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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

April 11, 2022

7:30 p.m. CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Meeting of April 11, 2022; Her Honor Mayor Lucy Vinis Presiding

Councilors

Claire Syrett, President
Mike Clark
Randy Groves
Jennifer Yeh

Matt Keating, Vice President
Greg Evans
Emily Semple
Alan Zelenka

7:30 p.m. CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

3. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- October 11, 2021 Council Meeting
- October 25, 2021 Council Meeting
- November 8, 2021 Council Meeting
- November 17, 2021 Council Work Session
- November 22, 2021 Council Work Session
- December 13, 2021 Council Work Session
- January 5, 2022 State of the City
- February 9, 2022 Council Work Session
- February 14, 2022 Council Work Session
- February 14, 2022 Council Meeting

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

4. PUBLIC FORUM

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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Ceremonial Matters

Meeting Date: April 11, 2022
Department: Central Services
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 1
Staff Contact: Sara McKinney
Contact Telephone Number: 541-682-8497

ISSUE STATEMENT

This item is to acknowledge awards and achievements and inform the public of proclamations signed by the Mayor. No action is required by the City Council.

BACKGROUND

At its 1997 fall process session, the council agreed to include a monthly agenda item entitled "Ceremonial Matters." From time to time, the Mayor is asked to sign proclamations or acknowledge awards received, which serve to encourage and educate the community about important issues and events.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Approval of City Council Minutes

Meeting Date: April 11, 2022
Department: Central Services
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 3A
Staff Contact: Brooke Freed
Contact Telephone Number: 541-682-5010

ISSUE STATEMENT

This is a routine item to approve City Council minutes.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to approve the minutes for the work sessions on November 17, November 22, December 13, 2021, February 9, and February 14, 2022; the minutes for the council meeting on October 11, October 25, November 8, 2021, and February 14, 2022, and the minutes for the State of the City on January 5, 2022.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. October 11, 2021, Council Meeting
- B. October 25, 2021 Council Meeting
- C. November 8, 2021 Council Meeting
- D. November 17, 2021 Council Work Session
- E. November 22, 2021 Council Work Session
- F. December 13, 2021 Council Work Session
- G. January 5, 2022 State of the City
- H. February 9, 2022 Council Work Session
- I. February 14, 2022 Council Work Session
- J. February 14, 2022 Council Meeting

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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MINUTES**Eugene City Council
Virtual Meeting
Eugene, Oregon 97401****October 11, 2021
7:30 p.m.**

Councilors Present: Emily Semple, Matt Keating, Alan Zelenka, Jennifer Yeh, Mike Clark, Randy Groves, Claire Syrett, Greg Evans

Mayor Vinis opened the October 11, 2021, meeting of the Eugene City Council in a virtual format.

1. CEREMONIAL MATTER

- Mayor Vinis read a proclamation recognizing October 11 as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Syrett - shared that the NAACP headquarters at the Mims House needs to expand programs and space and is requesting a code change; asked Council to help with funds for the building fees and shared she will bring a motion in the future to assist with this allocation.
- Councilor Groves - shared that he had an opportunity to learn about and ride electric bikes with other city officials.
- Councilor Yeh - shared that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and provided some facts around breast cancer.
- Councilor Keating - shared that it is National Coming Out Day and that Lane Community College Board is looking for a new President.
- Councilor Evans - shared he will be out until November 1, 2021, and again between Christmas and New Year's due to health conditions.
- Councilor Clark - appreciated efforts to raise breast cancer awareness and encouraged individuals to get involved and donate money to help find a cure.
- Councilor Semple - shared a brief report from the Housing Policy Board and the good work that was done, noting more information and recommendations would be available in November.
- Councilor Zelenka - said he is looking forward to the renter protections issue coming to Council for action.
- City Manager Medary - shared that at the annual International City Managers meeting, the City of Eugene won two program awards - the Community Equity and Inclusion award for the young women's fire camp and the Community Sustainability award for the Love Food Not Waste program.
- Mayor Vinis - shared information about the Metropolitan Policy Committee presentation on the Oregon Transportation Plan, which is being updated for the first time since 2006 and will be open for public comment; said the presentation was inspiring and aligned with the City Council's goals for transportation overall and the

main reasons for updating include climate change, resiliency, technological changes and equity and inclusion; encouraged councilors to take a look at the presentation.

- Councilor Groves - shared the young women's firefighters camp was developed and run by women firefighters, noting it is powerful and has had a significant positive impact on young women over the years.

Consent Calendar 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- May 10, 2021, Work Session
- September 8, 2021, Work Session
- September 20, 2021, Work Session
- September 20, 2021, Public Hearing

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to approve items Consent Calendar 1. **PASSED 8:0**

3. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Lin Woodrich - reminded council of the importance of a Bethel area plan that is long overdue.
2. Marty Wilder - encouraged council to provide additional funding for CSI and CAHOOTS.
3. Dal Ollek - shared an AFSCME Union bargaining update and said the union is preparing for mediation.
4. Josselyn St. Clair - said that school buses need to be included in electrification plans.
5. Sandra Bishop - shared her concerns about environmental conditions related to EWEB projects.
6. Ted Shriro - asked for council support for AFSCME bargaining efforts and fair cost of living increase.
7. Katie Preston - stated that the local indigenous community needs the return of their land.
8. Brooklyn - commented a land acknowledgment is not enough, noting water protectors were arrested.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Yeh - shared that the City of Eugene is working with tribal governments and is committed to this work; commented that Bethel and 4J would need to decide to transition to electric school busses; noted that this is the first union contract negotiation that has occurred during her time on Council and asked what Council's role is in bargaining.
- Councilor Evans - commented that since the uprisings following George Floyd's murder, people of color and allies have been asking for changes that are necessary for the progress of poorer communities; expressed concern that justice was requested, but only a holiday was designated in response, noting additional holidays aren't needed but real justice is; identified the real struggle of gaining the justice that these communities deserve, particularly the Native American allies; said all treaties have been violated by the U.S. Government and Council should do more than talk about it.

- Councilor Syrett – encouraged those interested to contact Bethel and 4J school districts about electrification of their school buses; commented that as a union member and labor representative for nurses at Sacred Heart, she has great interest in the City coming to a fair contract with represented workers; said she will talk to the City Manager about the details and then talk to members of the bargaining team if appropriate; commented that the land acknowledgment criticism was made without knowing what collaborative work was done by the Mayor and City Manager to create the land acknowledgment; shared some inspirational examples of land that has been returned or bought by tribal nations across the state of Oregon.
- Mayor Vinis - shared that there is always more work done behind the scenes than is apparent, and the City continues its efforts to build stronger relationships; mentioned that 4J schools and LTD are the City's partners in the climate action plan, and encouraged testimony in front of those bodies.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR 2**

- A. **Adoption of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor's Map 17-04-15-23, tax Lot 1400 located West of HWY 99N, South of McDougal Lane) (City File: Snake River Jessen; A 21-9),**
- B. **Adoption of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor's Map 17-04-02-14; Tax Lot 1400 Located at 3915 Scenic Drive) (City File: 3915 Scenic Drive; A 21-11)**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, Seconded Syrett, move to approve the item on Consent Calendar 2. **PASSED 8:0**

6. **ACTION: An Ordinance Extending the Term of Ordinance No. 19775 and Ordinance No. 20397 Granting Comcast of Oregon II, Inc. a Franchise for Operation of a Cable Telecommunications System**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, Seconded Syrett, move to adopt an Ordinance extending the term of Ordinance 19775 and Ordinance 20397 granting Comcast of Oregon II, Inc. a franchise for operation of a cable telecommunications system. **PASSED 6:2**, Councilors Keating and Evans opposed.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Syrett - noted that this does not make Comcast the sole cable provider and there are no exclusive rights.

7. **ACTION: An Ordinance Vacating Ferry Alley Between East 3rd and Avenue and East 2nd Alley, and Providing for an Effective Date**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, Seconded Syrett, move to adopt the Ordinance, included as Attachment C to this AIS, vacating Ferry Alley, located between East 3rd and Avenue and East 2nd Alley. **PASSED: 8:0**

8. **ACTION: Motions Related to Safe Sleep Sites**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, Seconded Syrett, move to approve 2243 Roosevelt Blvd. (SquareOne Villages) for use as a Safe Tent Site. **PASSED: 7:1**, Councilor Clark opposed.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Clark – announced that he will be voting no until a more complete policy is developed, noting he is in favor of having safe sleep sites but not when they are the only alternative to an effective policy.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, Seconded Syrett, move to approve Dani Street (EveryOne Village) for use as a Safe Tent and Safe Parking Site.

PASSED: 7:1, Councilor Clark opposed.

9. WORK SESSION: Right-of-Way Resolutions on Federal-Aid Projects

City Engineer, AIC, Jenifer Willer introduced the topic and provided background information.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Clark - asked why the City's policy was set up the way it is and why the federal policy differs.
- Councilor Keating - commented the inclusion of the term "eminent domain" is concerning as a last resort and he has consternation and concern about public safety the subjective language used; cautioned colleagues to act carefully and asked about the issue raised and the examples given.
- Councilor Syrett - asked where in the process of working on a project that has federal funding will a resolution be required; used Franklin Boulevard redesign project as an example of when this type of action will be requested.
- Councilor Evans- asked what role the MPO has within the state and requested clarification on the MPO process.
- Councilor Groves - confirmed this process is to ensure continued funding for future requests; shared his concern about the use of eminent domain and government overreach.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Freed
City Recorder, AIC

(Recorded by Niyah Ross)

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

MINUTES

**Eugene City Council and
Eugene Urban Renewal Agency
Virtual Meeting
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**October 25, 2021
7:30 p.m.**

Councilors Present: Emily Semple, Matt Keating, Alan Zelenka, Jennifer Yeh, Mike Clark, Randy Groves, Claire Syrett

Absent: Greg Evans

Mayor Vinis opened the October 25, 2021, meeting of the Eugene City Council in a virtual format.

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Syrett - shared a compilation of articles and pieces about the state of immigrant residents in Oregon, noting the importance of the topic and report; shared that UO Law school is holding a panel discussion; noted an article in the paper about an Oregon Worker Relief fund that was created during the pandemic and is managed and supported by immigrant groups and money to help provide support for workers who were impacted by COVID and do not qualify for unemployment benefits; asked Council to look into this fund and whether ARPA money could be contributed to support workers in Eugene who were impacted by COVID and do not qualify for benefits.
- Councilor Keating - shared a comment about regulating gas-powered landscaping equipment, noting that the state of California has taken action on this issue; said that the use of gas-powered leaf blowers has been raised at LRAPA from an environmental and equity standpoint and added to the agenda for the Citizen's Advisory Committee to report back to LRAPA; shared meeting details and how to submit public comment; said he is hopeful the recommendations will be brought back to Council from the Citizen's Advisory Committee.
- Councilor Clark - explained that he smiled during Councilor Keating's info share because gas-powered equipment was one of his predecessor's biggest issues and he is carrying on her legacy with this work.
- Councilor Zelenka - shared that former Councilor Betty Taylor brought this topic up for years, noting that climate change initiatives are an angle to have an impact at the local level; commented this is a long-standing issue that never garnered enough support to do something.
- City Manager Medary - shared there is an opening on the October 27 council agenda, and she plans to bring back the issue of right-of-way resolutions related to federally funded capital construction projects.
- Mayor Vinis - encouraged colleagues to donate blood because there is a critical shortage on blood supply and donating blood saves lives.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- June 16, 2021, Work Session
- June 21, 2021, Public Hearing
- June 28, 2021, Work Session
- July 19, 2021, Meeting
- October 18, 2021, Public Hearing

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to approve items Consent Calendar 1. **PASSED 7:0**

3. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Wendy Beck (AFSCME) - shared concerns about pay reductions for unionized employees.
2. Aimee Okotie- Oyekan - voiced concern about building four gas stations within one mile in one year.
3. Danny Noonan - shared the global context of regulating methane gas use in new infrastructure.
4. Carolyn Partridge - voiced concern about building new schools with methane hook-ups.
5. Dal Ollek - urged the City Council to support fair contracts and pay in bargaining agreements.
6. Ana Molina - talked about the number of gas stations in Eugene and how Eugene can electrify.
7. Lisa Arkin - asked Council to do everything possible to transition away from fossil fuel use.
8. Ruxton Schuh – said City’s contract offer was an affront to AFSCME union members’ rights.
9. Chad McCarty - talked about wireless safety as a health and safety issue in the city.
10. Linda Baker - shared comparisons between her employment pay and her supervisor’s.
11. William Smith - shared information on the Telecommunications Act.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Keating – said he supports a fair and equitable union contract resolution; commented on the gas station testimony, noting that it’s frustrating this is occurring when the City is trying to meet climate action goals; asked why a gas station is needed near every EmX station and said the investments should be in establishing more electric charging stations; said he stands with members of the community who shared concerns about the proliferation of gas stations; stated that Council needs to be taking more action to reduce carbon emissions and fossil fuels rather than facilitating these developments.
- Councilor Clark - challenged members of the community to understand the cognitive dissonance of the gas stations issue; stated there continues to be a demand for gasoline; encouraged Beyond Toxics to do more outreach and education to discourage people from buying more gas and reduce the demand for new gas stations.
- Councilor Yeh - stated that she does not understand the process and asked if the new gas stations are a done deal; requested information on how the process is moving along;

commented that the new gas stations have an impact on the people who have to live around them; expressed concern that she feels uninformed on the process.

- Councilor Syrett - stated that gas stations go through a commercial permitting process and there is no role for Council; stated Council would have to go through code changes to change and enforce permitted uses; reported that at least three of the gas stations are built and open for business; asked about the process for a zoning change.
- Mayor Vinis - appreciated the testimony that brought up issue of how to change the status quo around heating and infrastructure, acknowledging the tension that will likely occur if Council intervenes to change the trajectory; agreed that a fair bargaining process for the AFSME contract is everyone's goal.
- Councilor Groves - shared he hopes a pathway is found to reach an agreement with City union employees; expressed his concern that so many gas stations are popping up in the same corridor; stated business owners do not build a gas station without support from the consumers; commented there is a role for individual responsibility and local government cannot regulate every aspect of life; stated individuals need to exercise their rights responsibly; stated he would like to see concepts and ideas on how to encourage the individual's role.
- Councilor Clark - agreed it is more effective to educate consumers on the public benefit of their actions rather than tell them they can't do something; shared that there is a company building electric cars in the community and the Council should consider incentives for this type of industry; reiterated that he would rather show people a better way to go that is more beneficial than limit or regulate their choices.
- Mayor Vinis - stated that the City is constantly pursuing this work and has a transportation system plan to initiate better transit systems.

Mayor Vinis adjourned the Eugene City Council meeting.

Mayor Vinis convened the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency.

4. ACTION: 942 Olive Purchase and Sale Agreement

Urban Renewal Agency Director Sarah Medary gave background and introduced the topic.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Zelenka- asked about the allocation of funds for RAIN; asked about the bonding requirements for the University of Oregon; asked if funding for the building renovation came from the Oregon Business Development department and whether the agreement needs to abide by the attached regulations; clarified that this was a change by the University of Oregon and impacts their ability to move forward.
- Councilor Clark - asked if it is the University's intent to use this facility differently; asked what kind of work will be done inside the structure and in the future.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, Seconded Syrett, move to authorize the Agency Director to execute the First Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement for 942 Olive Street, as set forth in Attachment C. **PASSED**
7:0

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Freed
City Recorder, AIC

(Recorded by Niyah Ross)

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MINUTES**Eugene City Council
Virtual Meeting
Eugene, Oregon 97401****November 8, 2021
7:30 p.m.**

Councilors Present: Emily Semple, Matt Keating, Alan Zelenka, Jennifer Yeh, Mike Clark, Randy Groves, and Claire Syrett

Absent: Greg Evans

Mayor Vinis opened the November 8, 2021, meeting of the Eugene City Council in a virtual format.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Fire Chief Chris Heppel led the meeting attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag in commemoration of Veterans Day on November 11, 2021.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Semple - shared that today was the first day of leaf pick-up; reminded residents to rake the leaves off their sidewalks to keep each other safe.
- Councilor Keating - shared that, thanks to City staff and service providers, a friend who was evicted from a Rest Stop and was looking for shelter and needed help accessing services was able to secure space at the Dawn to Dawn facility and get connected to services they did not know existed; stated that most people do not understand how difficult it is to access these services; said he hoped the community can utilize technology to be more intentional about where the people who are most in need can go to access services; said he supports an expeditious, just, and fair contract.

3. Consent Calendar 1**A. Approval of City Council Minutes**

- May 12, 2021, Work Session
- May 17, 2021, Public Hearing
- July 12, 2021, Work Session
- July 26, 2021, Work Session
- September 15, 2021, Work Session
- October 27, 2021, Work Session

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to approve the items Consent Calendar 1. **PASSED 7:0**

4. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Courtney Kalternbach – encouraged action to mitigate the negative effects of climate change.
2. Johnny Kocher - urged officials to move to electric vehicles and buildings.

3. Tom Peck – supported new ordinances banning new construction using methane gas.
4. Madeline Cowen - shared negative health impacts from living in a rental with natural gas.
5. Aimee Okotie-Oyekeken - said that hatred and intolerance is causing the climate crisis.
6. Kris McAlister - reminded City staff to consider how to treat people as a whole.
7. Ryan Moore - asked Council to follow through on the two requests for fossil free buildings.
8. Dal Ollek - asked Council to support employees in securing a fair labor contract.
9. Lois Yoshishige - shared personal experience with the dangers of natural gas.
10. Dylan Plummer - urged Council to support motions associated with methane gas.
11. Danny Noonan - shared information about a global methane pact by 105 countries.
12. Charles “Chuck” Areford – said NW Natural is a business that cares only about bottom-line.
13. Sydney Gastman – shared her fears about the future and climate catastrophes.
14. Bryce Cumpston - shared that bad decisions are being made now to further doom futures.
15. Jeffrey Albanese - supported protection for Eugene renters, shared his experience.
16. Linda Kelley - asked Council to demonstrate courage and determination to create safety.
17. Cole Kastner - shared story and brought attention to Bell Real Estate’s business practices.
18. Robin Bloomgarden - stated this is a simple proposition and Council has the upper hand.
19. Tim - shared his experience looking for rental housing, and minimum costs for relocating.
20. James “Jim” Neu - stated Climate Action Plan 2.0 is failing to meet greenhouse reduction goals.
21. Scott Lemons - supported phasing out gas with all new construction 100 percent electric.
22. Eloise Navarro - stated now is time for Council to prioritize decarbonizing buildings.
23. Bryn Callie - asked for a ban on new fossil fuels infrastructure and a plan to electrify.
24. Pattie Hine - stated gas industry falsely promotes methane as a clean, safe energy alternative.
25. Grace Brahler - shared approval of fossil fuel infrastructure expansion in neighborhood.
26. Cameron Montane - shared the future of climate is top of mind due to changes in weather.
27. Nick Dikas - shared an article about Ithaca, New York committing to decarbonize by 2030.
28. Karen Austin – said she is excited to see Council acting to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
29. Jennifer Gordon - opposed renewal of the City’s contract with NW Natural.
30. Wendy Beck - shared information about an AFSCME rally and bargaining for a fair contract.
31. Jonny Saunders - said planet will become unlivable if society fails to decarbonize.
32. Bethany Cotton - shared she is currently transitioning appliances from gas to electric.
33. David Lefevre - asked Council to draft the two proposed ordinances; climate crisis is here.
34. Carl Bybee - stated gas companies misinform about climate change and methane gas as clean.
35. William Smith - shared work of Susan Crawford, opposing telecom wireless infrastructure.
36. Merrily Sutton - shared climate is getting worse, need to do something rather than talk.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Keating - shared outrage over those in power putting the screws to those who have little to no options; stated tonight’s testimony was powerfully moving, heartfelt and emotionally driven; supported renter’s rights and said there is a critical need for displacement prevention assistance; said he looks forward to being a supportive partner; appreciated the stories around renter protection, a fair and equitable labor contract and climate change.
- Councilor Syrett - appreciated the variety of topics in the Public Forum; said she remains hopeful that the City Manager and AFSCME can come to a mutually agreeable contract; appreciated the people who came to speak about renter protections and shared personal stories that are difficult to hear; said the story about the no-cause eviction showed that Council could have a role in mitigating this type of behavior by

property owners through the proposed displacement ordinance; supported creating a fair housing landscape for renters in the community.

- Councilor Groves - supported City workers and said he hopes to reach a fair and equitable resolution for AFSCME workers; agreed the stories from renters were horrific and saw the responsibility of Council as protecting the community; commented that he is interested in learning more about what Council can do to help.
- Councilor Zelenka - shared that a work session on renter protections is scheduled for November 22, noting that he has been trying to get this topic on an agenda for a long time; commented that work session will address ways to assist renters and ensure fair treatment; supported City workers and hoped for fair contract; shared that the Wednesday, November 17 work session on CAP 2.0 will address how to move forward on the gas issue.
- Councilor Yeh – shared meeting details on the CAP 2.0, renter protections, climate change and housing funding issues.
- Councilor Clark – said he understands the fear that renters feel if they speak up and jeopardize their housing; shared that the rental housing division can help renters and address problems that they may be having; urged renters to get in touch with the rental housing department for assistance; encouraged caution about unintended long-term consequences of the renter protection regulations.
- Councilor Semple - shared the Housing Policy Board worked hard on the renter protection recommendations that are being proposed.
- Mayor Vinis - shared the Mayor’s dashboard is on the City website and can be found at the CAP 2.0 site.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR 2

A. Adoption of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor’s map 17-03-08-23, tax Lot 3900 located at 3840 Gilham Road) (City File: Muller, Joseph; A 21-10)

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, Seconded Syrett, move to approve the item on Consent Calendar 2. **PASSED 7:0**

6. ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Disposition of Eugene Water & Electric Board Real Property and Amending section 2.196 of the Eugene Code, 1971

City Manager Sarah Medary introduced the topic. City Attorney Kathryn Brotherton gave background information on the topic.

MOTION: Councilor Yeh, Seconded Syrett, move to adopt Attachment A to the AIS, an Ordinance Concerning Disposition of Eugene Water & Electric Board Real Property and Amending Section 2.196 of the Eugene Code, 1971.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Clark - shared that he will be voting no; said he is in favor of the City acquiring the property and all the pieces that go with the project as described by the City Attorney, noting the amendment from five years to one year for the opportunity to buy the EWEB building for a new City Hall; said he is confused by the lack of effort to purchase the EWEB property and shared this will be looked on one day as a great mistake the City made.

VOTE: PASSED 6:1, Councilor Clark opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Freed
City Recorder, AIC

(Recorded by Niyah Ross)

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MINUTES

Eugene City Council Virtual Work Session Eugene, Oregon 97401

November 17, 2021
12:00 p.m.

Councilors Present: Emily Semple, Matt Keating, Alan Zelenka, Jennifer Yeh, Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Claire Syrett, Randy Groves

Mayor Vinis opened the November 17, 2021, work session of the Eugene City Council in virtual format.

1. WORK SESSION: CAP2.0 Update

City Manager Sarah Medary introduced and gave background on the topic. Sustainability Manager Chelsea Clinton gave a presentation and update.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct the City Manager to complete a community engagement process and schedule a work session to share feedback from that process and develop a framework of a draft ordinance requiring sellers of residential, single-family homes to obtain and disclose an energy performance rating prior to publicly listing the home for sale and to include the rating in sale listings. **PASSED 8:0**

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka - commented that he likes all of the programs and moving forward with other ideas other than the Northwest Natural franchise agreement; disclosed that the home energy scoring program was developed by his employer and administered in the division that he supervises, noting he wants to be clear and transparent and has no financial interest in this work; shared that Portland has received awards for adopting this policy and Eugene is ready to move forward on this path; said he hopes Council supports this proposal.
- Councilor Keating - commented that renters' interests are noticeably absent from the motion on the table and asked how they might be incorporated into this action; said he will strongly support the motion.
- Councilor Groves - shared his interest in implementing a home energy program on the front end of a real estate transaction; shared concerns expressed by people in the market about the number of assessors and Council should take this into consideration and not create more problems as this program rolls out; shared his concern about finding ways to support the 52 percent of the population who rent.
- Councilor Clark - appreciated the concept and functionality of this program, noting it is incredibly useful knowledge for a buyer; shared his concern about the cost of conducting this test and inquired how much it will cost per home; said that during a housing crisis, adding to purchase or rental costs seems unwise at this time.
- Councilor Zelenka - shared information about costs per assessment in Portland.

- Councilor Syrett - offered a counterpoint to Councilor Clark's concerns about the increasing costs of housing, noting that the impact of climate change will dramatically increase the cost of housing for all; said she believes this information can help a buyer make a wiser choice related to the cost of heating and maintaining a home.
- Councilor Clark – appreciated Councilor Syrett's comments; asked if Council will be doing a similar thing with cars since the largest percentage of carbon emissions comes from the transportation sector; stated the DEQ in Portland does emission measurement before cars are registered and asked if this is anticipated to happen in Eugene; agreed that being able to measure home energy allows consumers to make more informed decisions and has cross application.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct the City Manager to bring back an implementation plan including potential funding sources for the mandatory Home Energy Score Program.
PASSED 8:0

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct the City Manager to develop additional Home Energy Score Program options for renters in alignment with CAP2.0 Action B3. **PASSED 8:0**

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Clark - asked for more information before voting on implementation of such a program, noting he wants to know who bears the cost and when, and what the consequence and effect on the vacancy rate will be; expressed concern about how much harder or more expensive this action could make it for renters.
- Councilor Zelenka - stated the recently passed bipartisan federal infrastructure bill and the future infrastructure bill may have opportunities for funding around this issue and encouraged Council to be aware progress on potential legislation and work with partners to implement it for renters.
- Councilor Evans - asked if this action fits in with part one of the infrastructure package that just passed or if there's some other way to put resources together to move this forward in part two.
- Councilor Syrett – noted that in the infrastructure bill that was signed by President Biden there is a quite a bit of money for electric charging stations and said she is confident staff will look at what opportunities apply to the City; highlighted the healthy streets program in the bill and explained it was a discretionary grant program for addressing urban heat island effects such as urban tree canopies; supported further exploration of this grant opportunity as it will help meet climate recovery goals.
- Councilor Keating - honed in on the climate trust element and the carbon offsets; stated he would love to see those dollars spent locally and asked for thoughts about whether it is EWEB, State, or Federal government that could be a helpful partner to increase the offset purchase opportunities locally; commented that he would like to see a statewide or regional fix that would better regulate vehicular emission to meet the CRO goals to be carbon neutral; shared that neighborhood associations and advocates around the city are urging the council to reduce the use of gas-powered landscaping equipment and work with state, county and LRAPA partners for an electrification incentive to phase out gas-powered equipment; stated that one hour of use emits the same amount of emission as driving a car

for 1,000 miles; asked if there are strategies or goals that the City can adopt in the interim as it advances towards electrification.

- Councilor Zelenka - commented the CAP2.0 actions on the list have commitments to get them done and other things that come up will need to get on the list and will need dedicated funding, especially in the transportation sector where most emissions come from; commented he would like to see work done on local offsets; said he knows how complex it is to create local offsets and implementing them takes a lot of time and effort; said he is hopeful the Sustainability Commission can create a local project list that can be certified for local offsets.
- Councilor Clark - added how entrepreneurial opportunities can be created by recycling plastics; stated there is real opportunity for the community to lead in this regard and organizing around that issue could be an economic boost; asked for more information about the specific actions and assumptions that would help reach the CAP2.0 goals around the behaviors of Northwest Natural Gas; asked if the agreements are being assumed and what would they require; asked how much of the 844-program work is dependent on the relationship with NW Natural to meet the CAP2.0 goals; commented that an adversarial relationship with NW Natural would make it harder to reach City goals and said it is better to have a more cooperative relationship with mutual goals to reduce carbon emissions.
- Councilor Yeh - stated she appreciated the recommendations around energy efficiency; asked if the topic will automatically be addressed in the December work session or if Council needed to take action to make sure energy efficiency will be included in the meeting.
- Councilor Groves - shared his support for the work the Sustainability Commission does; commented that most of his questions are around the upcoming motions and he will wait to discuss.
- Councilor Semple - stated the table provided is an incredible response to Council's request and will be helpful going forward; appreciated the group realization that climate issues are a huge topic to cover and said she looks forward to continuing the good work.
- Councilor Syrett - commented that the perspective of the 844-program is pure speculation about what the carbon emission reductions would be and there is much uncertainty; stated that work with low-income customers will continue and will not be based on a positive or negative relationship with the City of Eugene.
- Councilor Zelenka - stated the City can work with the Energy Trust of Oregon to fund low to moderate income weatherization with or without NWNG.
- Councilor Clark- suggested what NW Natural may or may not do would be just as speculative and a lot of this has to do with the City's relationship and how they view the City as a regulatory body; commented that if NW Natural views the City as an adversary and not a partner, he is unsure how NW Natural may behave in the future in service to its customers; stated the larger point was that the City will not meet its goals if the relationship with the 844-program and other agreements does not continue.
- Councilor Evans - said NW Natural is a private organization that has goals, stockholders and financial expectations; stated that if Council does not take a firm position, it could end up agreeing to something that will not be in the best interest of the community; shared lessons learned in the Midwest, noting the best strategy is to hold position and enhance position, and the opponent will be more likely to come up with a more agreeable and reasonable proposal.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Yeh, moved to direct the City Manager to schedule work sessions to discuss changes to City Code that would require all newly constructed commercial, industrial and residential buildings to be electric only beginning January 1, 2023. **PASSED: 8:0**

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Syrett - commented this is a revised motion that Councilor Evans put forward via email but was not put on the table, noting the differences between the original motion and the modifications made on the current motion; explained the need for a work session on the topic.
- Councilor Zelenka – said that when the climate recovery ordinance was written it included the goal to reduce fossil fuel use by 2035 and to transition away from natural gas; said the issue is not whether the City transitions away from gas use, but how; said his experience has been that collaboration is usually faster and he has been pushing hard for NW Natural to come up with a solution; encouraged the City to go into negotiations with eyes wide open and if it does not work out, there needs to be a Plan B; noted the City entered into negotiations almost three years ago and he thought that agreements and solutions would be in place by now; stated he has run out of patience with the process and does not have confidence it will happen soon; commented he feels it is time to start Plan B, noting he supports proposals for no new hookups for commercial and residential construction with exceptions, and working to reduce natural gas use in existing load and transition away from fossil fuel towards electrification.
- Councilor Clark - shared his concern about NW Natural’s customers because they are also Council’s constituents, noting costs change, lifestyles change and people in the community have to adjust or accept the consequences; said he would like to move forward in a way that best serves the community and minimizes the consequences of Council’s actions; said he would be interested to know the cost of electricity to scale when peak loads are reached.
- Councilor Groves - stated he supports the proposed motion to have a work session; said the council needs to have a planned, reasonable approach at a community level as it impacts the local economy; stated he would like to know what the affects will be for scheduled dam spills to help the salmon habitat, noting it will impact the hydroelectric generation capacity and breached dams; said it is good to have different sources of energy and power to rely on; said he does not have a good sense of where the community stands on this issue; asked for any available information from the community survey; stated that people have the choice to electrify, but the only barrier is cost.
- Councilor Yeh - appreciated the intent of the motions; stated that electrification of buildings will provide cleaner air, healthier homes, and will support good jobs in the community; stated that requiring electrification combined with funding to help low to moderate-income residents and the business community to switch fuel sources will create an equitable and feasible plan for decarbonizing buildings; commented that when this is combined with on-going energy efficiency improvements, it is easier to see how these actions are all aligned to support the triple bottom line of environment, equity, and economy.
- Councilor Keating - commented that not everyone can choose to electrify because renters of homes with gas hookups do not have an option to transition from an energy source that could be harmful to their health; asked if Council can guarantee an overall emissions reduction if the only action taken is the 844 project; concurred that under normal

circumstances collaboration can achieve goals quicker but noted that swift regulatory action can also get fast results; said he strongly supports robust electrification and decarbonization strategies within the municipality with a moratorium on any new fossil fuels hookups.

- Councilor Evans - said he supports the modifications made to his original motion; stated there has not been movement from the partners on this issue as needed; said City needs to get serious in making the partners understand that the Council is in a position to develop a regulatory framework without them at the table; supported a work session on this topic, noting Council needs to be tough and get tough to do what is needed before time runs out and there is no turning back; encouraged Eugene to be a leader on this issue.
- Councilor Semple - said she is excited to have a work session on this topic; asked to add a friendly amendment to the motion to include industrial with residential and commercial buildings.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Syrett, to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. **PASSED 8:0**

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka - stated energy efficiency works and does result in reductions to consumption; commented that when costs are being discussed, Council needs to make sure all costs are being included, and no action has a cost; stated mitigation in the end will be significantly cheaper than adaptation if nothing is done; said it needs to be determined if Council has the authority to do this or not and to be careful of language used around this issue; said he does not see the issues around the 844 project as mutually exclusive from new infrastructure, noting they work in parallel.
- Councilor Clark – noted that at issue for him is how the change happens; stated what Council does will have consequences; asked for information about the impacts of electrification.
- Councilor Groves - commented he is unsure how to manage volatility in the cost of electricity; reminded colleagues that the City Manager was recently given specific direction to reengage with NW Natural for the 844 project and the franchise agreement and a motion was made to amend to add the discussion around costs and capacity generation; expressed hope that additional information would be available in future work sessions.
- Councilor Syrett - clarified that this would be the first work session of many and an effort was made to keep the motions fair as possible, so the conversation can be initiated; stated the second motion is about impacts on the low-income community and the first is about new construction; said the friendly amendment would not be accepted and shared her reasons.
- Councilor Zelenka - asked clarifying question about costs; stated he would like to know that the various impacts will be all around; said there are a lot of questions that will come up in the next work session and not everything will be addressed; stated it is understood that the multiple work sessions will cover all of these topics and he hoped all can agree to this approach.
- Councilor Evans - stated the topic is very complicated and more work sessions need to be added with topics that all relate to the larger issue of new construction; stated conversations need to happen in a way that City staff resources are not overtaxed.

- Councilor Clark - asked if the motion can be refined to add some of the specifics that have been discussed and said he is willing to withdraw the second to the amended motion; stated that he understands the proper process and collaboration and hopes Council will work together for a better result for the entire community.
- Councilor Semple - stated she does not want to try to put too much into the first work session; stated this work needs to be done in steps.
- Councilor Groves - stated he is trying to find a way to get the information using a thoughtful approach; commented that he wants to take the time to dissect this issue and does not see how one work session can accomplish this; said he is willing to withdraw the motion if there is consensus that the information will be gathered.
- Councilor Syrett – agreed that if Councilor Groves withdrew his motion, she would change the motion to include work sessions as plural.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Yeh, moved to direct the City Manager to provide Council with a roadmap for how the City can achieve decarbonization of the existing commercial, industrial and residential building stock by 2045 with particular consideration for how low-income and historically marginalized households will be impacted and included in this process. This roadmap must include strategies for decarbonization of rental housing stock. A draft of this roadmap shall be provided to Council before June 30, 2022. **PASSED: 6:2**, Councilors Clark and Groves opposed.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Syrett - shared this motion is patterned after Councilor Evans' motion and thanked him for his leadership and moving Council forward on this issue; stated she tried to keep it as simple as possible; said it is imperative to consider environmental justice and rental housing because of the extreme challenges that have been acknowledged over the years to get rental housing property owners to participate in energy efficiency programs and other things that already exist to help reduce energy consumption; stated she spoke with staff and understands that the City Manager will likely hire a consultant to develop this roadmap.
- Councilor Clark - asked if this motion includes the possibility of discussing consequences and scheduling additional work sessions.
- Councilor Zelenka - stated it is helpful to think of this initiative in two parts: the what and the how of accomplishing this transition; commented that the roadmap will help determine what will need to be done to make this transition happen, then the focus can shift to how to move forward on each recommendation.
- Councilor Keating - asked if a friendly amendment to include the word industrial can be added for consistency sake, to match the first motion.
- Councilor Evans - said would like to call on small businesses to learn more about the cost they will bear; stated he would like to avoid negatively impacting small businesses more than they already have been from the pandemic and Council needs to be aware of this.
- Councilor Syrett - appreciated Councilor Evans' concern about small businesses and sees this as a long-term project.

- Councilor Evans - suggested a consolidated, longer work session in the form of a full-day retreat to address all the issues associated with this topic and enable a deeper conversation.
- Mayor Vinis - pointed out that the Sustainability team uses approximately two thirds of their time on effective community engagement.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Freed
City Recorder, AIC

(Recorded by Niyah Ross)

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MINUTES

**Eugene City Council
Virtual Work Session
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**November 22, 2021
5:30 p.m.**

Councilors Present: Emily Semple, Matt Keating, Alan Zelenka, Jennifer Yeh, Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Claire Syrett, Randy Groves

Mayor Vinis opened the November 22, 2021, work session of the Eugene City Council in virtual format.

1. WORK SESSION: Renter Protections

City Manager Sarah Medary introduced and gave background on the topic. Grants Manager Genevieve Middleton gave a presentation on the topic.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Groves - shared his concerns about the rental rates for tenants, with 56 percent experiencing a housing cost burden and 34 percent who are extremely cost burdened and spending over 50 percent of their income on rent; shared concerns about rental agreements that are in 11-month increments so landlords can avoid the rules; asked how to implement protections for renters when property owners do not put homes on the market; asked what percentage of rental operations are “mom and pop” type; said he would like to know more about the Portland relocation program; asked if there are rental protection recommendations that can be implemented sooner than others; shared his concern that a wave of evictions is coming; asked to hear more information on the extension from the State legislature.
- Councilor Semple - shared that the Housing Policy Board had a lot of suggestions and recommendations but decided to limit what was forwarded in order to get more done; commented on the displacement prevention relocation assistance under the move-in/move-out stage, noting it would be very effective; asked what Council needs to do to get these initiatives moving; encouraged quick passage of the recommendation related to application fees because the fee can be detrimental.
- Councilor Yeh - commented that she feels the recommendations are doable; said she understands concerns about small businesses, noting they are often the ones who do things improperly because they are too small to notice; said she is interested in hearing about strategies to help people who are facing no-cause evictions.
- Councilor Keating - commented on the alarming statistics around cost burdened renters and extremely low vacancy rate; shared his experience looking for adequate rental housing for his family; said he feels the recommendations are sound, noting the need to explore the constitutionality of completely eliminating application and processing fees; supported one-stop shop for screening fees; indicated his surprise that there is no recommendation to raise the \$10-a-year rental fee for landlords; said he would like to see this fee doubled and be a resource for people to tap into if needed.

- Councilor Syrett - shared there was a recommendation to increase the landlord rental fee; noted that work session poll on renter protections was approved in 2016 and, although it has taken too long to schedule a Council conversation on this issue, she is glad Council is finally having this substantive discussion; commented that she would like to add the concept of displacement protection assistance for consideration at the next work session; agreed with the need to check the legality of removing the application and processing fees; said she is interested in the idea of a central application platform where those looking for housing pay one single fee for a universal application; pointed out that some of the fees are needed to do background checks and noted there is an abuse of that allowance; identified the need to prioritize accessible units and said she does not feel the three-day posting is the right way to do this; supported exploring the idea of a clearinghouse for postings and that might be more effectively coordinated through disability services such as Lane Living Alliance; suggested adding that the proposed documentation about appliances should be shared with tenants when they move in; asked what the budget needs would be for the three items suggested in the rental housing tax.
- Councilor Zelenka – shared he is also glad this issue is being discussed because rental protections are long overdue; stated the troubling statistics are not new and have been true for long time; asked why there was not a discussion around a universal intake system for landlords and renters, noting everyone could benefit from this; commented on the recommendation to process rental applications in the order received; said he feels if rental income is someone’s main source of their income, they might want to expedite processing applications; asked if there is a way to make an exception for people who have one to three rental properties; requested more information on credit scores and the correlation with the ability to pay; asked about the move-in/move-out education materials in terms of who creates, who prints and who pays.
- Councilor Clark - shared he spends most his day looking at people’s credit scores and understands the correlation between credit score and ability to pay; asked councilors to pause before acting to adopt these recommendations; gave an example about the eleven-month eviction ordinance that Council implemented and its effect on how the market behaves, noting Council’s action can lead to unintended consequences for renters; asked if the no-cause evictions that are reported are verified; stated he would like to see something that gives renters financial credit for things they do to increase the value of the property.
- Councilor Semple - asked what the landlord fee could cover; asked what the fee would have to be to fund an FTE to help with the ADA situation, educational material, and a hot-line; shared that eliminating the application fee is the Housing Policy Board’s preference and discussed the universal application fee; shared that the board struggled to find solutions and needs more ideas around the ADA issues.
- Councilor Evans - asked what can be done to help ex-offenders access rental housing, noting there are other classes of people who have challenges qualifying for a rental unit; asked about pest and rodent control and shared his experience in rental housing; stated unwanted insects and rodents make a place uninhabitable.
- Councilor Keating - agreed with the idea of credit for tenants who beautify a place and increase the property value of a home that is being rented temporarily; shared his experience adding value to a property as a renter; supported getting more information on these recommendations and any related legality issues; shared he wants to see Council act on renter protections; said he is interested in other renter protections not on the list such as prohibition on discriminating against families who have pets; shared the team at

Springfield/Eugene Tenant Association are doing great work trying to keep people housed; said he would like to see a moratorium on no-cause evictions.

- Councilor Syrett – said she would also like information on funding an additional FTE position, an update on the usage of the funds now, and a report on the effectiveness of the work being done on rental housing code education; appreciated the comment about unintended consequences and shared this needs to be part of the conversation to make sure the issue is not miscommunicated; shared this can be difficult to anticipate and noted that looking at Portland’s renter protections and any analysis on unintended consequences could help guide Council on what is implemented in Eugene.
- Councilor Clark – said he feels information about landlords would be useful in this dynamic system; stated he would like to remove assumptions that some may have around who the landlords are; stated he wants to know how many landlords own one or two rental properties compared to the number of companies that may own multiple rentals and gave an example of how the two could respond differently to rental protections.
- Councilor Evans - asked about staff capacity around code enforcement and whether there are enough code inspectors; asked what the average number of complaints are related to rental housing code issues.
- Councilor Zelenka - stated he would like to add displacement prevention assistance, no-cause evictions, reimbursements for work done, and a universal application system portal to the list of recommendations; shared he is troubled by the 11-month lease agreement and how this issue can be resolved; commented he would like to see the other renter protections recommendations that were suggested but not forwarded and what the landlord committees said; shared he is interested in what is happening with federal dollars for renters who have unpaid balances and are facing eviction; suggested calling this the Norton Cabell Bill in honor of his work around renter protections; asked if the timeline for a follow-up work session can be moved up to maintain momentum on this issue.
- Councilor Groves - asked what recommendations on the list and suggestions from colleagues can be implemented sooner than later and requested a timeline that maps this out; commented he feels pressure to act as February is approaching and said he hopes the state extends the eviction moratorium further; noted that the disparity between the cost of rent and people’s income is partly caused by the lack of living wage jobs in this community; stated Council needs to get serious about what can be done to stimulate higher wage jobs and affordability for owning homes.

MOTION: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct the City Manager to return with information about feasibility and resources needed to implement renter protections consistent with the Housing Policy Board recommendations and to include items discussed tonight. **PASSED 8:0**

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – said he does not think Council has enough information to make decisions and the motion, as worded, directs the City Manager to accept all the recommendations; asked for clarification of the motion.
- Councilor Zelenka - asked to add a friendly amendment for coming back first quarter 2022; identified a list of items to include to bring back more information on.
- Councilor Clark - added he would like more information about property ownership.

2. WORK SESSION: Intergovernmental Relations- 2022 Legislative Priorities

City Manager Sarah Medary introduced and gave background on the topic. Intergovernmental Relations Manager Ethan Nelson gave a presentation on the topic.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Syrett- provided some context for the work done by the IGR Committee.
- Councilor Evans - asked how the \$7million gap will be closed for the Riverfront project; shared ideas on how to get additional funding from the state or extend the urban renewal district to cover some of the costs incurred as the project moves forward.
- Councilor Zelenka - shared concerns about the IGR process, noting that councilors who are not on the IGR committee are detached from the process and do not have a chance to provide much input; recommended weekly updates and implementing some process to bring up concerns that Councilor's have.
- Councilor Clark - commented that the process does not allow for a minority opinion to be heard; said he feels there are several things listed that are good things to do; asked if there has been discussion at IGR about advocating for some manner of support from the State for funding a new stadium for the Eugene Emeralds; suggested that both IGR and local people and groups have lobbied many times for money for University of Oregon for sports facilities, noting the Eugene Emeralds is a community institution and should be supported as a priority.
- Councilor Keating - said the Eugene Emeralds has been brought up at IGR meetings and he continues to be an advocate for finding some creative ways for the organization to thrive in the community; said that the IGR committee is a public meeting, and anyone can watch the process and review the minutes.
- Councilor Groves – supported efforts to find funding for a stadium for the Eugene Emeralds; appreciated the work the IGR committee does.
- Councilor Semple - commented she does not know what the committee does in terms of meeting topics; supported a way to better communicate the topics being discussed; noted that that emails are sent frequently with IGR information.
- Councilor Syrett - commented on what the IGR committee does and how the information comes back to Council; shared she is committed to weekly updates and meeting more frequently; noted the IGR committee is a non-partisan body.
- Councilor Evans - supported building a multi-purpose facility for the Ems, concerts, and other events; shared that different sites are being looked at as possibilities.
- Councilor Zelenka - agreed that minority opinions are not always welcome or heard; shared the Eugene Ems is a higher priority to him than the 2022 World Championships funding and the Steam Plant; wondered why this issue is not a high priority for Council.

MOTION: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt the 2022 City of Eugene-State and Federal Legislative Policy and the 2022 Oregon priorities.

MOTION TO AMEND AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to add the following language to the motion on the table - to provide full Council with weekly written reports during session, a process for bringing up concerns for non IGR and Council members minority opinions and add a policy for support of keeping the Eugene Emeralds in Eugene. **PASSED 5:2**, councilors Keating and Semple opposed, Councilor Evans absent.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED (*restated*): Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt the 2022 City of Eugene-State and Federal Legislative Policy and the 2022 Oregon priorities and to provide full Council with weekly written reports during session, a process for bringing up concerns for non IGR and Council members minority opinions and add a policy for support of keeping the Eugene Emeralds in Eugene. **PASSED 7:0**, Councilor Evans absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Freed
AIC City Recorder

(*Recorded by Niyah Ross*)

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MINUTES

Eugene City Council Virtual Work Session Eugene, Oregon 97401

**December 13, 2021
5:30 p.m.**

Councilors Present: Emily Semple, Matt Keating, Alan Zelenka, Jennifer Yeh, Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Claire Syrett, Randy Groves

Mayor Vinis opened the December 13, 2021, work session of the Eugene City Council in virtual format.

1. WORK SESSION: Funding for Climate Change and Homelessness Initiatives

City Manager Sarah Medary introduced and gave background on the topic. Finance Director Twylla Miller gave a presentation on the topic.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka - shared his thoughts on the series of decision-making points for climate and homelessness funding and how to proceed; shared ideas about and the need for more resources to complete and develop an analysis.
- Councilor Clark - shared his interest in hearing the reasoning behind the proposed funding for the biggest issue of homelessness; expressed concern about enabling people to stay stuck in homelessness and stated he would like to know the community's sentiments about the appropriate funding levels to effectively address homelessness; said that allocating more money is not the place to start; shared that a former Police Auditor asked how much money the community spends on homelessness and, including the county and state budgets, the budget for all services providers was estimated to be \$125 million a year.
- Mayor Vinis – agreed that it is an interesting question about whether more money is needed, noting that the work done on implementing the TAC report and the one-time pandemic resources were required to make some headway for the unsheltered population; proposed looking forward to identify the vision for addressing this issue because the money spent was one-time funding; shared that creating a system of policies with the County enables people to have more stable lives.
- Councilor Yeh - shared she was unsure it is the City's role to fund drug addiction and mental health services and likes the idea of an adult crisis center; shared that there is a need for more affordable housing for when people transition out of homelessness; commented that she feels the climate issues are easier to address because staff have done a tremendous amount of work and Council knows what work needs to be done; commented that Council is being asked to provide a list of core things to be done as step one and then will move onto to step two in terms of how to fund these appropriately.
- Councilor Groves – agreed Council should be cautious about funding something that should be done at other levels of government and gave an example of work being done by partner jurisdictions; acknowledged the need to define and refine what the need is and how the money could do the most good.

- Councilor Syrett - shared she is not for or against the idea of funding these items together or apart; shared her thoughts on climate recovery work and noted there may be other funding opportunities available; shared the idea and need for a fund for low-income and marginalized community members to transition from fossil fuels; said there is a gap in the ability to move people from the streets into housing and this issue is not necessarily the City's to resolve.
- Councilor Keating - commented that a ballot measure to renew the street bond could be edited to rededicate funds for e-bikes, bike, or pedestrian improvements from this stream of revenue; shared an idea for implementing an increase in the gas tax; stated he has not seen polling that voters are ready to support funding for unhoused and climate change initiatives at the same time through their property taxes.
- Councilor Semple - commented that she served on the revenue committee for the payroll tax and it is difficult to find revenue sources that are not regressive; noted that the City asks for a lot of bond and levy renewals and property owners are often targeted; stated that Council needs to determine what are the most urgent and effective things to tackle and then figure out how much it will cost and where to get the money; asked how Council can help get more affordable housing.
- Councilor Evans – supported taking a step back to identify the most urgent priorities for the homeless shelter and emergency crisis situations; shared that community members feel taxed-fatigued and will be less likely to support any type of new revenue measure on the ballot; said Council should follow the same strategies as it did for the road fund bond measures so voters can see what they will get for their money in terms of improvements.
- Councilor Zelenka - stated Council should be looking at how to spend the dollars better; said affordable housing, lack of mental health services, and lack of substance abuse services create the symptom of homelessness; noted that most of the item in CAP2.0 were funded; said an important part of this process is the development of a list based on community input; asked staff to figure out the details of the list of programs and projects Council will want to take.
- Councilor Clark – said he would like to separate these two issues, noting homelessness, housing and public safety are the three biggest issues in the community; asked how the City gets policies in alignment these priorities; asked to have a discussion whether it is the government's job to provide people with housing; stated that bonds and levies increase the cost of housing.
- Councilor Syrett - asked if a gas tax would contribute to the compression rate; asked what the City is limited to in terms of how gas tax revenue can be used and whether a local gas tax could be used for permanent supportive housing; shared she would support a conversation on an increase in the gas tax and how the money could be used; said residents do not feel that the City has done an effective job of mitigating the effects of homelessness and would not support paying more taxes for this work; said Council needs to build up some credibility on that front before asking voters for funding; voiced concerns about the City being the provider for homelessness and mental health services; noted she would support engaging in a partnership with Lane County Public Health to help their efforts.
- Councilor Keating - commented that County and City are working together to fund the TAC recommendations; asked to have a joint retreat focusing on TAC 2.0 recommendations and implementing strategies that come out of this work session.

- Councilor Evans - stated the larger issue is poverty and Council needs to figure out ways to address this problem; expressed concern that there is an unstable framework in the City and County and some areas are failing.
- Mayor Vinis - shared there is a nexus between homelessness and climate change and that it is an environmental justice issue, noting there is a connection between how to support people in poverty and address the housing shortage.
- Councilor Zelenka - shared staff direction is important on this issue and said he would like clear direction from Council to direct the City Manager to act.
- Councilor Syrett – voiced concern about the discussion around the publicly subsidized housing and discussed the amount and quality of the housing that has already been built.
- Councilor Clark - recognized the urgency of the issue.

2. WORK SESSION: Housing Implementation Pipeline - Downtown Housing

City Manager Sarah Medary introduced the topic. Community Development Director Will Dowdy gave a presentation on the topic.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – stated the downtown includes the riverfront and Council needs to think about downtown and transportation corridors differently; supported adding the incentives that were mentioned and stopping restrictions on what the market can build; suggested incentivizing 6th and 7th avenues for multi-purpose housing to help bring affordable housing into the market.
- Councilor Syrett - supported the motion to come back with more specifics, clarifying that analysis of 6th and 7th would be in addition to and not instead of the work proposed in the packet; asked how the 50 percent figure was selected and whether it is practical; asked if a forecast or analysis has been done to see if there is enough vacant land, underutilized land or potentially redeveloped land for housing.
- Councilor Zelenka - stated he is in favor of exploring more opportunities for incentives for downtown housing; asked how many of the 2,500 units were provided by the market versus incentives and subsidies; stated affordable housing is the biggest housing problem because there is not enough of it.
- Councilor Groves - asked if market housing downtown needs financial assistance in order to be feasible and what other funding mechanisms are available to encourage housing development downtown; said he would like to learn more about the urban development and renewal districts; asked about the cap for the urban renewal district.
- Councilor Evans - stated the nature of retail is changing and noted some of the office and retail spaces could be converted to apartments and condos. Asked what the prospects are for working with the private sector on this issue; asked about the plan for downtown.
- Councilor Keating - asked whether it is part of the vision to have both renters and homeowners downtown; asked how Council goes about establishing a transportation corridor renewal zone specifically around 6th and 7th, west 11th, Highway 99 and River Road.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Syrett, made a motion to extend to 7:15 p.m. **PASSED 7:1**, Councilor Semple opposed.

- Councilor Yeh - supported the motion and researching incentives for housing; questioned the 50 percent increase, noting it felt arbitrary and she wants to be fairly aggressive with the intersection of public housing and transportation.
- Councilor Clark - stated the time is right to have a work session about creating an urban renewal district on 6th and 7th avenues; stated that financing condominiums is easier than it used to be and the mix of ownership opportunities downtown is critically important.
- Councilor Evans - commented about the progress of the MovingAhead initiative and some of the ideas that are coming from LTD, noting that housing and businesses are what is needed on that corridor; said he would like to see an urban renewal district that begins at Four Corners and ends at Beltline to help restore this area along Highway 99 and have more flexibility to be able to do this; said the City needs to be creative in finding new tools to incentivize both housing and business development along that corridor.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, move to direct the City Manager to return with information about opportunities to provide further incentives for the development of downtown housing.

PASSED 8:0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Freed
AIC City Recorder

(Recorded by Niyah Ross)

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

**MINUTES
Eugene City Council
State of the City
Virtual Meeting
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**January 5, 2022
5:30 p.m.**

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

Absent: Claire Syrett

1. ENTERTAINMENT

Michael Moloi and company performed "Peace."

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Vinis read a statement acknowledging that the State of the City was being held on Kalapuya llihi, the traditional indigenous homeland of the Kalapuya people.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

City Council President Jennifer Yeh provided opening remarks.

4. VIDEO PRESENTATION

A video was shown titled "Looking Back & Looking Forward," highlighting what City Councilors' are looking forward to in 2022.

5. BOLD STEPS AWARD

Mayor Vinis announced Summit Bank as the 2021 Bold Steps Award winner, and recognized PakTech and Arcimoto as finalists.

7. COMMUNITY AWARDS PRESENTATION

Mayor Vinis presented the 2021 Community Awards to the St. Vincent DePaul Homeless and Emergency Services team, Alex Reyna, and Pastor Gabe Piechowicz.

8. VIDEO PRESENTATION

A video of 2021 City of Eugene highlights was shown.

9. STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Vinis delivered her 2022 State of the City address:

Here we are—together again in this all-too-familiar virtual space, embarking on an annual ritual, once again altered by COVID. Thank you for joining me tonight, and thanks to all of you—City staff, elected officials, and all Eugeneans—who showed up every day—often in new ways—to bring us to this moment.

While we have been reassured by the partial return of what was once normal, this new spike in COVID compels us to recognize that in the new normal, nothing is the same as it

was. Our perspectives, our lives, and our City have been transformed by the experiences of the past two years.

Tonight, I want to talk with you about some of those transformations— - what we've seen already and what is to come.

As Mayor, I have a ringside seat to witness not only the struggles, but also the humanity, the effort, and the effectiveness of the work that happens every day. People in this community step up where and when they are needed. While most Eugeneans don't join in policy discussions, they do keep this community functioning every day. They work in our schools, our nonprofits, our businesses large and small, our hospitals and factories, and for our City, State, and County. They work at home, on job sites, and out of delivery vehicles. And their concerns—about educating their children, finding opportunities to grow and prosper, and living in safety and with respect—are at the center of the work we do in this city every day. These Eugeneans - who have shown up despite all the challenges of the last two years - are the backbone and the heart of this city. Thank you, again, for all of your perseverance and your many contributions.

As we begin to round the corner of this second year of COVID, we can recognize the powerful lessons of this time. I was once given critical advice: "don't make a long-term decision based on a short-term crisis." Initially, we approached the pandemic as a short-term crisis, employing specific and necessary actions – masks, vaccines, and physical distancing. These actions have been effective. But now, two years in, what we see emerging from the pandemic experience is an altered trajectory across the board. This shift from a short-term crisis into a long-term transformation resonates through all of our responses.

It is hard to appreciate the impact of incremental progress when you are down in the trenches—working your way, one day at a time, through enormous challenges. We don't see the transformation coming. As with our new Riverfront Park – that you will all be able to enjoy very soon -- the transformation from a narrow, fenced bike path to a graceful, arching greenway along the river will be startling because most of us weren't looking and didn't see the progress along the way.

Where and how are the incremental changes of the past year transforming our community? What does transformation mean on the local level, and how is that transformation reflected in our ongoing work to address homelessness, climate change, and equity? I want to talk with you tonight about what the City is doing about each of these public concerns as we move from what we see now to what we envision for the future.

Homelessness: Homelessness remains a critical issue for our city. As big as this concern felt to us a few years ago, it is now even bigger. And it is definitely not a short-term crisis.

The pandemic increased the numbers, visibility, and impact of people who are unsheltered; but more importantly it exposed the long-term challenge.

Poverty is broad and deep in this community. It is not an aberration; it is a condition of half of our population, many of whom have either fallen into or are at risk of

homelessness. The impact of homelessness is compounded by a serious meth epidemic and untreated mental illness that afflict many of the unsheltered people in our community who need long-term interventions. We see the terrible impacts on people who are unhoused, and we also see the troubling impacts on our business community, our downtown, our parks, and our sense of personal safety.

The city has been bold, brave, and determined in implementing immediate solutions, most notably the creation of safe sleeping sites. I liken the City to an emergency room. We respond to the homelessness emergency that is in our midst. But the long-term solution does not rest in sleep sites—in the emergency response—it rests in a much larger hospital of services that support recovery.

In this light, our work is just beginning. We began with ten recommendations adopted by Council in 2019 that aim to provide more beds, better outreach, more accurate data collection, and greater success in helping people move into stable lives. While the number of unsheltered people is now much greater than our data suggested a few years ago, the recommendations are still sound.

The City's emergency response continues to build safer places for people to rest. And the people who take advantage of our rest stops, microsites, and safe sleeping areas are transforming their lives.

Take, for example, Samuel, who moved into a rest stop managed by Community Supported Shelters after 10 years of living on the streets. His untreated bipolar disorder made it hard to hold down a job and pay his rent. The rest stop offered stability and gave him an address that in turn enabled him to collect two years of back disability payments and obtain his birth certificate and an Oregon ID. He is now looking for housing and looking forward to returning to college at LCC.

People who are impoverished and troubled need the stability of a safe place to sleep, hope and encouragement to begin their recovery. I am committed to three actions in the coming year:

First, to continue to support and advocate for our critical nonprofit providers, like Community Supported Shelters, to enable them to pay adequate wages and train and supervise their teams. The City does not provide these direct services to assist people on our streets, but we can help make sure that our nonprofit community is able to invest in the people with the skills and expertise to assist our unsheltered folks in transitioning from the streets to stable housing and thriving lives.

Secondly, I will continue to push hard for greater investment in mental health. The City relies on our partners—including the State of Oregon, Lane County, and nonprofits like CAHOOTS, and Whitebird—for this essential component of recovery. As part of our long-term response to homelessness, we joined with Lane County to invest in a permanent shelter, provide navigation services, and improve outreach to serve people where they are.

Mental health is often connected to substance abuse. Addiction to meth, in particular, prevents people from stabilizing their lives and precipitates behavior that negatively impacts the safety and quality of life in some of our neighborhoods. In the past year,

aggressive behavior by some people living in vehicles, particularly in West Eugene, have frightened and angered neighborhood businesses and residents.

As my third commitment, I will make sure that we do not ignore these public safety impacts. Councilors and members of the public demand accountability—both from the people who benefit from our services and from the police. Council has invested in both pathways through our increasing commitment to shelter and housing, and to public safety to enable police to respond in a timely way to calls for help. We are grateful for the business, faith, and neighborhood groups who shoulder the day-to-day impacts and provide the insight and willingness to create a more effective, safe, and humane response. I will make sure that our responses to homelessness include both compassion for the unhoused and respect for the impacts on all our community members.

Climate: Climate change is happening before our eyes ---the raging fires and unprecedented heat waves we saw this year are likely our new norm, not an exception. More and more of us understand that we urgently need to reduce emissions and adapt to a new reality. Again, we need to do more than address crises; we need to transform how we live and do business. The dual challenges of climate change and population growth present great opportunities to walk that talk.

What are the ways that a local government like the City of Eugene can address climate change, and have the greatest impact on slowing it down? Two of the key areas are housing -- increasing both its density and energy efficiency; and energy policy-- moving away from high-impact to more sustainable sources.

Where and how housing is constructed can reduce the climate impact of our growing population; and improving our housing stock will benefit the poorest among us who are the most severely impacted by climate change.

We enter 2022 in the midst of several pivotal housing policy decisions. We are required by House Bill 2001 to allow more “middle” housing in the form of duplexes, triplexes, cottage clusters, and townhomes in our residential neighborhoods. Understandably, there is a lot of energy and tension around the proposed code changes and how existing neighborhoods might be affected. However, we cannot talk about climate change without talking about the housing forms we allow. We cannot talk about equity or address the housing shortage without increasing the quantity and diversity of the housing we have.

The transformation has begun, and there are some wonderful examples. St. Vincent de Paul has completed housing for 53 households on River Road called Iris Place. This is affordable housing on a major corridor with access to buses. The units closest to the road have thicker walls and sound-proofed windows—they are quiet and filled with light. They’re heated with efficient electricity; and open to a central, shared landscape and playground. They form a dense but attractive facade to River Road and complement the single-family lots farther back on the block. The City incentivized this housing—we

provided the land, allocated Federal HOME funds, and forgave Systems Development Charges to reduce the cost.

This housing signals a change to River Road, a neighborhood that prides itself both for its rural quality and its willingness to reimagine itself to allow more housing and a safer, pedestrian and biking environment.

HB 2001 addresses the “where” of housing. Council also faces decisions about “how” housing is built to address climate change. Buildings are the second greatest users of fossil fuels and source of greenhouse gas emissions in the city. The Climate Action Plan 2.0, adopted by Council in 2021, includes 31 actions for addressing this impact.

Energy policy is also an area where the City can have a significant long-term impact on the climate crisis.

Public discussion in 2021 circled around the negotiations with NW Natural. The City Council sought to tie our contractual agreement with the gas company for maintaining gas infrastructure to our policy goal of reducing fossil fuel use and emissions. Climate advocates criticized the negotiations as a waste of time; proponents of natural gas worried that we would literally turn off the gas. Our intention is to find agreement where we can but to push forward with the essential transformations. The gas company’s stated priority to decarbonize is significant, and we expect to see their progress in meeting those goals.

My goal as mayor is to move as deliberately and quickly as we can toward electrification, but to do so realistically and fairly. It is a long-term transformation that arises from and builds on immediate actions.

At the end of 2021, Council made two important decisions: to explore code changes in 2022 that would require electrification of all new construction; and to develop a roadmap for decarbonizing existing buildings. We are fortunate that EWEB is our electric utility and that most of our local electricity comes from hydropower.

While Council considers code changes, we recognize that certain industries—like our breweries, wineries and coffee roasters, for example—depend on natural gas. Not every industry or commercial operation can make this shift. Capacity is also a concern—increasing demand for electricity may result in increasing cost as EWEB navigates the energy market.

In 2021, I convened a Mayor’s Business Advisory Council to inform our thinking about the pressing issues in our community. These business leaders are already offering insights about the scope and impacts of Council’s decisions related to building energy uses and costs.

The Climate Action Plan 2.0 sets our course and requires us to change business as usual. The City prepares the landscape for that transformation with investments in transportation, land use policies, and building codes. We promote community participation in waste prevention, energy efficiency and alternatives to cars. But none of the big changes will come easily.

There's hope in the widespread calls for faster action. Policy changes get more traction when citizens make their voices heard. Americans also love technology. We are early and eager adopters. We're ready to transform our lives when new ideas make life more comfortable and safer. Here in Eugene, we have our own electric vehicle company and now see Arcimotos buzzing around all over town. National and state policies are both pushing us forward and supporting electrification.

In 2021, I was appointed to the EPA's Local Government Advisory Council, expanding our voice in national policy discussions. My focus in that Council is on air quality and climate change. I see it as an opportunity to explore ways in which our City can better address the pollution and climate impacts in our poorer neighborhoods. In particular, Bethel and Trainsong are disproportionately affected by poor air quality, and much of the housing is not adequately heated and cooled. As we consider future climate change actions, this and other parts of town could become a focus for more trees, more control over industrial pollutants, promotion of energy efficiency, conversion to electric, and weatherization.

Equity: That brings me to equity and racial justice. Everyone does not feel safe in this community. That message came through loud and clear in 2020, and in the discussions and final report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Policies in 2021. The past year recorded an increase in hate and bias crimes particularly directed at Black and Asian Americans. These are troubling facts which must be addressed.

Community surveys and public testimony have stressed the need for alternatives to armed police officers to avoid triggering trauma among fragile members of our community. National recognition of CAHOOTS reinforced the call for greater mental health awareness and expertise in our public safety teams. We are acting on those requests in budget appropriations this year by exploring alternative responses and committing to a greater number of unarmed community service officers.

At the same time, the increase in hate crimes and crime in general calls on us to invest in a well-trained and well-supported police department. Police officers provide us with an essential and irreplaceable expertise and skill in responding to crime.

We opened tonight with a land acknowledgement in recognition of the City's racist past. We aim to shift that racist trajectory. The Equity Panel formed as part of the Climate Action Plan informs the city about climate and our transportation, housing and land use policies. Council has had the first of two meetings to discuss reparations; passed a resolution condemning anti-Asian speech and acts; and passed an ordinance banning the symbol of a noose as a crime of intimidation. I am working with the City Manager and staff to transform our interactions with Tribal leadership into a formal and respectful government-to-government relationship. 2021 was also the inaugural year for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, a diverse, high energy, thoughtful group of high school students who are turning their attention to hate and bias, as well as mental health and homelessness. They will bring those insights to Council.

Although the acronym "BIPOC" has come to be a shorthand for acknowledging the communities that experience inequity in Eugene and elsewhere, the specific stories of

Black American descendants of slavery; Indigenous people who were dispossessed of their land in North America; and immigrants from all parts of the world represented as “People of Color,” each have unique and distinctive stories and losses. Shifting from erasure to truth-telling must respond to all of those different narratives and communities. In the words of Nobel Peace Prize nominee, Sheila Watt-Cloutier who spoke at the UO last spring, “Things will change at the speed of empathy and trust.” Getting there requires us to understand and accept our past. I asked for Michael Moloi to perform tonight because his performance and his life in our community show us the way—through art, music, spoken word, and dance, we see each other with new eyes.

This year will bring the world to Eugene to attend the OR 22 World Athletics Championship in July. Our new riverfront park will host the free fan festival during the 10-day event at Hayward Field. It will be our time, at last, to demonstrate to the world our capacity for facing the transformative challenges of our era – to model solutions to homelessness, to lead in responding to climate change, and to honor and celebrate the many communities within our community.

As we move into 2022, we are not just recovering from a series of crises. Our City is using the tools available to us to find pathways, perspectives, and ideas that will transform us. It’s essential, but not enough, to shelter people from the cold - we must envision and work towards a city where everyone has and can afford a safe place to live. It’s essential, but not nearly enough, to cut back our carbon emissions; we must forge a world in which humanity is truly carbon-neutral and sustainable on our one and only planet. And it’s essential, but not enough, to make sure Black and Brown people are safe on our streets; we must build a community and a world in which diversity is our most valued characteristic. This is never easy, because we are a large and complex society that adapts and changes in small steps; we can be slow to find common ground; transformation is incremental and hard to see. We will get there only by continuing to work together with urgency, compassion, and wisdom - “at the speed of empathy and trust.” I look forward to continuing on this path with all of you.

10. ENTERTAINMENT

Michael Moloi and company performed “Sanibonani.”

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Freed
AIC City Recorder

(Recorded by Niyah Ross)

Link to recording of State of the City [here](#).

MINUTES

**Eugene City Council
Virtual Work Session
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**February 9, 2022
12:00 p.m.**

Councilors Present: Claire Syrett, Matt Keating, Jennifer Yeh, Emily Semple, Alan Zelenka, Randy Groves, Mike Clark

Councilors Absent: Greg Evans

Mayor Vinis opened the February 9, 2022, work session of the Eugene City Council in virtual format.

1. WORK SESSION – Ad Hoc Committee on Police Policy Update

This work session provided an opportunity for City Council to receive a progress update on work supporting recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Policy (AHCPP). City Manager Sarah Medary presented updates to existing policies, a simplified project management matrix and recommended next steps for City Council consideration.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka – asked Judge Gill and Police Auditor Leia Pitcher to share their comments; thanked staff for their work, noting this is a challenging task to undertake; stated that he sat in on most of the AHCPP meetings and the range of recommendations go from simple to exceedingly complex; stated the multitude of recommendations did not allow time for in-depth analysis and discussion; recognized that 20 percent of the items have already been completed; noted many items require greater discussion and direction from Council and the proposed motions will help move things forward.
- Councilor Syrett – thanked staff for their important work on this; noted the time and effort to reconfigure the matrix was well spent and that significant revisions are at times the nature of how work progresses; expressed appreciation for the thoughtful layout of the information and that making it accessible to the community will allow them to track the City’s progress and connect it with local and state policy; agreed this will be a dynamic document which changes in response to actions at the state and federal level; offered support for the two proposed motions; stated she would like to make accessible the original Charter change forming the Office of the Police Auditor and the process by which their office established current protocol/policy on interactions with the Internal Affairs Unit; expressed appreciation for comments on the complex nature of this work; noted it would not be responsible to accept all recommendations without further analysis, discussion and exploration of alternatives.
- Councilor Groves – echoed thanks for staff’s in-depth approach to this work and noted the simplified matrix exceeded expectations; praised the Eugene Police Department for its proactive approach and ongoing work in an imperfect world; expressed concern about the ripple effects created by policy formation/changes and asked, from a

workflow standpoint, what percent of recommended changes would have broad-reaching impacts; stated the need to temper City and Council expectations on progress as it is important to get this right, which includes accounting for all intended and unintended consequences and effects; noted the external components of this process are also likely to have ripple effects.

- Councilor Keating – thanked staff for putting together the simplified matrix; noted the recommendation to provide stipends for Civilian Review Board members, something he enthusiastically supports for all City boards and commissions; concurred with Councilor Groves on the long timeline ahead, and items that must go through the Intergovernmental Committee and State Legislature would not likely see adoption until January 2024 at the earliest; recognized the difficulties with timelines for such complex work but asked for inclusion of approximated implementation timelines in future materials; clarified the pathway for completing item 31 would begin with a work session engaging the community and evaluating civilian oversight structures, something on which Council can take immediate action.
- Councilor Semple – expressed appreciation for the work of staff and the AHCPP in creating the simplified matrix; stated that this will be a time-consuming effort; stated the matrix is clear that what can be started has been started, as has the process to pursue other recommendations; stated the City and Council will not be able to do this work cheaply or quickly and they must be prepared for the time required for these recommendations to progress, evolve, and synthesize engagement across numerous stakeholders.
- Councilor Yeh – asked if there are any confirmed plans for following up with the AHCPP for updates and discussion; expressed appreciation for Councilor Groves’ comment that policy work takes time; noted the Police Commission has left some space in their workplan for discussion on these recommendations; suggested as new citizen oversight structures are formed they adopt the Healthy Democracy model.
- Councilor Clark – thanked staff for their updated approach; stated the matrix does not currently include sufficient language around the problems each recommendation is meant to address, something he wishes to see included in future iterations; asked for the formation and inclusion of metrics to address how success will be measured .
- Councilor Zelenka – stated the importance of keeping three things at the forefront of this process: 1) what problems are being addressed, 2) what the recommended solutions are and 3) how to measure that the problem has been solved; noted the proposed motion on providing history, background and status of civilian oversight is likely to take multiple work sessions, but is nonetheless an important step in educating and engaging the public.
- Councilor Keating – noted that items 37 and 43 seem to have significant overlap yet different pathways for reform; asked the City Attorney clarify whether restricting the open carry of firearms in Eugene can be achieved through City code changes; asked whether a municipality operating in a collegiate controlled facility would affect the ability to restrict open carry at in-person public meetings held in college buildings; asked Police Chief Skinner about item 23 on drug testing police officers and what rises the to the level of “reasonable suspicion”.
- Councilor Syrett – stated the recommendations requiring a Charter amendment are a clear opportunity to solicit citizen engagement; expressed appreciation for Councilor

Clark's request to include the nature of the problem being addressed and how success will be measured.

- Councilor Clark – noted information such as cost of implementation and potential risk of litigation/community backlash should be provided in advance of future Council discussions.
- Mayor Vinis – expressed appreciation for the simplified matrix, noting it allowed for reasonable discussion; stated the usefulness of the matrix as a starting point and it being set up to direct readers to further links and resources; recognized many recommendations are complete or in motion and it should be expected this document will continually change; stated it would be helpful to include information on next steps and pending actions for open items; noted that each recommendation is a major project in and of itself and advocated for a standard format to be used in the overview/tracking of each item.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to direct the City Manager to provide additional review, analysis and information on all items marked for intergovernmental action on Attachment B prior to setting the City's 2023 legislative priorities. **PASSED 7:0**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to schedule a work session on the history and status of the City's current civilian oversight system prior to July 17, 2022. **PASSED 7:0**

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Freed
City Recorder AIC

(Recorded by Jay Ferris)

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

MINUTES
Eugene City Council
Virtual Meeting
Eugene, Oregon 97401

February 14, 2022
7:30 p.m.

Councilors Present: Claire Syrett, Matt Keating, Randy Groves, Emily Semple, Jennifer Yeh, Greg Evans, Mike Clark

Councilors Absent: Alan Zelenka

Mayor Vinis opened the February 14, 2022, meeting of the Eugene City Council in virtual format.

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Syrett – noted the Intergovernmental Relations Committee has provided a written update on the status of current state legislative priorities, with staff working quickly due to the short session; noted the City has submitted a request for \$5 million to be used for homeless services, including expansion of safe sleep sites, sanitation and support services, and this request is in collaboration with other Oregon cities including Portland, Salem and Bend; noted she and Councilor Groves met with Beyond Toxics to discuss the impacts of the JH Baxter site cleanup and the creation of a public health overlay; discussed plans to bring forward a motion on February 28 to hold a work session on the public health overlay concept.
- Councilor Groves – thanked Councilor Syrett for bringing forward the motion for a work session on creating a public health overlay zone; noted he had the opportunity to attend the Berkeley Park reopening at 14th and Wilson, and that staff did an amazing job building infrastructure into the park as a result of heavy input from residents; noted he toured the Everyone Village safe sleep site and met with Pastor Gabe Piechowicz and Heather Sielicki, and encouraged key staff and members of Council to visit and see their amazing site and vision for growth.
- Councilor Semple – noted the HOME Consortium Governing Board approved funding for DevNW’s Polk 2.0 site; noted the Housing Policy Board met with the Springfield Eugene Tenant Association, whose organization had a record number of calls for information and assistance; noted the McKenzie Watershed Council met to discuss forestry service and flood plain restoration; gave kudos to the Public Works Department for recent area improvements.
- Councilor Keating – thanked the Public Works team for their professionalism and responsiveness to overflowing drains; shared the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency has announced an expansion of their Citizen Advisory Committee from nine to 15 members, and interested residents should go to lrapa.org for further information; noted the Human Rights Commission meets tomorrow and the Human Services Commission later next week; asked neighbors with pets to pay closer attention to City Code 4.465, which states that pet waste matter should not be deposited onto any improved property other than that of the pet owner, and that bagged waste not be deposited into other’s garbage cans.

- Councilor Yeh – noted the Police Commission met with the 4J School District Student Wellness and Safety Team to discuss their program and work with the Eugene Police Department; noted that meeting recordings are available on the Police Commission webpage; reported that the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission received a clean audit score, and staff are working very hard to receive a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).
- Councilor Evans – stated his intent to put forward a work session poll on retaining current affordable housing options in response to concerns over those buying properties and converting them into upscale housing; stated people should not have to worry about being priced out of their homes.
- Mayor Vinis – reminded all that the Housing Implementation Pipeline incorporates policy on anti-displacement actions; noted area funds received in support of affordable rental housing and the development of shelters is approximately \$4.7 million.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes
 - June 30, 2021, Work Session
 - July 21, 2021, Work Session
 - September 22, 2021, Work Session
 - October 11, 2021, Work Session
 - October 25, 2021, Work Session
 - November 8, 2021, Work Session
 - November 10, 2021, Work Session
 - December 8, 2021, Work Session
- B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to approve the items on Consent Calendar 1. **PASSED 7:0**

3. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Breach Collective – expressed support for proposed renter protections.
2. Kathryn Dunn – asked questions about the intent behind proposed renter protections.
3. Michael Havlik – shared concerns about proposed renter protections.
4. Jennifer Wyncoop – shared concerns about proposed changes to rental applications.
5. Paul Fenley – expressed opposition to proposed renter protections.
6. Joann Shotola – shared concerns about proposed renter protections.
7. Jessica Greenlee – shared concerns about renter protections' impact on tenants.
8. Scott Zakarian – discussed the impact of Oregon Senate Bill 608 on the rental market.
9. Timothy Morris – expressed support for proposed renter protections.
10. Kevin Cronin – urged council to pass full slate of renter protections.
11. Lin Woodrich – shared concerns about dioxin levels in Bethel area.
12. Dylan Plummer – expressed support for displacement prevention assistance.
13. Jim Neu – discussed affordable access to electric vehicles.
14. Thomas Hiura – expressed support for proposed renter protections.
15. 350 Eugene – shared support for climate action plan and climate recovery ordinance.

16. Scott Smith – shared opposition to proposed renter protections.
17. Mysti Frost – expressed support for proposed renter protections.
18. William Smith – discussed wireless safety and broadband infrastructure.
19. Rajeev Ravisankar – urged Council to pass the full slate of renter protections.
20. David Solice – expressed concerns about the impact of proposed renter protections.
21. Ryan Moore – expressed support for proposed renter protections.
22. Jamie Cornett – expressed support for proposed renter protections.
23. Laurel Butmann – expressed concerns about the impact of proposed renter protections.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Evans – recognized Lin Woodrich and her work with the Active Bethel Citizens neighborhood association; acknowledged what has happened with JH Baxter; discussed issues in the Bethel area as a result of the lack of local, state and federal investment for over 30 years; stated the need to start paying attention to this neglected part of the City.
- Councilor Keating – noted the upcoming (February 24) first of two education sessions on building small-scale housing developments; noted that, looking back to the ban of single-use plastic bags in Eugene, it is sometimes the responsibility of the municipality to lead the way on an issue before major changes happen at the state or federal level; stated he looks forward to the ongoing conversations about renter protections and ways in which good landlords can be incentivized to be creative in satisfying their mutual interests.
- Councilor Semple – expressed appreciation for the well-articulated passions from both sides; expressed support for proposed renter protections and stated they are always ready and willing to listen to opposing views; stated full support of a plan for the Bethel area; expressed appreciation for residents’ continued support for fiber internet.
- Councilor Syrett – thanked everyone for their comments; reminded all of several million dollar investments in Bethel area’s Golden Garden Park; expressed concerns about JH Baxter saying they are unable to pay for site cleanup, but is nonetheless not surprised to hear them say that, noting DEQ would likely pay for the initial cleanup and then pursue Baxter for repayment; appreciated testimony on fiber internet and wants broadband growth to be expanded from the downtown network; commended Thomas Hiura for his cogent testimony.
- Councilor Clark – thanked all who came out to speak; discussed concerns that existing rental housing policies and renter protections are not as effective as previously hoped if residents continue to experience illegal violations.
- Councilor Groves – thanked all who testified for their civil and thoughtful testimony; stated support for a planning process in the Bethel area and reminded all about the recent Echo Hollow Pool renovation.
- Councilor Evans – thanked councilors for reminding all of improvements in the Bethel area; discussed unrealized investments in Bethel area compared to other areas having received a much greater number of investments.
- Councilor Yeh – asked staff for an update on the current state and plan for the Bethel area.
- City Manager Sarah Medary – mentioned the upcoming proposed bond funding for Golden Gardens Park.

- Councilor Clark – advocated for the use of any unallocated funds on yet-to-be-completed Striker Park renovations.
- Mayor Vinis – thanked all for the constructive evening; noted renter protections are targeting a fair and balanced approach to ensure people are not burdened by undue charges or fear of losing housing; expressed appreciation for conversations about reinvestments in the Bethel area.
- Councilor Evans – asked what kind of conversations have taken place with Union Pacific about unreported accidents, such as derailments.
- Councilor Groves – clarified derailments are not the only concern for train cars and chemical reactions, boil overs and other accidental releases must also be considered.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR 2**

- A. Adoption of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor's Map 17-04-23-11, Tax Lot 3600 Located at 825 and 825 ½ Horn Lane) (City File: A 21-13)
- B. Adoption of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor's Map 17-04-14-14, Tax Lot 1700, Located at 135 Kourt Drive) (City File: A 21-15)

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to approve the items on Consent Calendar 2. **PASSED 7:0**

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Freed
City Recorder (AIC)

(Recorded by Jay Ferris)

Webcast of meeting available [here](#).

MINUTES

**Eugene City Council
Virtual Work Session
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**February 14, 2022
5:30 p.m.**

Councilors Present: Claire Syrett, Matt Keating, Jennifer Yeh, Emily Semple, Alan Zelenka, Randy Groves, Greg Evans, Mike Clark

Mayor Vinis opened the February 14, 2022, work session of the Eugene City Council in virtual format.

1. WORK SESSION – Budget and Process Update

City Manager Sarah Medary and Strategic Initiative Project Manager Abby Alway presented information about a change in approach to the City of Eugene’s budget process. A new process will include the Council identifying strategic priorities and the City Manager building a budget that includes programs to support those priorities based on community feedback. This presentation was informational and an opportunity for Council to ask questions and share comments on the process.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Groves – thanked staff for the presentation; asked staff to elaborate on the ways this approach differs from budgeting for outcomes; stated he did not like the proposal-based parts of the current process and is glad to see that removed in the updated approach; stated support for a biannual budget and the benefits of long-term planning.
- Councilor Syrett – stated she was on the Budget Committee when an updated budget process was previously brought forward but never realized; stated support for this proposed approach and a biannual budget cycle; expressed hope that state budget cuts will not occur; stated she is eager to hear more about the community survey aspect, but remains mindful the results will need to be validated through ongoing conversations with residents.
- Councilor Clark – stated the favored approach to Council operations and budgeting processes is to not let what is urgent crowd out what is important; expressed uncertainty about a biannual budget but said he remains open to the idea so long as the focus is on the important; asked how the City will stay responsive in the face of a biannual budget, particularly during the second year of the biennium; noted the state legislature is moving forward from annual to biannual budgeting and asked how will the City manage the difference in timing between the two legislative bodies.
- Councilor Semple – stated she is intrigued by a biannual budget and the ways with which it could provide more information and greater control; concurred with Councilor Syrett on the need for validating community surveys through additional outreach; expressed appreciation for the ease of use of the dashboard view.

- Mayor Vinis – thanked staff for the presentation and information; agreed this approach adds a lot of clarity; stated that expenses spanning across multiple departments and activities throughout the years can be difficult to understand and track; noted Council has been consistent in asking for greater financial accountability and the highest utilization per dollars spent; asked if this process will allow for a better handle on how success is measured; asked how this updated approach will interface with the City’s online transparency tool; asked how difficult it will be to make this shift in process.
- Councilor Evans – asked about the impact on flexibility of the budgeting process in an annual versus biannual framework; asked staff how the approach to supplemental budgeting differs between annual and biannual processes and if it could improve responsiveness to both internal and community needs.
- Councilor Keating – noted Council has a legislative responsibility for setting goals and adopting policy; asked whether this change in approach would potentially undermine the responsiveness and influence of Councilors, because it cuts in half their opportunities to weigh in on major budget direction; asked what considerations would be in place to ensure the Budget Committee and City Council retain responsibility for which services the City will provide on an annual basis.
- Councilor Zelenka – discussed his familiarity with biannual budgets; noted the majority of budget considerations are fairly fixed and recurring; stated revamping the budget process does not necessarily impact those fixed costs and he does not anticipate many changes to spending and interactions with state legislators; asked how this will be different in practice, as the authority/personnel around City departmental budgets will remain the same; stated he is an advocate of service-based budget models as it aligns with how people think about City systems.
- Councilor Yeh – stated support for an updated process that permits less time on budgeting process and more time focusing on priorities and ensuring funds are directed to important issues; asked if a biannual budget will allow for adjustments mid-biennium; noted her ongoing frustrations with the current budget process and is pleased to see staff considering alternatives.
- Councilor Syrett – expressed excitement about the reworked budget process; responded to concerns about incoming Councilors not having the context or opportunity to contribute to a biannual budget process; stated there will be greater opportunities to impact the budget when aligned with Council goals and policymaking.
- Councilor Evans – asked what kind of relief to staff workloads is afforded by a biannual budget; noted any relieved pressure from staff and committee workloads will likely translate into additional time for responding to community needs and concerns.
- Councilor Keating – expressed appreciation for feedback from staff and Council; proposed the target of this updated process be referred to as the “two-year stability budget”; asked what response, if any, the City’s labor union partners have had to the idea of priority-based budgeting; proposed that acronyms not be used in Council discussion and processes.
- Councilor Evans – noted the City’s priorities generally revolve around public safety, public works and library/recreation services, whose budgets do not change significantly on a regular basis; asked how to address deficiencies in revenue funding for things the City should be doing and how to work more effectively with County partners in addressing human services issues.

- Councilor Syrett – stated Human Services Commission staff have started meeting in advance to ensure they are representing the positions of Council and the City as closely as possible; concurred with limiting the use of acronyms.
- Mayor Vinis – asked about the timing of community surveys and engagement around this process, noting summer can be problematic due to decreased responses.

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Freed
City Recorder AIC

(Recorded by Jay Ferris)

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

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Approval of Tentative Working Agenda

Meeting Date: April 11, 2022
Department: Central Services
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 3B
Staff Contact: Brooke Freed
Contact Telephone Number: 541-682-5010

ISSUE STATEMENT

This is a routine item to approve the City Council Tentative Working Agenda.

BACKGROUND

On July 31, 2000, the City Council held a process session and discussed the Operating Agreements. Section 2 notes, in part, that "The City Manager shall recommend monthly to the council which items should be placed on the council agenda. This recommendation shall be placed on the consent calendar at the regular City Council meetings (regular meetings are those meetings held on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Council Chamber). If the recommendation contained in the consent calendar is approved, the items shall be brought before the council on a future agenda. If there are concerns about an item, the item may be pulled from the consent calendar at the request of any councilor or the Mayor. A vote shall occur to determine if the item should be included as future council business." Scheduling of this item is in accordance with the Council Operating Agreements.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

The council may choose to approve, amend or not approve the tentative agenda.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to approve the items on the Tentative Working Agenda.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Tentative Working Agenda

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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City Council Tentative Agenda

Updated April 7, 2022

**** SPECIAL NOTICE ****

As our state and community recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, City Council meetings will continue to be held remotely using virtual meeting technology. Information about how to access these meetings will be available at <https://www.eugene-or.gov/3360/Webcasts-and-Meeting-Materials>.

Council Break: March 17 – April 10

April 2022					
Date	Day	Time	Title	Length	Dept. Contact
11-April	Monday	5:30 pm	 Middle Housing Code Update (Work Session)	90 mins	Terri Harding, PDD
		7:30 pm	 Committee Reports and Items of Interest  Public Forum		
Expected absences for 4/11: none					
13-April	Wednesday	12 pm	 Building Electrification (Work Session)	45 mins	Lydia Bishop, PDD
			 Parks and Recreation Annual Bond and Levy Update (Work Session)	45 mins	Craig Carnagey, PW Craig Smith, LRCS Carolyn Burke, PW
Expected absences for 4/13: none					
18-April	Monday	5:30 pm	Planning Commission Interviews		Staff, CS
		7:30 pm	 Ordinance Establishing Willful Penalty for EC 4.830 (Public Hearing)  Ord. Adopting Middle Housing Code and Metro Plan Amendments (Public Hearing)		Matt Rodrigues, PW Terri Harding, PDD
Expected absences for 4/18: none					
20-April	Wednesday	12 pm	 Street Repair & Pavement Management Annual Reports (Work Session)	45 mins	Katie Marwitz, PW

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			 Use of Electric Micromobility Devices in Whilamut Natural Area (Work Session)	45 mins	Rob Inerfeld, PW
Expected absences for 4/20: none					
25-April	Monday	5:30 pm	 Street Repair Bond Renewal (Work Session)	45 mins	Jenifer Willer, PW
			 Two-Year Budget Process (Work Session)	45 mins	Vicki Silvers, CS
		7:30 pm	 Ceremonial Matter  Committee Reports and Items of Interest  One-Year Plan for Affordable Housing and CDBG Approval (Consent Calendar 1)  Public Forum		Staff, EPD Genevieve Middleton, PDD
Expected absences for 4/25: none					
27-April	Wednesday	12 pm	 Ordinance Establishing Willful Penalty for EC 4.830 (Work Session, Possible Action)	45 mins	Matt Rodrigues, PW
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
Expected absences for 4/27: none					
27-April	Wednesday	5:30 pm	 Budget Committee City Manager Proposed Budget (Work Session)		Vicki Silvers, CS
Expected absences for 4/27: none					

May 2022						
Date	Day	Time	Title		Length	Dept. Contact
9-May	Monday	5:30 pm	 Livability Code Revisions (Work Session)	45 mins	Rachelle Nicholas, PDD	
			 Fossil Fuel Risk Bonds (Work Session)	45 mins	Staff	
		7:30 pm	 Ceremonial Matter		Staff, PW	
			 Committee Reports and Items of Interest			
 FY23 MWMC Budget Ratification (Consent Calendar 1)						
			 Public Forum		James McClendon, PW	

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			 Resolution Annexing Land on East 25th Ave, west of Henderson Ave (Consent Calendar 2)		Nick Gioello, PDD
			 Resolution Annexing Land at 1304 Andersen Lane (Consent Calendar 2)		Althea Sullivan, PDD
			 Resolution Annexing vacant site located west of Hwy 99N between Airport Rd and Clear Lake Rd (Consent Calendar 2)		Althea Sullivan, PDD
Expected absences for 5/9: none					
11-May	Wednesday	12 pm	 Middle Housing (Work Session)	90 mins	Terri Harding, PDD
Expected absences for 5/11: none					
11-May	Wednesday	5:30 pm	 Budget Committee Budget Deliberation, topic TBD (Work Session)		Vicki Silvers, CS
Expected absences for 5/11: none					
16-May	Monday	5:30 pm	Boards and Commissions Interviews		Staff, CS
		7:30 pm	 Public Contracting Code Provisions and Exemptions (Public Hearing)		Becky Wheeler, CS
Expected absences for 5/16: none					
18-May	Wednesday	12 pm	 Middle Housing (Work Session)	90 mins	Terri Harding, PDD
Expected absences for 5/18: none					
18-May	Wednesday	5:30 pm	 Budget Committee Budget Deliberation, topic TBD (Work Session)		Vicki Silvers, CS
Expected absences for 5/18: none					
23-May	Monday	5:30 pm	 Urban Forestry (Work Session)	45 mins	Craig Carnagey, PW
			 Addressing Chronic Toxic Polluters (Work Session)	45 mins	Staff
		7:30 pm	 Pledge of Allegiance  Committee Reports and Items of Interest  Public Forum		

			 Ord. Adopting Middle Housing Code and Metro Plan Amendments (Action)		Terri Harding, PDD
<i>Expected absences for 5/23: none</i>					
25-May	Wednesday	12 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
<i>Expected absences for 5/25: none</i>					
25-May	Wednesday	5:30 pm	 Budget Committee Public Comment and Recommendation (Work Session)		Vicki Silvers, CS
<i>Expected absences for 5/25: none</i>					

June 2022					
Date	Day	Time	Title	Length	Dept. Contact
8-June	Wednesday	12 pm	 Growth Monitoring (Work Session)	90 mins	Heather O'Donnell, PDD
Expected absences for 6/8: none					
13-June	Monday	5:30 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
		7:30 pm	 Committee Reports and Items of Interest		
			 Public Forum		
Expected absences for 6/13: none					
15-June	Wednesday	12 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
Expected absences for 6/15: none					
21-June	Tuesday	5:30 pm	Scheduled only as needed		
		7:30 pm	 TBD (Public Hearing)		
Expected absences for 6/21: none					

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22-June	Wednesday	12 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
Expected absences for 6/22: none					
27-June	Monday	5:30 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
		7:30 pm	 Pledge of Allegiance  Committee Reports and Items of Interest  Public Forum		
Expected absences for 6/27: none					
29-June	Wednesday	12 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
Expected absences for 6/29: none					



Work Session



Action



Public Hearing



Public Forum



Consent Calendar



Committee Reports/Items of Interest



Ceremonial Matters



Pledge of Allegiance

Approved Work Session Polls to be Scheduled	Councilor	Date Approved
"Housing Status" as a Protected Class – <i>follow-up TBD</i>	Sample	03/12/20
Reparations (two-part work session) – <i>follow-up TBD</i>	Evans	03/18/21
Funding Source for Climate Change and Homelessness – <i>follow-up TBD</i>	Zelenka	05/10/21
Fossil Fuel Risk Bonds – <i>Scheduled</i>	Groves, Syrett	10/21/21
Addressing Chronic Toxic Polluters – <i>Scheduled</i>	Groves	12/2/21
Urban Renewal Districts - TBD	Groves	2/25/22

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS			
Date	Topic	Description	Staff Contact
April 18, 7:30 pm	An Ordinance Establishing Willful Penalty for EC 4.830	The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider an Ordinance Amending Section 4.990 of the Eugene Code, 1971, Adding a Penalty for the Willful Violation of Section 4.830 (Portion of Street Reserved for Vehicular Traffic) of that Code.	Matt Rodrigues, PW
April 18, 7:30 pm	An Ordinance Adopting Middle Housing Land Use Code and Metro Plan Amendments	The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider an Ordinance implementing House Bill 2001 (2019) which requires Oregon cities with over 25,000 population to allow duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, cottage clusters and rowhouses in residential zones.	Terri Harding, PDD
May 16, 7:30 pm	An Ordinance concerning public contracts; changing portions of sections 2.1400 to 2.1451 of Eugene Code	The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider an ordinance concerning changes proposed to the Public Contracts section of Eugene Code.	Becky Wheeler, CS

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Public Forum

Meeting Date: April 11, 2022
Department: Central Services
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 4
Staff Contact: Sara McKinney
Contact Telephone Number: 541-682-8497

ISSUE STATEMENT

This segment allows citizens the opportunity to express opinions and provide information to the council. Testimony presented during the Public Forum should be on city-related issues and should not address items which have already been heard by a Hearings Official or are on the present agenda as a public hearing item.

SUGGESTED MOTION

No action is required; this is an informational item only.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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