MOTION TO AMEND: Councilor Kashinsky, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to amend recital D and Section 1 to extend the sunset date by three years, making the extended sunset date June 30, 2028.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND: 7:1 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: Clark.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: 7:1 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: Clark.

5. ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning State Traffic Laws; Amending Section 5.005 of the Eugene Code, 1971; and Providing an Immediate Effective Date.

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

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to adopt An Ordinance Concerning State Traffic Laws; Amending Section 5.005 of the Eugene Code, 1971; and Providing an Immediate Effective Date.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Lin Woodrich – spoke in favor of a police substation in the Bethel area; spoke against a fuel storage facility in the Trainsong neighborhood.
2. Rich Locke – spoke against the fire service fee.
3. Danny Patch – spoke against the fire service fee.
4. Josh Easterlund – spoke in favor of legalizing psychedelics.
5. David Igl – spoke about local historical figures.
6. Misty Bowman – spoke in favor of addressing light pollution.
7. Seth Sadofsky – spoke about the importance of sidewalk safety.
8. Athena Aguiar – spoke in favor of taxing large corporations.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka – spoke about the transparent process to purchase the new City Hall building; stated the City Manager deserves credit for her effective negotiation and leadership.
- Councilor Yeh – stated City staff are honest and hard-working; stated differing opinions are healthy in decision-making; expressed strong support for the City Manager.
- Councilor Clark – noted his agreement that the purchase of the new City Hall building was a transparent process; stated his confidence in the City Manager's integrity and professionalism.

Mayor Knudson adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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