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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

February 22, 2021

7:30 p.m. CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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**Meeting of February 22, 2021;
Her Honor Mayor Lucy Vinis Presiding**

Councilors

Jennifer Yeh, President
Mike Clark
Randy Groves
Emily Semple

Claire Syrett, Vice President
Greg Evans
Matt Keating
Alan Zelenka

7:30 p.m. CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. CEREMONIAL MATTER

- Recognition of Outgoing Police Auditor Mark Gissiner

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

3. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes
- B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda
- C. Appointment of Civilian Review Board Representative to Police Commission

4. PUBLIC FORUM

5. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Providing for Withdrawal of Annexed Properties from the Following Special Districts: River Road Parks & Recreation District; River Road Water District; Santa Clara Rural Fire Protection District; and Santa Clara Water District

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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Ceremonial Matter

Meeting Date: February 22, 2021
Department: Central Services
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 1
Staff Contact: Beth Forrest
Contact Telephone Number: 541-682-5882

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: February 22, 2021
Department: Central Services
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Agenda Item Number: 3A
Staff Contact: Beth Forrest
Contact Telephone Number: 541-682-5882

ISSUE STATEMENT

This is a routine item to approve City Council minutes.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to approve the minutes for the work session on December 14, 2020, and January 13, January 20, January 25, and January 27, 2021; the meeting on November 23 and December 14, 2020, and January 25, 2021; and the Goals Workshop on September 26, 2020.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. September 26, 2020, Goals Workshop
- B. November 23, 2020, Meeting Minutes
- C. December 14, 2020, Work Session Minutes
- D. December 14, 2020, Meeting Minutes
- E. January 13, 2021, Work Session Minutes
- F. January 20, 2021, Work Session Minutes
- G. January 25, 2021, Work Session Minutes
- H. January 25, 2021, Meeting Minutes
- I. January 27, 2021, Work Session Minutes

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MINUTES

**Eugene City Council
Virtual Workshop
Eugene, OR 97401**

**September 26, 2020
9:00 a.m.**

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

Councilors-Elect Present: Randy Groves, Matt Keating

Executive Staff Present: Sarah Medary, Kristie Hammitt, Kathryn Brotherton, Mia Cariaga, Fire Chief Chris Heppel, Chief Chris Skinner, Renee Grube, Denny Braud, Matt Rodrigues

Mayor Vinis opened the September 26, 2020, workshop of the Eugene City Council.

1. Introduction and Context

City Manager Sarah Medary welcomed the Mayor and councilors, reviewed the agenda and set context for the day. She seeded the discussion by asking them to respond to the following questions:

- What are you hearing from constituents?
- What's "in the rapids" and what are you afraid of losing sight of "in the tunnel?"

Discussion

- Councilor Semple – noted that it was challenging to consider long-term issues when her status on the council was still undetermined and she was still recovering from a serious injury; reported that homelessness was the single most important issue raised by her constituents; encouraged optimism and recognition that Eugene is a wonderful community.
- Councilor Pryor – encouraged council to be clear in context with its goals and policies and committed to action to achieve the goals; said responsiveness of the City to community issues is a high priority; expressed concern about losing sight of the inter-connectedness of many city issues and only addressing discrete problems.
- Councilor Taylor – identified transient behavior and reallocation of police resources to more pressing public safety issues as the top constituent concerns; supported reinstating a public service officer to communicate with community members and the council; said traffic is also an area of constituent complaints; suggested establishing a committee to study issues and make recommendations.
- Councilor Syrett – reported that her constituents are concerned about the impacts of the COVID-induced recession and meeting the City's climate goals; expressed concern that budget issues will cause the council to lose sight of the enormous creative capacity and resilience of the community to work together to solve problems; expressed hope that the current crises don't delay or overshadow work on racial justice issues; identified the recession and the demands of helping people meet their basic human needs as the overriding "rapids" issue.
- Councilor Zelenka – acknowledged the turmoil that the council and the community is dealing with; shared frustration of constituents about the current chaos and the issues of homelessness, COVID, racism, climate change, and vagrant behavior; identified the economy and the overwhelming volume of email as issues needing constant attention; noted the

frustration of people when their problem isn't solved by council when a majority-held position prevails or is too large for council's authority.

- Councilor Evans – shared that he hears a lot of concern from constituents about job losses, cutbacks, business closures, homelessness and economic hardships; acknowledged the unique circumstances of the community facing multiple crises at the same time and how challenging that can be; encouraged everyone to not lose sight of and be grateful for what the community has rather than focus entirely on what was lost; voiced concern that impacts from current crises will turn into chronic conditions.
- Councilor Yeh – expressed appreciation for colleagues and friends who can help support each other to work through these challenging times; said it is a privilege to serve on the council and have some ability to try to make things better; reported that the volume of email received is overwhelming and noted the majority of contacts are about the impacts of homelessness; supported taking adequate time to address issue and maintain relationships and partnerships; said it's difficult to see coworkers struggle with economic challenges and pressures; appreciated looking at the bigger picture.
- Councilor Clark – said the watchword for 2020 is “anxiety” and everyone is affected to some degree; predicted the challenges will last well into 2021; identified the top three issues from his constituents as vagrancy/public camping, housing availability and affordability, and economic development; supported maintaining existing goals around job creation and median income; encouraged council to take smaller, achievable steps rather than trying to do too much at one time.
- Mayor Vinis – expressed appreciation for being able to work with all of the councilors; shared feeling of deep apprehension interspersed with optimism and energy; said the current circumstances warrant a different type of leadership and shifting of priorities; shared constituents' concerns that progress isn't being made at the speed desired; said that a big challenge for the City is how it communicates with the community about what is being done and how it connects to longer-term vision and goals.

Each executive manager shared their thoughts on how they and the City are doing, what they hope to learn from the crises they face, and what opportunities exist for making the organization and community better through policy and service changes. They acknowledged the impacts reprioritization of resources has had on other services and community expectations.

2. Organizational Focus

Central Services Director Mia Cariaga presented information about the City's financial condition and adjustments to budget forecasts, relating this work to the City's values. Planning and Development Director Denny Braud presented information about the status of the City Parking Fund and the proposed recovery plan. Library Recreation and Cultural Services Director Renee Grube gave an overview of Cultural Services, the impacts of COVID-19 on programming and facilities, and resiliency plans.

- Councilor Syrett – appreciated the direction staff is taking in response to current conditions; asked about the possibility of providing more parking enforcement in neighborhoods that don't typically get regular patrols and what additional revenue that might generate; voiced concern and frustration about the impacts of COVID on the performing arts industry; said she felt certain community members will continue to strongly support culture and arts venues after the pandemic is over and noted the new opportunities that exist through virtual technology.
- Councilor Zelenka – agreed with Councilor Syrett's comments and complimented staff for their agility in responding to the new COVID environment.
- Councilor Semple – agreed with all previous comments and encouraged people to look for the silver lining and new opportunities to provide services differently and better;

appreciated the goals presented by staff and noted how they will help council deal with all changes; discussed current conditions related to the parking permit program and enforcement.

- Councilor Yeh – supported the values presented by staff and said they were a good way to reflect on the City’s progress; asked how many Neighborhood Services Officer positions were created; empathized with cultural organizations’ budget situations and appreciated the creativity shown by staff to persevere through the pandemic; asked about the status of Lane Arts Council grants.
- Councilor Taylor – expressed concern that the recovery period for arts and cultural services could extend into 2023; appreciated that parking program employees were still working and asked about the employment status of Hult Center employees; said she hoped Eugene would not lose its reputation as a great city for the arts; supported eliminating parking fee for Hult events as a way to improve accessibility for all income levels.
- Councilor Pryor – thanked staff for managing a very difficult situation with an eye toward resilience and sustainability and with great compassion; appreciated work of staff to make arts and culture more accessible in accordance with long-standing council goals.
- Councilor Clark – expressed support for the values presented and the focus on innovation; voice concern about the status of the Ambulance Transport Fund and requested further discussion of that issue.
- Councilor Evans – thanked staff for their flexibility, innovation, and ability to re-imagine workplans and services; noted the reliance of community members on cultural and recreational opportunities to maintain good mental health; asked about coordinating with PeaceHealth or other public health organizations to support mental health initiatives.
- Mayor Vinis – stated that arts and culture are essential to how the community envisions its future; agreed with Councilor Evans’ comments about the important of literature and arts on mental health and said they are also critical in addressing racial justice issues and in maintaining the health of the local economy; appreciated the work of PDD staff to re-imagine the parking program structure and related it to efforts to create the kind of community desired for the future.

3. Community Focus

Planning and Development Director Denny Braud gave a Community Update presentation, including information about the impacts of COVID on employment rates and trends, housing development and affordability, and business.

- Councilor Syrett – noted the challenges and gravity of the situation the community faces; said role of council is to tackle near-term challenges while working toward long-term goals; expressed optimism that staff, council, and community partners will work together well to address issues; pleased to see progress of affordable housing projects; asked what role the council can play in creating more living wage jobs in new economy, and how the City can help businesses re-invent themselves to become more sustainable, particularly as it pertains to needed infrastructure; encouraged creative solutions to child care issues.
- Council Pryor – thanked staff for maintaining a steady hand on the wheel during this period of crisis; encouraged councilors to keep their focus on incentives and investments for job creation and raising wages, which affect all other areas of community livability.
- Councilor Clark – said the conversation confirmed his commitment to the three goals he identified earlier, noting specifically the need to incentivize economic development and provide high-speed internet service citywide; recalled the Envision Eugene targets for building housing to meet growing population needs and expressed frustration that the City is falling short of this goal which dramatically affects rents; said housing and economic development are the most critical upstream issues and council’s attention should primarily be focused on them.

- Councilor Yeh – encouraged that staff and council are on the same page in terms of priorities and focus which allows more progress; appreciated the emphasis on how interconnected the issues are and how that will help council make better long-term decisions.
- Councilor Taylor – agreed that focusing on the creation of living wages jobs to the extent the council has any authority should be a top priority; advocated for reinstituting the position of Public Service Officer; suggested creating a one-stop resource community members can contact with questions about rent and utility assistance, housing issues, business loans, etc.
- Councilor Evans - said the day's presentation and discussion underscored for him that there are still great challenges ahead, particularly for minority, economically vulnerable and other underserved communities and for social service budgets; noted the role of advancements in technology in eliminating many jobs; said small businesses have been more adversely affected by the crises than large corporations and the wealth gap is widening; acknowledged the enormous amount of work to be done but is hopeful that the community will rebound to a new normal.
- Councilor Semple – acknowledged the scale and seriousness of the current situation; said a second wave of COVID will exacerbate already difficult conditions; supported work to raise wages and create living wage jobs but felt challenged by the council's limitations on those issues; voiced frustration about how little progress is being made on the homeless issue while other development advances; said providing shelter for unhoused community members to sleep is the most important goal; looked forward to working cooperatively with colleagues on council and partners to build the community back even better.
- Councilor Zelenka – thanks staff for their innovation, flexibility and energy; agreed that the impacts of COVID will remain indefinitely because many still aren't adhering to health guidelines and orders; said the economy should be the council's primary focus, including work on City loan programs, childcare initiatives and removing systemic barriers that create unequal access to services; said City construction projects will help economy by creating jobs; suggested creating metric for measuring how many affordable housing units are available or being built.

Each executive manager shared their thoughts on what they learned from the council through the day's discussions. The commented on and appreciated the positivity of the thoughts expressed and voiced optimism about the direction of the organization.

- Mayor Vinis – said it is important to acknowledge both grief and gratitude and thanked the council and staff for reinforcing the need for that balance; felt council is aligned with staff on critical issues of housing and employment; encouraged looking more closely at “magnifiers” and levers and determining what the positive or negative impacts of pulling particular levers would be; said the community has the potential to create a jobs and wage pipeline and build capacity across many sectors, noting successful past efforts in the food and travel industries, and the many resources, partnerships and programs from which to draw; thanked everyone for their participation.

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder

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

MINUTES

**Eugene City Council
Virtual Meeting
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**November 23, 2020
7:30 p.m.**

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

Mayor Vinis opened the November 23, 2020, meeting of the Eugene City Council in a virtual format.

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

Council Discussion

- Councilor Syrett – shared concerns of citizens in Whiteaker neighborhood about the number of unhoused individuals and camps in that area; spoke about trauma that unhoused individuals experience and also the trauma happening for those housed individuals living near these camps witnessing illegal activities, such as drug and sex trafficking; said there is a broader impact happening to both unhoused and housed individuals.
- Councilor Semple – reported on the Human Rights Commission and plans for Human Rights Day and encouraged safe celebrations of the holiday; encouraged people to rake the leaves on their sidewalk as they can be slippery and dangerous to others.
- Councilor Taylor – stated leaves are hazards to bicyclists, too, as they are slippery and should be composted; discussed complaints of citizens about the amount of garbage in the City; spoke about National League of Cities’ influence on Congress to help people post-pandemic; discussed issues of parking, noise, and bright lights resulting from expansion in area around Cascade Manor.
- Councilor Evans – delivered workshop on CAHOOTS for NLC conference and many cities are interested in what Eugene is doing and see CAHOOTS as a viable option for issues they are facing; reported that League of Oregon Cities’ diversity and equity work continues, with three new caucuses starting for people of color, LGBTQ and women, with a Latinx councilor from Keiser, LGBTQ councilor from the Portland area and a woman mayor from a small city near the Dalles; spoke with owner of National Academy of Gymnastics who is moving due to issues with homelessness and discussed need to do more for the homeless situation on both sides.
- Councilor Clark – agreed with Councilor Evans and said he hopes that City of Eugene will deal with homelessness issue differently; requested follow-up from City Manager about the budget work on temporary funding for ambulances; voiced concern that it may not be a permanent part of the budget and needs to be supported as an ongoing budget item.
- Mayor Vinis – discussed Councilor Pryor comments about underutilization of shelter beds and why they aren’t being used fully, and how there is going to be a deeper dive and assessment as to why; expressed excitement about and spoke of the Youth Advisory Board development and process for interviewing applicants, with the first meeting convening before the end of the year; the goal is that they should meet monthly.
- Councilor Taylor – followed up on Councilor Evan’s comment that there is a complaint that small cities run the League of Oregon Cities because bigger cities don’t participate enough and encouraged people to participate in it.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes
 - September 23, 2020, Work Session
 - November 16, 2020, Public Hearing
- B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

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

3. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Sophia Trotter –Sunrise Eugene; supported CAP for 2030; stated negative impact of natural gas.
2. Deborah McGee –350 Eugene; spoke against renewal of NW Franchise agreement.
3. Nicholas Tippins –Sunrise Eugene; spoke against the ongoing use of natural gas in the city.
4. Dylan Plummer – Cascadia Wildlands, opposed use of fossil fuels and natural gas by the city.
5. Jesse –Sunrise Eugene; opposed ongoing use of natural gas and need to eliminate carbon emissions.
6. Danny Noonan – Beyond Toxics; supported mandates that eliminate the use of fracked gas.
7. William Smith – spoke about the dangers of 5G wireless technology.
8. Eric Jackson –addressed issues of natural gas, Youth Advisory Board, communication with homeless.
9. Wilson Wedertz – supported gas incentives that help with cost of heating; opposed City-funded camps.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Clark – asked questions about a study of City plans and their impact on EWEB to meet increasing demands for electricity, including the cost for infrastructure, delivering the electricity and impacts on ratepayers and CO2 emissions; said this information is important for many Council decisions.
- Councilor Yeh – thanked Danny Noonan for introducing himself; asked questions related to the City's response to garbage collection at homeless camps.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Julie Adams)

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

MINUTES

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

**December 14, 2020
5:30 p.m.**

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

Mayor Vinis opened the December 14, 2020, work session of the Eugene City Council.

1. WORK SESSION: Ambulance Transport Fund and Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Update

Eugene Springfield Fire Chief Chris Heppel provided information about the Ambulance Transport Fund and Ground Emergency Medical Transportation status.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – thanked staff for the presentation; asked for clarification about FireMed’s status in the revenue projection; asked about FireMed enrollment trends and what percent of the community is covered by that; expressed support for increasing FireMed enrollment; inquired about MASH-style response model where more intensive care is done on-scene and puts less of a burden on those in medical care transport.
- Councilor Zelenka – asked how much right-sizing calls and response can help the current problem and the timeframe for when that would be optimized; clarified budget deficit and relationship with Oregon Health Plan; inquired about the difference between private and OHP reimbursements; asked about incentives for insurance companies enrolling with FireMed.
- Councilor Taylor – inquired about the possibility of selling FireMed as individual memberships instead of by household to help incentivize it for the individual.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The executive session was held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i) to review and evaluate the job performance of a chief executive officer, other officers, employees, and staff.

3. WORK SESSION: Police Auditor Annual Evaluation

Employee Resource Center Director Randi Bowers-Payne was available for councilor questions.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Pryor – said he worked with all three auditors since the inception of the office and believes that Mr. Gissiner has reflected the goals of the office best; remarked that he is honorable and has given him excellent ratings for the past 11 years;
- Councilor Syrett – thanked Mr. Gissiner for bringing the Auditor’s Office to a high level of integrity and service; remarked that the absence problems is a reflection of how Mr. Gissiner has approached his work; appreciated note sent to Council regarding his retirement.
- Councilor Yeh – offered praise for Mr. Gissiner and his work; highlighted the difficulty of his job and praised his focus on training and education for individual officers; stated he has had a profoundly positive impact on his position and has set the office up for future success.
- Councilor Clark – echoed sentiments of the other councilors; reminisced on beginning of Police Auditor’s Office and believes Mr. Gissiner saved the program with his hard work and integrity,

noting it is now a model across the nation; clarified that Mr. Gissiner's job is to evaluate if investigations are done accurately and fairly and whether there is room for the officer(s) to grow in following policies or the policy itself need to be changed; thanked Mr. Gissiner and his family.

- Councilor Zelenka – thanked Mr. Gissiner for his excellent work and said hiring him was one of his best decisions as a councilor; remarked that he created an incredibly successful program that is used as a model by other communities nationally; stated Mr. Gissiner will be missed and it will be difficult to replace him.
- Councilor Evans – said he was impressed with Mr. Gissiner's work and the level of trust the office has built with communities of color and community at-large; expressed appreciation for his responsiveness and for setting high standards; remarked that Mr. Gissiner is a leader in the country and profession and has made a significant difference in the community; stated the high quality staff Mark has hired solidified the reputation of the office in the community; said he had complete confidence sending people who had problems with the police to the Police Auditor's Office.
- Councilor Semple – echoed comments made by other councilors and said it is nice to be a part of such a positive evaluation; said she has enjoyed her conversations with Mr. Gissiner and wished him a happy retirement.
- Councilor Taylor – thanked Mr. Gissiner for his work and good relationships with the council; appreciated his willingness to stay on for a couple weeks to help with the transition; remarked that the first two auditors did a fine job in the new position but, as females, their job was more difficult; asked Mr. Gissiner for recommendations on how Council can help with improving Oregon public record laws and what changes they can lobby for.
- Councilor Zelenka – followed up on the question about how to help with oversight on a City level; inquired about local changes Mr. Gissiner thought might be worth pursuing.
- Mayor Vinis – echoed the comments of Council and complimented Mr. Gissiner's communication style; remarked on the staff team he built and how he has positioned Council and the community for the future.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Yeh, moved to award Mark Gissiner a five percent merit increase which is the percentage increase provided in his contract for weighted average rating of 2.75, making the five percent increase retroactive to July 1, 2020, and to authorize the Council President to execute a contract amendment to reflect this salary increase. **PASSED 8:0**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Yeh, moved to authorize the Council President to execute a contract amendment providing for Mark Gissiner to continue serving as the Police Auditor for three additional weeks following his February 1, 2021, retirement and for him to be compensated during those three weeks on an hourly basis, his hourly rate determined by his salary on January 31, 2021. **PASSED 8:0**

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Julie Adams)

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MINUTES

Eugene City Council Virtual Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

December 14, 2020
7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Vinis opened the December 14, 2020, meeting of the Eugene City Council in a virtual format.

1. CEREMONIAL MATTER

Mayor Vinis recognized retiring Councilors Betty Taylor and Chris Pryor for their years of service. Councilor Clark performed a tribute song and gift baskets were delivered to their homes.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

Council Discussion

- Councilor Taylor – announced that LRAPA is in the process of choosing a new director and she hopes her successor can attend the December meeting; supported the use of vacant buildings for temporary homeless shelters.
- Councilor Yeh - explained that she put motion forward to add new member Ibrahim Coulibaly to Ad Hoc Committee on Police Policy to serve as the second representative for the NAACP.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to approve Ibrahim Coulibaly to the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Policy as the second representative for the NAACP. **PASSED 8:0.**

- Councilor Semple - gave update on McKenzie Watershed Council and its plans for mitigating effects from the Holiday Farms fire; asked questions about impacts of the motion passed earlier related to voluntary and mandatory inclusionary zoning and said she would move to reconsider.
- Councilor Zelenka - said he understood that the council needs to talk about mandatory zoning and would support a motion to reconsider.
- Councilor Clark – said he won't support the motion because he has gotten a lot of information on this topic and fears that a bad situation would be made dramatically worse.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to reconsider the motion made on inclusionary zoning. **PASSED 4:3**, Councilors Clark, Evans and Pryor opposed (Syrett absent).

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Yeh moved to amend Wednesday's motion to get more information on mandatory and inclusionary zoning. **PASSED 6:2**, Councilors Evans and Clark opposed.

- Councilor Clark – said he understands the desire for more information and suggested asking for specific information councilors felt they did not get; requested more information about the experience of the City of Portland and its decisions around inclusionary zoning.
- Councilor Pryor – noted that a milestone of 300,000 deaths from COVID had been reached and encouraged people to get vaccinated when vaccine becomes available.
- Councilor Evans- reported that Councilor Taylor’s 24 years of service was recognized at the League of Oregon Cities board meeting; announced that LOC had undergone a process to develop and equity and inclusion committee and approved a caucus of elected officials of color, women and LGBTQ.
- Councilor Clark - recognized that Councilor Taylor has served the community longer than anyone has in the history of public service in Eugene.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- October 12, 2020, Work Session
- October 12, 2020, Meeting
- October 19, 2020, Public Hearing
- October 21, 2020, Work Session
- October 26, 2020, Meeting
- October 28, 2020, Work Session
- November 9, 2020, Meeting
- November 16, 2020, Work Session
- November 18, 2020, Work Session

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

C. Resolution Acknowledging the Receipt of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the City of Eugene for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

D. Resolution Amending Eugene City Council Operating Agreements and Repealing Resolution No. 5205

E. Resolution Approving Low-Income Rental Housing Property Tax Exception for Property Located on River Road, Eugene, Oregon (Assessor’s Map 17-04-13-33, Tax lots 100 200, 300 and 400; Assessor’s Property Account Nos. 0379816, 0379824, 0379832, and 0379840) (Applicant St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County, Inc.)

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Yeh, moved to approve Items A, B, C, and D, on the Consent Calendar 1. **PASSED 8:0.**

Council Discussion

- Councilor Zelenka – said he pulled Item E on the Consent Calendar to bring attention to the good work the City is doing to develop and maintain quality, low-income property.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Yeh, moved to approve Item E on the Consent Calendar 1. **PASSED 8:0.**

4. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Jacobi Hope-Luke - demanded the passage of three ordinances to stop the use of natural gas.
2. Patti Hine - said gas is a polluter and encouraged council to oppose any expansion of fossil fuels.
3. Selena Blick – reported on university students’ support for adding a fee to switch from gas to electric.
4. Devon Kessner - demanded the passage of three ordinances to stop the use of natural gas.
5. Sophia Trotter - demanded the passage of three ordinances to stop the use of natural gas.
6. Misty Frost - expressed concerns about climate impacts and shared experience during the fires.
7. Jenna Witslavin - demanded the passage of three ordinances to stop the use of natural gas.
8. Nicholas Tippins - demanded the passage of three ordinances to stop the use of natural gas.

9. Madalyn Blum - demanded the passage of three ordinances to stop the use of natural gas.
10. Sylvia – opposed sweeping unhoused camps during COVID and supported the three climate demands.
11. Matthew Simmons - supported rapid transition to renewable energy and shared potential benefits.
12. Tyee Williams - shared his experiences in interacting with City officials during the sweep of camps.
13. Eloise Parish-Mueller - demanded the passage of three ordinances to stop the use of natural gas.
14. Avery Temple - demanded passage of ordinances to stop the use of natural gas and defunding police.
15. Madalyn Cowen - said fracked gas is exacerbating the fire crisis and endangering lives.
16. Dylan Plumber - asked the City to be bold and act to decarbonize the community.
17. Betsy Hitz – expressed frustration that the CAP 2.0 timeline keeps extending and increases the gap.
18. Jesse - demanded the passage of three ordinances to stop the use of natural gas.
19. Jim Neu – announced the one-year anniversary of 350 Eugene’s no new fossil fuels recommendation.
20. Erin – supported defunding EPD and complained that the sweeps of the unhoused are inhumane.
21. Sydney – demanded the passage of three ordinances to stop the use of natural gas.
22. Doyle Canning - supported the previously stated climate demands and goals.
23. Julia - demanded the passage of three ordinances to stop the use of natural gas.
24. Ethan Kline – shared concerns about the safety of unhoused women who are forced to move.
25. Heidi- demanded the passage of three ordinances to stop the use of natural gas.
26. Corey - expressed frustration about sweeps and asked that camps be set-up with sanitary services.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Taylor –thanked everyone who spoke; supported banning the expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure and further discussion of the other requests.
- Mayor Vinis - appreciated the robust forum; agreed that the City has much more work to do on the climate action plan and more discussion is coming on the NW Natural issue; clarified that the City is not at liberty to release the video from shooting because the District Attorney is handling the investigation; acknowledged the frustrating shelter situation said the council is committed to continued efforts to help.

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

5. ACTION: A Resolution Acknowledging the Receipt of the Annual Financial Report of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene, for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020.

City Manager Medary shared that the CPA firm completed its audit of the annual financial report and all findings that the information in the report is accurate and reliable.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Yeh, moved to adopt a resolution acknowledging receipt of the Annual Financial Report for the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. **PASSED 8:0.**

6. PUBLIC HEARING and ACTION: A Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget; Making Appropriations for the Urban Renewal agency of the City of Eugene for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

City Manager Medary introduced the topic and presented background information.

Mayor Vinis opened the public hearing.

1. Misty Frost – supported additional funding for emergency response and preparedness.
2. John Barofsky - appreciated the work of staff and council on the Supplemental Budget for the URA.

Mayor Vinis closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion

1. Councilor Clark – recognized Mr. Barofsky’s service to the Budget Committee and community.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Yeh, moved to adopt Resolution 1097 adopting a Supplemental Budget; making appropriations for the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021. **PASSED 8:0.**

Mayor adjourned the meeting of Urban Renewal Agency and reconvened the meeting of the City council.

7. PUBLIC HEARING and ACTION: A Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget; Making Appropriations for the City of Eugene for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

City Manager Medary shared information on the supplemental budget.

Mayor Vinis opened the public hearing.

1. John Barofsky – supported the process and appreciated the openness and transparency.
2. Misty Frost - expressed the urgency of maintaining funding for emergency and disaster preparedness.

Mayor Vinis opened the public hearing.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Taylor – said she was disturbed that money was being used to implement House Bill 2001; supported efforts to find ways to avoid it.
- Councilor Clark - stated he agreed with Councilor Taylor as implementation of HB 2001 will result in higher construction costs and less affordable housing.

MOTION: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to remove House Bill 2001 from the supplemental budget.

- Councilor Pryor - shared that he’s been involved in the designing of House Bill 2001 for nine months and understands what the model code is trying to accomplish; disagreed with Councilor Taylor and Clark in terms of the law.
- Councilor Evans – agreed with Councilor Pryor that HB 2001 is the law; supported efforts to implement the law locally to prevent multi-unit housing being built at market rates.
- Councilor Clark - said that affordable homes will be taken down and less affordable homes will be built.
- Councilor Taylor - agreed that this bill will hurt the people it’s supposed to help and noted that the United States was built by people fighting against unjust laws.

VOTE: FAILED 4:5, Councilors Pryor, Yeh, Zelenka and Syrett and Mayor Vinis opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Yeh, moved to adopt Resolution 5314 adopting Supplemental Budget; making appropriations for the City of Eugene for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. **PASSED 7:1,** Councilor Taylor opposed.

8. WORK SESSION: Riverfront Discussion

City Manager Medary introduced the item and gave an update about negotiations with EWEB.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Clark - asked when the public hearing on the changed ordinance would occur.
- Councilor Evans - asked clarifying questions about status of the headquarters.
- Councilor Zelenka - asked if the entire deal would fall apart if one element fails.
- Councilor Syrett - asked for clarification of what is meant by “relinquished”

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Yeh, moved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and sign a purchase and sale agreement for the agency’s acquisition of the MGP site for \$400,000 using Riverfront Urban Renewal funds and that includes as one of the conditions of closing the City Council’s adoptions of amendments to EC 2.196. **PASSED 7:1**, Councilor Taylor opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Yeh, moved to direct the City Manager to prepare an ordinance and schedule a public hearing on amendments to EC 2.196, adoption of which will be a condition of closing the agency’s purchase of the MPG site. **PASSED 7:1**, Councilor Taylor opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Yeh, moved to direct the City Manager to notify EWEB simultaneous with the execution of the MPG site purchase and sale agreement that the City is terminating any negotiations for acquisition of the EWEB headquarters building previously requested by the City pursuant to EC 2.196. **PASSED 6:2**, Councilors Taylor and Clark opposed.

Mayor adjourned City Council and re-opened the meeting of the Urban Renewal Agency

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Yeh, moved to authorize the Agency Director to negotiate and sign a purchase and sale agreement for the agencies acquisition of the MGP site for \$400,000 using Riverfront Urban Renewal funds and that includes as one of the conditions of closing the City Council’s adoptions of amendments to EC 2.196. **PASSED 6:1**, Councilors Taylor and Clark opposed.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Evans - asked if the headquarters would still be in play in terms of an option to buy.
- Mayor Vinis - congratulated Councilor Pryor and Councilor Taylor for their years of service.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Niyah Ross)

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

MINUTES

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

**January 13, 2021
12:00 p.m.**

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

Mayor Vinis opened the January 13, 2021, work session of the Eugene City Council.

1. Police Chief Update

Chief Skinner gave a brief update on preparations for the week of the presidential inauguration.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Syrett – expressed appreciation for the update, communications, and the thoughtful and strategic approach; asked Chief Skinner to speak to how he is preparing his officers to be vigilant around potential activities that fall into the categories of Menacing and Intimidation; asked if there are any indications that members of the Eugene Police force were present in Washington, D.C. as part of the riot and illegal activity that took place on January 6.
- Councilor Groves – stated these are volatile, extremely dangerous and intimidating events for responders as well, who have split seconds to make critical decisions; appreciated the restraint shown by Eugene Police he personally has witnessed; encouraged that dialogue continues with organizers of events, and to make sure community expectations are clear.
- Councilor Keating – stated he was deeply troubled by the events and loss of life that took place on January 6; asked Chief Skinner to confirm swift action and possible termination by Eugene Police Department if officers were found to have participated in the January 6 insurrection; asked if the Proud Boys’ classification as a hate group will alter the police department’s response if there is any criminal activity that erupts from a demonstration.
- Councilor Evans – asked how the Council and the public can be assured that public safety officers and police will not be aiding and abetting perpetrators of a riot, and what is in place to keep officers accountable around these issues.
- Councilor Zelenka – asked Chief Skinner to discuss post-riot actions of the Proud Boys group.

2. WORK SESSION: 75-Bed Low Barrier Shelter and Navigation Center

Joint Housing and Shelter Strategist Sarai Johnson, Homeless Systems Policy Manager Peter Chavannes, and City Manager’s Office Director Brooke Freed presented a update on the siting of the 75-bed low barrier shelter and navigation center recommended by the Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) in the Lane County Shelter Feasibility Study.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – thanked staff for the presentation; asked how long the operational funding deficit will continue; asked staff to have a conversation with Police Auditor Mark Gissiner regarding potential federal funding.
- Councilor Syrett – thanked staff for the update and review; stated she supports moving forward with 100 River Avenue as the location for the Navigation Center and believes the City and Lane County can work together to identify funds and fill the gap in operational funding; asked what the characteristics are of the “most vulnerable” category of the homeless population.

- Councilor Groves – stated he would like to delve deeper into the homelessness issue at Council’s February workshop; asked if the car camps are set up to accommodate recreational vehicles and trailers; stated he toured West Eugene industrial areas and saw the impact those vehicles are causing for businesses in the area and would like to find a reasonable approach that includes compassion and pays attention to all of Eugene; stated Eugene can’t afford to lose jobs if businesses choose to leave due to this issue; stated he feels the issue is at a critical point.
- Councilor Yeh – asked a clarifying question regarding a potential funding source brought forward by staff; stated staff are doing a great job and work is moving in the right direction.
- Councilor Zelenka – asked staff to define “low-barrier”; stated he supports the River Avenue site and wonders if the Roosevelt site can be land-banked for future homelessness support; asked if Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds can be used for a Navigation Center; encouraged staff to acquire the Roosevelt site if possible.
- Councilor Semple – stated the River Avenue site is appealing but finds it distressing that timing of the use of the facility for COVID could impact funding and later use as a Navigation Center; stated it has been three years since Council approved \$1 million for a much-needed shelter; agreed with trying to acquire the Roosevelt site for homelessness purposes; asked staff how long a person will be able to stay at the shelter and if they can stay without a referral.
- Councilor Keating – asked about the shelter staffing plan by City staff; asked if there will be any programs in place for vaccination and treatment for the pets of the shelter’s residents; asked about the strategy for providing internet access to shelter residents and stated those staying in rest stops need internet access as well; asked staff to comment on the growing number of homeless women veterans.
- Mayor Vinis – asked staff to discuss the original Lane County Shelter Feasibility Study timeline.

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

3. **WORK SESSION: Riverfront Park – Southern Plaza Property Transfer**

Principal Landscape Architect Emily Proudfoot gave a brief presentation about the transfer of ownership of real property from the Agency to the City to support a Southern Plaza in the Downtown Riverfront Park.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – stated he is in favor of the proposed motion; asked for a procedural clarification.
- Councilor Keating – thanked staff for the presentation; proposed a science, technology, engineering, arts and math center at the location known as the Steam Plant.

MOTION: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to authorize the Agency Director to take all actions necessary to transfer the real property shown in Attachment A to the City of Eugene. **PASSED:** 8:0.

The meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Jessica Gebb)

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MINUTES

Eugene City Council Virtual Work Session Eugene, Oregon 97401

January 20, 2021
12:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Vinis opened the January 20, 2021, work session of the Eugene City Council.

1. **WORK SESSION: Naming Policy**

Policy Systems Analyst Jason Dedrick provided a brief overview of the City of Eugene Naming Policy.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Syrett – thanked staff for the overview; stated she thinks the overall process for naming can be improved and crafted to incorporate an equity and inclusion lens in a deliberate way; asked staff to look into the naming policies of other cities; suggested creating a system where an advocate can raise a suggestion, the community can be called upon to make additional suggestions, and a committee can be formed to vet the ideas and make a recommendation.
- Councilor Yeh – stated she is very interested in placemaking and the concept that public places can be used to foster equity and social inclusion in creative ways, just in how they are named; stated she is currently in the process of renaming a park in North Eugene using a similar process to the one used to name the streets in the Riverfront area, and has had to eliminate some suggestions of people because they don't have a connection to Eugene; stated the current policy has good intentions of finding local people with local connections but leaves out people that have a significant legacy and are important to groups within the community.
- Councilor Groves – thanked staff for the presentation; stated he also wonders what other jurisdictions are doing; challenged staff to streamline and simplify whenever reviewing policies.
- Councilor Keating – stated he is curious what the process has been for partnering with neighboring organizations and agencies; asked what the process is for Council to designate a bridge, walkway or a park in honor of a long-standing, local, living individual, such as his predecessor Betty Taylor.
- Councilor Clark – expressed appreciation for the conversation; stated it is important to him there is a forward-looking view in the City's naming policy rather than a historical view; asked staff about the geographical considerations for naming; stated there are differences of labor in the community and regional preferences that he hopes will be taken into consideration as well; expressed hope that the City will honor its commitments and naming rights.
- Councilor Evans – provided a recap of the City/Lane Transit District naming collaboration which renamed the downtown bus station after Rosa Parks, and also a recap of the process for renaming Centennial Boulevard to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard; stated he thinks the naming process has been broken for a long time and a process is needed where everyone knows what the rules are for forwarding names.
- Councilor Zelenka – stated he thinks this is a timely conversation but not without controversy; inquired of staff the criteria which the Human Rights Commission will use in its process; stated that having buy-in of the criteria will be a critical part of that process; stated he agrees with the comments made by Councilors Syrett and Yeh in general.

- Councilor Yeh – stated when this item comes back to Council she would like to see comments from the Human Rights Commission and Human Rights staff about ways to improve this process; stated this work needs to have an equity lens, and she would like to see a system more proactive than reactive to suggestions; stated in creating the equity lens there needs to be a way for under-represented groups and people of color to plug in in a meaningful way; clarified the direction of the naming resolution guiding the Human Rights Commission’s work is to look for things that are new, and that have been lost to communities that have discontinuous time here or have been intentionally erased.
- Mayor Vinis – encouraged the City to make note of ideas that can be incorporated into future naming processes as it engages in community outreach; stated it is important to build a more predictable and consistent system that is also all-inclusive to ensure place names are meaningful.

2. WORK SESSION: Consideration of Resolution Condemning White Supremacy

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Syrett – introduced the resolution, stating that in the wake of the activities that happened on January 6 in Washington DC, and in anticipation of more violence on Inauguration Day, Councilor Zelenka, Councilor Yeh and she put forth a new resolution affirming this Council’s condemnation of white nationalism, seditious activities and extremist groups; this resolution is based on the resolution passed in 2019.
- Councilor Zelenka – stated he had suggested updating the 2019 resolution because of the events of January 6 where political extremists, white supremacists and domestic terrorists attempted a coup to bring down our democracy; stated a stand needs to be taken against this kind of hatred and urged Council to support this resolution.
- Councilor Clark – stated he will be voting in favor of this resolution and appreciates the work of his colleagues; apologized for not being more careful in the wording of the comments he made in reference to the events of January 6; stated racism offends him to his core.
- Councilor Keating – thanked Councilors Zelenka, Syrett and Yeh for their work on the resolution; suggested as a friendly amendment to change the language to state that “at least five persons” have lost their lives to recognize those still struggling for their lives; thanked community members who submitted a letter in support of Council’s resolution; stated he will be voting to affirm this resolution.
- Councilor Syrett – expressed appreciation for Councilor Clark’s comments; stated she had suggested the removal of reference to alt-right groups from the 2019 resolution because it is her position that those who engage in or carry an ideology of white supremacy are neither right or left and do not adhere to those concepts in the way those serving on this Council would agree; stated she felt it was important to remove that label because it did not apply.
- Councilor Clark – stated that patriotism to him is fidelity to the Constitution and belief that our form of government is the best one; stated people cannot call themselves patriots and carry a Confederate flag inside our Capitol Building because it is anti-American; stated Joe Biden is our legitimate President.
- Councilor Zelenka – acknowledged Councilor Clark for his clarity and comments; stated National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman’s “The Hill We Climb” was uplifting and inspiring and knowing there are young people of this caliber gives him hope for the future.
- Councilor Clark – stated he was struck by the lack of Washington, DC police and Capitol police to stop the actions on January 6; stated he feels the police response would have been different if it had been a mob of black men; stated the police did not see the potential danger the mob presented on January 6.

- Mayor Vinis – shared her concern and the concern of many others that what we saw was a failure to recognize white protesters as a danger where black protestors would have been seen as a danger, and this glaring inequity in perception is part of the work ahead of this community and country.

MOTION AND VOTE (*with friendly amendment*): Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt a Resolution Condemning White Nationalism and Seditious Activities and Extremist Groups with an addition in Section I to add “at least five”. **PASSED:** 8:0.

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Jessica Gebb)

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MINUTES

Eugene City Council Virtual Work Session Eugene, Oregon 97401

January 25, 2021
5:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Vinis opened the January 25, 2021, work session of the Eugene City Council.

1. **WORK SESSION: Middle Housing Code Amendments (Implementation of HB 2001)**

City Manager Sarah Medary, Principal Planner Terri Harding, and Healthy Democracy panelists Alai Reyes-Santos and Linn Davis provided information about the Middle Housing Code Amendments.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Syrett –thanked everyone for the idea of Healthy Democracy and building on Equity Panel work, which will pay dividends for the future and reverse harm done in the past by the way housing code was developed; spoke to the concern about being stigmatized for being the new resident in middle housing and how the City continues to foster a welcoming community; said she was impressed by the initiative shown in engaging Healthy Democracy in this work; asked about the experts who spoke to panelists and how they were chosen; asked staff for the link to the Healthy Democracy report.
- Councilor Keating – thanked panelists for the presentation; asked about the word cloud that represents the livability of the neighborhood, which is a subjective term; asked panelists if livability was a common theme in their conversations and asked staff to comment on the livability factor; requested follow up about in-fill in neighborhoods and affordability of those particular units for low-income folks; asked staff to address the dearth of affordable housing for low-income population, as well as missing middle housing.
- Councilor Zelenka – thought using the Healthy Democracy panel was a great idea; referenced being a part of a similar process in the past, noting that randomly selected members can offer really great perspectives and recommendations; asked about Land Conservation and Development Commission’s adoption of their model administrative role; said the problem with HB2001 was that it was applied in a cookie cutter fashion and won’t work the same for all areas.
- Councilor Yeh – appreciated the work of the panelists and staff, and for the specific terms of livability and what they mean; stated that as a member of the Steering Committee, she wanted to recognize all of the work the panel has done.
- Councilor Groves – appreciated the inclusivity of the process; asked if there is a way to correlate which wards the people involved in the process are from to get an idea of geographical representation, which can influence how a person might feel about certain issues.
- Mayor Vinis – expressed appreciation for the commitment and work of the panel; asked if there were lessons they’ve learned in the first round of community engagement that they can use to improve on in the future and translate to the processes and work the City does in other areas.

Economic Feasibility Study

Director of ECONorthwest Tyler Bump and Principal Planner Terri Harding provided information on the Economic Feasibility Study and Model Housing and Codes.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Syrett – thanked staff for the presentation; said while the City does what it can to help facilitate the construction of housing, outreach to EWEB is needed to strategize about reducing the actual cost for building housing; asked for examples of the three levels from “allow to incentivize”; asked about tying only affordable units to transit routes, and whether that should be extended to all housing types.
- Councilor Evans – asked if staff could give two or three specific examples of regulatory processes that could be revised in the code to make it more affordable and attractive to developers to build affordable housing; noted that builders say they can’t make money unless they build market-rate housing because there aren’t enough incentives or subsidies to bridge the gap, and complain that the City makes it extremely hard for developers to engage in this type of construction project; asked how the City can facilitate building \$125-\$135k houses?
- Councilor Zelenka – stated the problem with this process is the City hasn’t done enough to make more affordable housing in middle housing; said the local market has not built this type of housing and when that occurs, it’s the obligation of the government to correct that market by intervening with incentives or code changes; asked what Mr. Bump has seen in other communities to create more affordable housing; expressed that builders are trying to make money and if they’re building affordable vs market-based homes, the incentives are stronger for market-based housing; expressed his issue with the cookie cutter approach of HB2001 and asked whether it can be applied differently in specific areas; asked if additional incentives can be targeted to certain areas, while maintaining the minimum base.
- Councilor Groves – thanked staff for the presentation; emphasized the importance of creating opportunities for people to be able to own their own homes; stated that he will be looking for levers to help reduce costs; asked to know more about programs that help people step into home ownership with little or no down payment and what council can do to help with that; said he understands the concerns around preserving the UGB to protect farmland and supported further discussion with the lens of housing availability.
- Councilor Keating – thanked Councilor Groves for bringing up low-income housing availability; said he thought the AMI graphic was fascinating since median income is \$25,000/year in Eugene; asked what incentives exist for building up and not out along Tier 1 transportation corridors.
- Councilor Clark – thanked staff for the presentation and its emphasis on the majority of challenges the community faces due to the impacts of regulatory issues on middle housing; noted that middle housing is being built in other communities outside of Eugene; spoke about supply and demand and unstacking the cost of building homes.
- Councilor Evans – asked about housing design and what’s preventing the community from building up instead of out; talked about building two full family units on the same lot, one on top of the other, and whether that style of housing would help with reducing construction costs and achieving density goals.
- Councilor Syrett – appreciated the concerns about preserving farmland while seeing other communities build on farmland but stated that all cities and towns will be looking at ways to build more housing; asked if information can be obtained from other jurisdictions about what type of housing is being built and where; asked if having a greater number of new units, even ones built at a higher price point, have an effect on affordability of housing throughout the rest of the city?
- Mayor Vinis – stated Council has an upcoming meeting on housing tools and strategies that ties together many facets of this work; thanked staff for the presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Julie Adams)

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MINUTES

Eugene City Council Virtual Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

January 25, 2021
7:30 p.m.

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

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

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Groves - shared information about the newly formed Eugene Wildfire Coalition to address the threat of wildfire in the community.
- Councilor Semple - shared the City's new guidelines for allowing unhoused people to stay in their encampments; asked if printed educational material could be distributed by outreach teams; asked whether planned sweeps of homeless camps were still happening.
- Councilor Keating - appreciated the collaborative and creative strategies for addressing the campsites at Washington Jefferson Park; thanked the Council for standing united in condemning white supremacy.
- Mayor Vinis – shared information about the goals and mission of the Mayors and CEOs for Housing Investment group.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- December 9, 2020, Work Session
- December 16, 2020, Work Session
- January 6, 2021 State of the City
- January 11, 2021 Work Session
- January 11, 2021, Meeting

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

C. Resolution Approving Low-Income Rental Housing Property Tax Exception for Property Located at North Garfield Street, Eugene, Oregon (Assessor's Map 17-04-25-23; Tax Lot 3800; Assessor's Property Account Nos. 0440618, 4067482, 4278063, 4278071, 4278089, 4282651, 4282669,) (Applicant St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County, Inc.)

Council Discussion

- Councilor Zelenka - asked to pull Item C.

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

- Councilor Zelenka - asked staff to briefly highlight the benefits of the low-income property tax exemption on the N. Garfield project; shared his enthusiasm for the project and for this type of property tax exemption.

- Councilor Syrett – in response to a suggestion that these types of actions be scheduled separately from the Consent Calendar, agreed that the LIRHPTE actions should be highlighted and made known to the community.
- Councilor Keating - asked if the City can waive restrictions so people can have their pets with them at these new affordable housing developments.
- Councilor Zelenka - suggested that scheduling these actions during regular Monday meetings is important and the appropriate placement would be immediately before or after Consent Calendar.

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

3. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Dylan Plummer- shared information about the negative health impacts of natural gas in homes.
2. Brendan Fingal – shared concerns about climate change and opposed expansion of natural gas.
3. Ben Christensen - said Councilor Clark’s statements from a previous meeting were unacceptable.
4. Olivia Ross - urged Council to transition to 100 percent renewable energy and stop fossil fuel use.
5. Peter Ralph – encouraged Council to let the NW Natural Gas franchise agreement expire.
6. Jim Neu - shared information about the impacts of fossil fuels on the planet; opposed NW Natural.
7. Maddie Blum - said the well-being of all generations is at stake if the City fails to act on climate change.
8. Devin Kesner - supported a ban all new fossil fuel infrastructure and transition to renewables.
9. Eloise Parish Mueller - supported the demands of the Fossil Free Eugene Coalition movement.
10. Sahara Valentine - shared the negative health impacts from natural gas use.
11. David Monk – supported a Council work session on wildfire planning and community preparedness.
12. Danny Noonan – supported the Fossil Free Eugene demands and shared OSU’s climate assessment.
13. Natalie Cowan - advocated for bold action and leadership to meet climate recovery goals.
14. Ozy – expressed frustration with rules that disproportionately affect homeless people.
15. Avery McRae - supported the demands of Fossil Free Eugene and asked for the City Council’s backing.
16. Heidi Osaki - supported and repeated the three demands for transitioning the renewable energy.
17. Sophie Weir - shared data about how climate change affects low-income and minority communities.
18. Dana Kiernan - requested amending proposed code language to let the unhoused keep their pets.
19. Hayley Case-Scott - sought Council support for climate goals and for communities of color.
20. Jesse - asked Council to enact what is needed to meet the City’s climate recovery goals in 2030.
21. Sarah Lamog - raised concerns about white supremacy activities in Eugene and requested action.
22. Alex Wood - advocated for the City to move away from using fossil fuels to protect the planet.
23. Tom Peck – supported the goals of the wildfire coalition to reduce the threat of wildfire.
24. Debra Tanner - shared that her vehicle was impounded after it was wrongly reported as abandoned.
25. Xiawang - asked that local EPD officers be investigated for supporting white supremacy.
26. Aimee Okotie-Oyekan - spoke about the impacts of racism, white supremacy, and health issues.
27. Sophia Trotter – supported the demands of the Fossil Free Eugene Coalition.
28. Deb McGee - shared a poem about stopping fracked gas and moving to sustainable energy.
29. Mike McFarlane - asked to prohibit camping in the riparian zone as it is unsafe for people and land.
30. Kelsey Zlevor - asked Council to take all necessary action to stop greenhouse emissions.
31. Maddie Karduna - asked Council to envision a new future without fossil fuels and greenhouse gas.
32. Selena Blick - testified about the ongoing use and expansion of fracked gas and encouraged action.
33. Lydia Valentine – asked Council to pass an ordinance that supports the demands of 350 Eugene.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Syrett - commented on the proposed changes to criminal code and noted that public comment is still being sought; appreciated the feedback received so far; appreciated the testimony

requesting Council support for House and Senate bills; informed those who made remarks about councilors' conduct that elections are the appropriate avenue for change.

- Councilor Keating - said he looked forward to learning about proposed legislation and how it aligns with City values; appreciated the willingness of the next generations to speak up.
- Councilor Yeh - asked for clarification about how the new rules around pet ownership align with State law; appreciated all the feedback and the youth involvement in the forum and acknowledged how the new virtual platform makes possible for more people to participate.
- Councilor Evans - commented on the remarks about racial tensions in the community and nation; shared some of his and his family's negative experiences in Eugene.
- Councilor Zelenka - commented on the remarks made about white supremacy and shared his support for Councilor Clark.
- Councilor Clark – addressed the people who called him a racist and invited them to watch the January 20 work session to hear what he said and understand how he feels in his heart.
- Councilor Evans - addressed his relationship with Councilor Clark and said that conservative doesn't equal racist, noting that there are liberals who are racist in the community; shared that Councilor Clark has the right to speak about the concerns of his constituents; encouraged people to get along with others who have different views.
- Mayor Vinis - thanked everyone for participating and said the City is facing many difficult issues, including racism, climate change, and homelessness, that will not be solved overnight.

4. ACTION: Appointment to the Toxics Board

Toxics Program Manager James Lenhart provided background on the status of the Toxics Board membership.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to re-appoint Crystal Abrams to the right-to-know advocacy position on the Toxics Board effective immediately for the remainder of the three-year term ending June 30, 2023. **PASSED 8:0.**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct the City Manager to create a recruitment process for the Toxics Board for the remaining open seats. **PASSED 8:0.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Niyah Ross)

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

MINUTES

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

**January 27, 2021
12:00 p.m.**

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

Mayor Vinis opened the January 27, 2021, work session of the Eugene City Council.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f)

City Council met in Executive Session held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f), to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

Mayor Vinis reconvened the public session and adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Jessica Gebb)

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

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Approval of Tentative Working Agenda

Meeting Date: February 22, 2021
Department: Central Services
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 3B
Staff Contact: Beth Forrest
Contact Telephone Number: 541-682-5882

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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Staff E-Mail: bforrest@eugene-or.gov



City Council Tentative Agenda

Updated February 18, 2021

**** SPECIAL NOTICE ****

Due to Governor Kate Brown's Stay Home, Save Lives Executive Order to combat the spread of Covid-19, all City Council meetings will 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>.

February 2021					
Date	Day	Time	Title	Length	Dept. Contact
18-Feb	Thursday	5:30 pm	Budget Committee Meeting Capital Improvement Program and Financial Condition Update		Vicki Silvers, CS
Expected absences for 2/18: none			NOTE: Budget Committee Meeting Added		
22-Feb	Monday	5:30 p.m.	 Emergency Response – Lessons Learned (Work Session)	45 mins	Kevin Holman, CS
			 Commercial Setbacks (Work Session)	45 mins	Althea Sullivan, PDD
		7:30 pm	 Ceremonial Matter - Recognition of Mark Gissiner		Leia Pitcher, PAO
			 Committee Reports and Items of Interest		
			 Appointment of Civilian Review Board Member to Police Comm. (Consent Calendar 1)		Althea Sullivan, PDD
			 Public Forum		
			 Ord. on Withdrawal of Annexed Properties from Special Districts (Public Hearing)		
Expected absences for 2/22: none					
24-Feb	Wednesday	12 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
Expected absences for 2/24: none					
27-Feb	Saturday	9 am	 City Council Annual Workshop		Sarah Medary, CMO
Expected absences for 2/27: none			** NOTE: Workshop Added **		



Work Session



Action



Public Hearing



Public Forum



Consent Calendar



Committee Reports/Items of Interest



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Pledge of Allegiance

March 2021					
Date	Day	Time	Title	Length	Dept. Contact
8-Mar	Monday	5:30 pm	 Clear & Objective Standards (Work Session)	45 mins	Jenessa Dragovich, PDD
			 URA – Riverfront Urban Renewal (Work Session)	45 mins	Amanda Nobel, PDD
		7:30 pm	 Committee Reports and Items of Interest  Ord. on Withdrawal of Annexed Properties from Special Districts (Consent Calendar 1)  Public Forum  FY22 – FY27 Capital Improvement Program (Public Hearing and Action)  Clear and Objective Standards Ordinance (Public Hearing)  Central Eugene Industrial Park Metro Plan Amendment & Zone Change (Public Hearing)		Althea Sullivan, PDD Vicki Silvers, CS Jenessa Dragovich, PDD Jeff Gepper, PDD
<i>Expected absences for 3/8: none</i>					
10-Mar	Wednesday	12 pm	 Housing Tools and Strategies (Work Session)	90 mins	Amanda Nobel, PDD
<i>Expected absences for 3/10: none</i>					

Council Break: March 11 – April 12

April 2021					
Date	Day	Time	Title	Length	Dept. Contact
12-Apr	Monday	5:30 pm	 Ad Hoc Committee on Police Policy Update (Work Session)	45 mins	Kevin Alltucker, CS
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	

12-Apr	Monday	7:30 pm	 Committee Reports and Items of Interest		
			 Public Forum		
			 1400 Cross Street Plan Amendments & Zone Change (Public Hearing)		Rodney Bohner, PDD
			 Finalizing Compliance with ORS 197.312(5) for Accessory Dwelling Units (Public Hearing)		Jeff Gepper, PDD
			 Central Eugene Industrial Park Metro Plan Amendment & Zone Change (Action)		Jeff Gepper, PDD
			 Clear & Objective Standards Ordinance (Action)		Jenessa Dragovich, PDD
Expected absences for 4/12: none					
14-Apr	Wednesday	12 pm	 Growth Monitoring (Work Session)	45 mins	Heather O'Donnell, PDD
			 Steam Plant Deal Points (Work Session)	45 mins	Amanda D'Souza, PDD
Expected absences for 4/14: none					
19-Apr	Monday	5:30 pm	Schedule only as needed		
		7:30 pm	Hold for Boards and Commissions Interviews		
Expected absences for 4/19: none					
21-Apr	Wednesday	12 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
Expected absences for 4/21: none					
26-Apr	Monday	5:30 p.m.	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
		7:30 pm	 Committee Reports and Items of Interest		
			 Public Forum		
Expected absences for 4/26: none					

28-Apr	Wednesday	12 pm	 Street Repair Review Panel Update (Work Session)	45 mins	Katie Marwitz, PW
			 1059 Willamette (Work Session)	45 mins	Amanda D’Souza, PDD
Expected absences for 4/28: none					
28-Apr	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Budget Committee Meeting City Manager Presentation of Proposed Budget		Vicki Silvers, CS
Expected absences for 4/28: none			NOTE: Budget Committee Meeting Added		

May 2021					
Date	Day	Time	Title	Length	Dept. Contact
10-May	Monday	5:30 pm	 CSI Community Engagement Update (Work Session)	90 mins	Mike Kinnison, CS
		7:30 pm	 Committee Reports and Items of Interest  Public Forum  FY22 MWMC Budget Ratification (Consent Calendar 1)		James McClendon, PW
Expected absences for 5/10: none					
12-May	Wednesday	12 pm	 River Road/Santa Clara Neighborhood Plan Update (Work Session)	45 mins	Chelsea Hartman, PDD
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
Expected absences for 5/12: none					
12-May	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Budget Committee Meeting Budget Deliberations		Vicki Silvers, CS
Expected absences for 5/12: none			NOTE: Budget Committee Meeting Added		
17-May	Monday	5:30 pm	Schedule only as needed		
		7:30 pm	 Ordinance Amending MUPTE Post-Construction Requirements (Public Hearing)		Amanda D’Souza, PDD
Expected absences for 5/17: none					
19-May	Wednesday	12 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
Expected absences for 5/19: none					

19-May	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Budget Committee Meeting Budget Deliberations			Vicki Silvers, CS	
Expected absences for 5/19: none			NOTE: Budget Committee Meeting Added				
24-May	Monday	5:30 p.m.	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	Ellen Meyi-Galloway, PDD		
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins			
		7:30 pm	 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag				
			 Committee Reports and Items of Interest				
 Approval of Affordable Housing Trust Funds for Housing Affordable to Low and Moderate Income Persons (Consent Calendar 1)							
 Public Forum							
Expected absences for 5/24: none							
26-May	Wednesday	12 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins			
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins			
Expected absences for 5/26: none							
26-May	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Budget Committee Meeting Public Hearing and Recommendation			Vicki Silvers, CS	
Expected absences for 5/26: none			NOTE: Budget Committee Meeting Added				

June 2021					
Date	Day	Time	Title	Length	Dept. Contact
9-June	Wednesday	12 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
Expected absences for 6/9: none					
14-Jun	Monday	5:30 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
		7:30 pm	 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  Committee Reports and Items of Interest  Public Forum		

Expected absences for 6/14: none					
16-Jun	Wednesday	12 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
Expected absences for 6/16: none					
21-Jun	Monday	5:30 pm	Schedule only as needed		
		7:30 pm	 TBD (Public Hearing)		
Expected absences for 6/21: none					
23-Jun	Wednesday	12 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
Expected absences for 6/23: none					
28-Jun	Monday	5:30 p.m.	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
		7:30 pm	 Committee Reports and Items of Interest  Public Forum		
Expected absences for 6/28: none					
30-Jun	Wednesday	12 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
Expected absences for 6/30: 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>		Semple	03/12/20
Wildfire Preparedness		Groves	02/11/21
Follow-Up Work Sessions to be Scheduled			
TAC Implementation – <i>ongoing; tentative July</i>			
Commercial Setbacks – <i>scheduled 2/24</i>			
Naming Policy – <i>follow-up TBD</i>			

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Appointment of Civilian Review Board Representative to Police Commission

Meeting Date: February 22, 2021
Department: Police Auditor
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 3C
Staff Contact: Leia Pitcher
Contact Telephone Number: 541-682-5028

ISSUE STATEMENT

This item is to consider and approve the appointment of Civilian Review Board member Michael Hames-Garcia to serve jointly on the Civilian Review Board and Police Commission.

BACKGROUND

Council Ordinance Number 20374 (adopted on December 19, 2006), Section 2.246 (2), authorizes the Civilian Review Board to nominate one of its members to serve jointly on the Civilian Review Board and the Police Commission. This nomination is subject to approval or rejection by the City Council. At its February 9, 2021, meeting, the Civilian Review Board elected Michael Hames-Garcia to serve in this role, replacing Lindsey Foltz.

The Civilian Review Board serves as an advisory body to the City Council and the Police Auditor. This is consistent with the principles of community policing and government accountability. The Civilian Review Board may develop policy recommendations and this appointment to the Police Commission will give the Civilian Review Board an opportunity to communicate policy recommendations for the Police Department. The Civilian Review Board voted to recommend Mr. Hames-Garcia to perform these functions.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

The City Council may approve the appointment of Michael Hames-Garcia as the Civilian Review Board representative to the Police Commission or decline to approve this appointment.

AUDITOR'S RECOMMENDATION

The Auditor recommends the appointment of Michael Hames-Garcia to serve jointly on the Civilian Review Board and Police Commission.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to appoint Michael Hames-Garcia to serve jointly on the Civilian Review Board and Police Commission.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Public Forum

Meeting Date: February 22, 2021
Department: Central Services
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 4
Staff Contact: Beth Forrest
Contact Telephone Number: 541-682-5882

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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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Public Hearing: An Ordinance Providing for Withdrawal of Annexed Properties from the Following Special Districts: River Road Parks & Recreation District; River Road Water District; Santa Clara Rural Fire Protection District; and Santa Clara Water District

Meeting Date: February 22, 2021
Department: Planning and Development
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 5
Staff Contact: Althea Sullivan
Contact Telephone Number: 541-682-5485

ISSUE STATEMENT

The City Council will hold a required public hearing to consider an ordinance concerning the annual withdrawal of annexed land from special service districts.

BACKGROUND

State law and local code require properties that are annexed to cities to withdraw from special service districts through a separate process after the annexation of those properties becomes effective. When annexed properties are withdrawn from special districts, the City assumes responsibility for providing services, such as fire protection and water service, formerly provided by the special districts, and the properties are included on the City tax roll, instead of the special service district.

Withdrawals come before the City Council on an annual basis. Properties annexed during the previous year are batched together to facilitate this process. The 2021 batch contains four annexations approved by City Council in 2020—for a total of four tax lots.

The special districts affected by this year's annexations are the River Road Park & Recreation District, River Road Water District, Santa Clara Rural Fire Protection District, and Santa Clara Water District.

Withdrawals from special districts are reviewed by the City Council through a public hearing process, consistent with state law and local code requirements. After the public hearing, the City Council will be asked to determine whether the withdrawals meet the approval criterion established by state law and local code; the only approval criterion is that the City "shall determine whether the withdrawal is in the best interest of the city" (Eugene Code section 9.7835).

The attached ordinance (see Attachment A) describes the affected properties and withdraws them from special districts. If the withdrawals are found to be in the City's best interest, the ordinance should be adopted to make the withdrawals effective.

Withdrawals are time sensitive. State law provides that, if a withdrawal is not approved prior to March 31, the withdrawal does not become effective until July 1 of the following year (i.e., 2022 for these properties). This delay would mean that the properties will remain on the tax roll of the special service districts that no longer provide services to the property for more than a year. Approving the withdrawal ordinance prior to March 31, 2021, will result in the withdrawals taking effect on July 1, 2021, and those properties being included on the City tax roll immediately thereafter. City Council action on the ordinance is scheduled for March 8, 2021.

Public notice of the hearing was published and posted as required by state law and local code requirements, including notice to the affected special service districts. Staff will provide any written testimony received to Council at the public hearing. The inclusion of these properties on City tax rolls and withdrawal from special districts taxation is anticipated by the property owners as well as by special districts as part of the annexation process.

Legal descriptions and maps showing the location of each annexed property subject to withdrawal from special service districts are included in Attachment A (see Exhibits A through D).

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

Withdrawals of recently annexed properties from special districts are routinely batch-processed on an annual basis. This is the first step in a two-step process that includes City Council public hearing followed by City Council action.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

No action is required at this time; however, options will be provided at the time of City Council action which is scheduled for March 8, 2021.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

This item is scheduled for a public hearing only. Following the public hearing and City's receipt of any testimony, the City Manager will make a recommendation to be included in the council's materials for its March 8, 2021, meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Draft Ordinance, including Exhibits A-D (maps and legal descriptions of subject properties)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ANNEXED PROPERTIES FROM THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL DISTRICTS: RIVER ROAD PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT; RIVER ROAD WATER DISTRICT; SANTA CLARA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT; AND SANTA CLARA WATER DISTRICT.

The City Council of the City of Eugene finds that:

A. Notice of the proposed withdrawal of real property which has been annexed to the City, but is currently contained within the boundaries of the River Road Park & Recreation District; River Road Water District; Santa Clara Rural Fire Protection District; and Santa Clara Water District; (“the Districts”) was published in the Register-Guard on February 8 and 15, 2021, posted in four public places in the City of Eugene for a period of two successive weeks prior to the hearing date, and mailed to the affected public service districts.

B. The Notice provided that a public hearing to allow the City Council to hear objections to the withdrawals and to determine whether the withdrawals are in the best interest of the City was scheduled remotely for February 22, 2021, at 7:30 p.m., using virtual meeting technology.

C. The City is willing to assume the liabilities and indebtedness previously contracted by the Districts proportionate to the parts of the Districts that have been annexed to the City upon the effective date of the withdrawals as provided in ORS 222.520.

D. The withdrawals of the annexed territories from the Districts are consistent with adopted City policies and are in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF EUGENE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The following territories in Lane County, Oregon, annexed to the City of Eugene by Resolution of the Eugene City Council, are withdrawn from the Districts indicated effective July 1, 2021:

River Road Park & Recreation District

Name	File #	Site Address or Location	Assessor's Map	Tax Lot	Resolution	Approval Date	Effective Date	Legal Desc. & Map
Steinhouse, Elizabeth	A 19-7	Lot behind 830 Willow Avenue	17-04-23-42	3900	5287	1/21/2020	1/31/2020	Ex. A
Finnerty, Katheryn	A 19-11	1345 Elkay Drive	17-04-23-13	7400*	5292	2/24/2020	5/20/2020	Ex. B

*At the time of annexation, the property annexed was identified as Assessor's Map Number 17-04-23-13, and Tax Lot 7400. The property has since been partitioned and is now identified as Assessor's Map Number 17-04-23-13, and Tax Lots 7401 and 7402.

River Road Water District

Name	File #	Site Address or Location	Assessor's Map	Tax Lot	Resolution	Approval Date	Effective Date	Legal Desc. & Map
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Santa Clara Rural Fire Protection District

Name	File #	Site Address or Location	Assessor's Map	Tax Lot	Resolution	Approval Date	Effective Date	Legal Desc. & Map
Roderick, April & Chad	A 20-1	290 Wilkes Drive	17-04-02-44	1300	5304	7/13/2020	7/24/2020	Ex. C
Peace Presbyterian Church	A 20-2	3060 River Road	17-04-11-13	1900	5308	9/14/2020	11/4/2020	Ex. D

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Section 2. The City Recorder is requested to forward a copy of this Ordinance to the above referred Districts.

Passed by the City Council this

_____ day of March, 2021.

Approved by the Mayor this

_____ day of March, 2021.

City Recorder

Mayor

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the SW corner of Lot 3 of Caprice Meadows, recorded October 20, 2004, Document No. 2004-081107, Lane County Oregon Deeds and Records and the easterly extension thereof to the True Point of Beginning; thence continuing along southerly line of Caprice Meadows West 119.11 feet to a ½ inch iron pipe in concrete referencing the southwest corner of said Caprice Meadows; thence leaving said south line bearing South 70 feet to a ½ inch iron pipe in concrete; thence East 119.11 feet; thence north 70 feet returning to the south line of Caprice Meadows and the True Point of Beginning, all in Eugene, Lane County, Oregon.

Containing 8,338 square feet, more or less.



Steinhouse, Elizabeth (A 19-7) Lot Behind 830 Willow Avenue

Exhibit A



- Area of Withdrawal
- Taxlots
- Eugene UGB



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**Legal Description for the Annexation
of
Assessor's Map No. 17-04-23-13 Tax Lot No. 7400
to the
City of Eugene
November 13, 2019**

Beginning at a point which is 1196.945 South 89°47'00" East of a point which is 475 feet North of the southwest corner of the Benjamin Davis D.L.C. No. 45 in Township 17 South, Range 4 West of the Willamette Meridian; thence North 20.0 feet to a point on the north margin of Elkay Drive, said point being the True Point of Beginning; thence leaving said north margin and continuing North 142.00 feet; thence South 89°47'00" East 134.445 feet; thence South 142.00 feet to a point on the north margin of Elkay Drive, said point being 20.0 feet northerly of, when measured at right angles to, the centerline of Elkay Drive; thence along the north margin of Elkay Drive North 89°47'00" West 134.445 feet to the True Point of Beginning, all in Lane County Oregon.

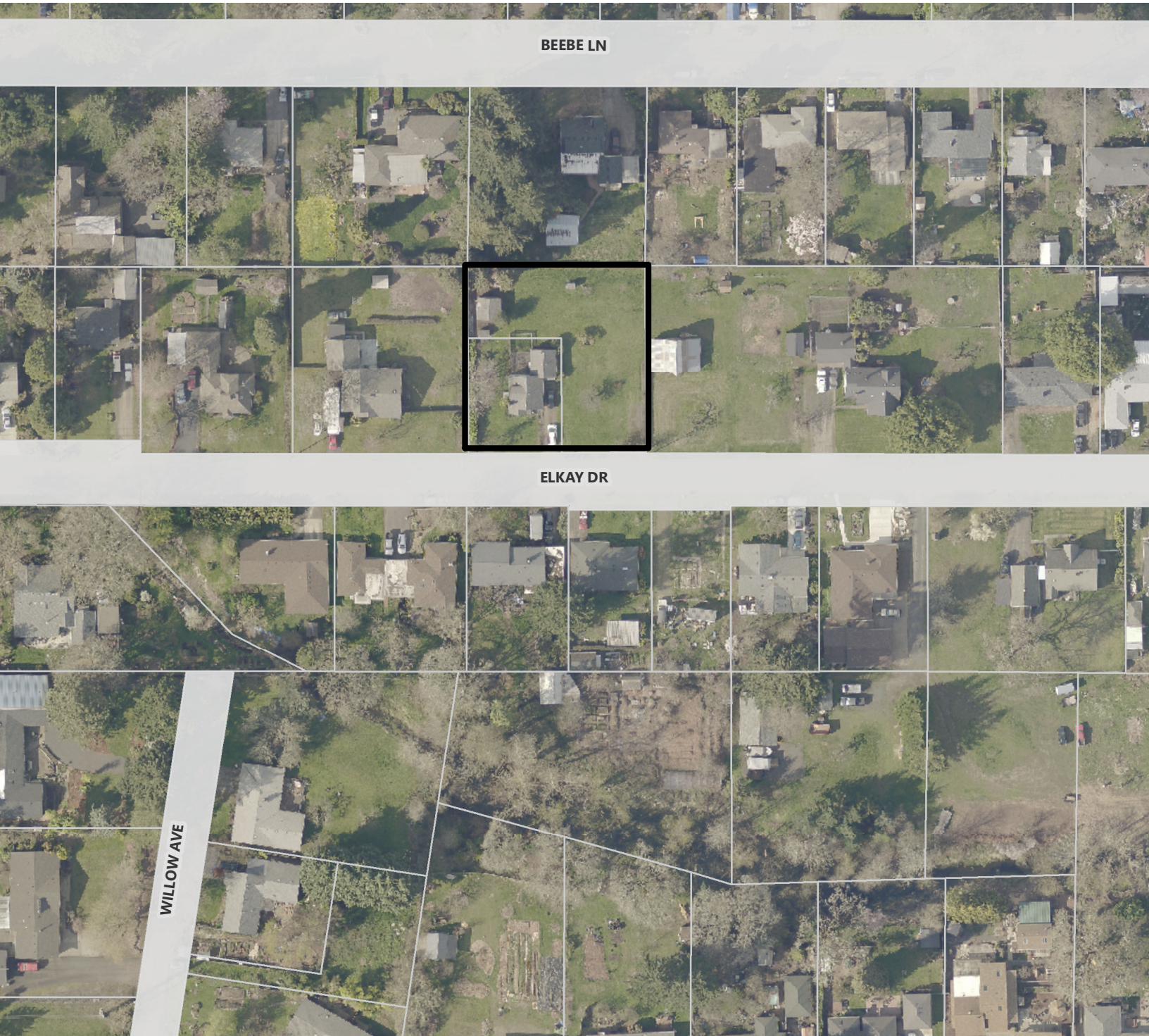
Containing 19,091 sq. ft. more or less



Finnerty, Katheryn (A 19-11)

1345 Elkay Drive

Exhibit B



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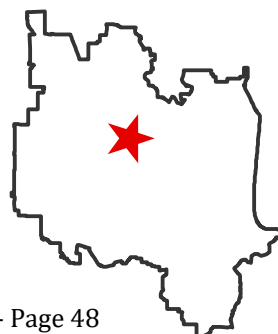
ELKAY DR

WILLOW AVE

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DESCRIPTION OF AFFECTED TERRITORY TO BE ANNEXED

Situated in the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2 in Township 17 South, Range 4 West of the Willamette Meridian in unincorporated area of Lane County, State of Oregon and described as follows:

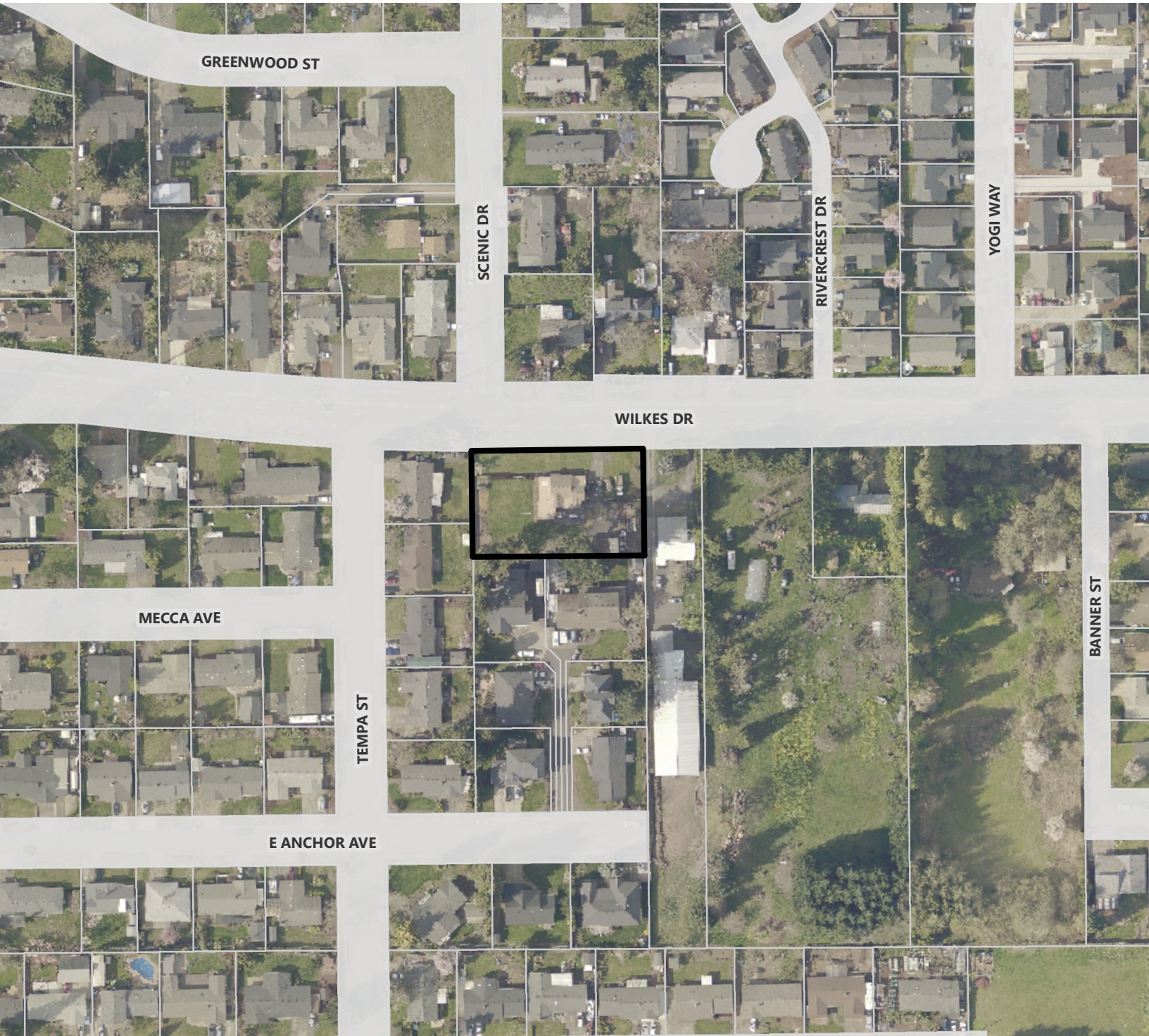
Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the L. Poindexter Donation Land Claim Number 52 in Township 17 South, Range 4 West of the Willamette Meridian; running thence North $1^{\circ}08'58''$ East 13.20 feet, South $86^{\circ}54'02''$ East 467.73 feet, and S $1^{\circ}08'58''$ West 56.46 feet to the northeast corner of Lot 1 in Block 8 of "Second Addition to Terra Linda" as platted and recorded March 10, 1975 in Book 68, Page 15 in Lane County Oregon Plat Records; which corner lies on the re-aligned south margin of Wilkes Drive and is the **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING** of the lands being described herein.

Thence, leaving said corner and **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**, easterly along said south margin of Wilkes Drive, the following two numbered courses: (1) along a curve to the left, having a radius center that bears North $1^{\circ}48'54''$ East 2904.79 feet, a central angle of $00^{\circ}45'28''$, and long chord that bears South $88^{\circ}33'50''$ East 38.42 feet, an arc distance of 38.42 feet to a point of tangent line; and (2) along said tangent line, South $88^{\circ}56'34''$ East 164.81 feet to the northwest corner of the lands that were conveyed to Christopher J. Peterson and Niccole S. Peterson in that certain Warranty Deed that was recorded May 1, 2017 as Reception Number 2017-021164 in Lane County Oregon Deed Records;

Thence, southerly along the west line of said lands that were conveyed to Peterson, the following one numbered course: (3) South $01^{\circ}08'58''$ West 126.14 feet to the Northeast plat corner of the "Roderick Subdivision" as platted and recorded September 27, 2002 in Lane County Oregon Plat Records and assigned Reception Number 2002-074908 in Lane County Oregon Deed Records;

Thence westerly along the north plat boundary of said "Roderick Subdivision" the following one numbered course: (4) North $88^{\circ}33'00''$ West 203.23 feet to its intersection with the northerly, east plat boundary of the afore-called plat of "Second Addition to Terra Linda";

Thence, northerly along said northerly, east plat boundary, the following one numbered course: (5) North $01^{\circ}08'58''$ East 125.00 feet **RETURNING** to the **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**.



- Area of Withdrawal
- Taxlots
- Eugene UGB



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June 2, 2020

ANNEXATION LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Branch Engineering Inc. Project No. 20-257

Parcel 2 of Minor Subdivision 69-29 as filed in the Pre-1990 Partition Records of the Lane County Oregon Surveyor's Office; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of Lot 7, Ferndale Addition to Santa Clara as platted and recorded in the Lane County Oregon Plat Records; **THENCE** along the east boundary of said Lot 7 South 00°16' East, 30.00 feet more or less to the southerly right-of-way margin of Ferndale Drive as shown in said Minor Subdivision 69-29 and surveyed in County Survey File 15879 as recorded in the Lane County Oregon Surveyor's Office; **THENCE** along said southerly margin South 89°48' East, 297.50 feet, more or less, to a 5/8" rebar set in County Survey File 15879, said point being the **POINT of BEGINNING**; **THENCE** South 00°16' East, 320.17 feet, more or less, to a 5/8" rebar set in said County Survey File 15879; **THENCE** South 89°57' East, 416.28 feet, more or less, to a 3/4" iron pipe set in County Survey File 7015 as recorded in the Lane County Oregon Surveyor's Office and found in said County Survey File 15879; **THENCE** North 00°03' East, 4 feet, more or less, to a 3/4" iron pipe set in said County Survey File 7015 and found in said County Survey File 15879; **THENCE** South 89°57' East, 137 feet, more or less, to the westerly right-of-way margin of River Road as dedicated in that Bargain and Sale Deed recorded on August 1, 1984 as Instrument 8431037 on Reel 1308R in the Lane County Oregon Official Records; **THENCE** along said westerly right-of-way margin North 16°03'25" West, 336 feet, more or less, to the aforesaid southerly right-of-way margin of Ferndale Drive; **THENCE** along said southerly right-of-way margin North 89°57' West, 454 feet, more or less, **RETURNING to the POINT OF BEGINNING.**

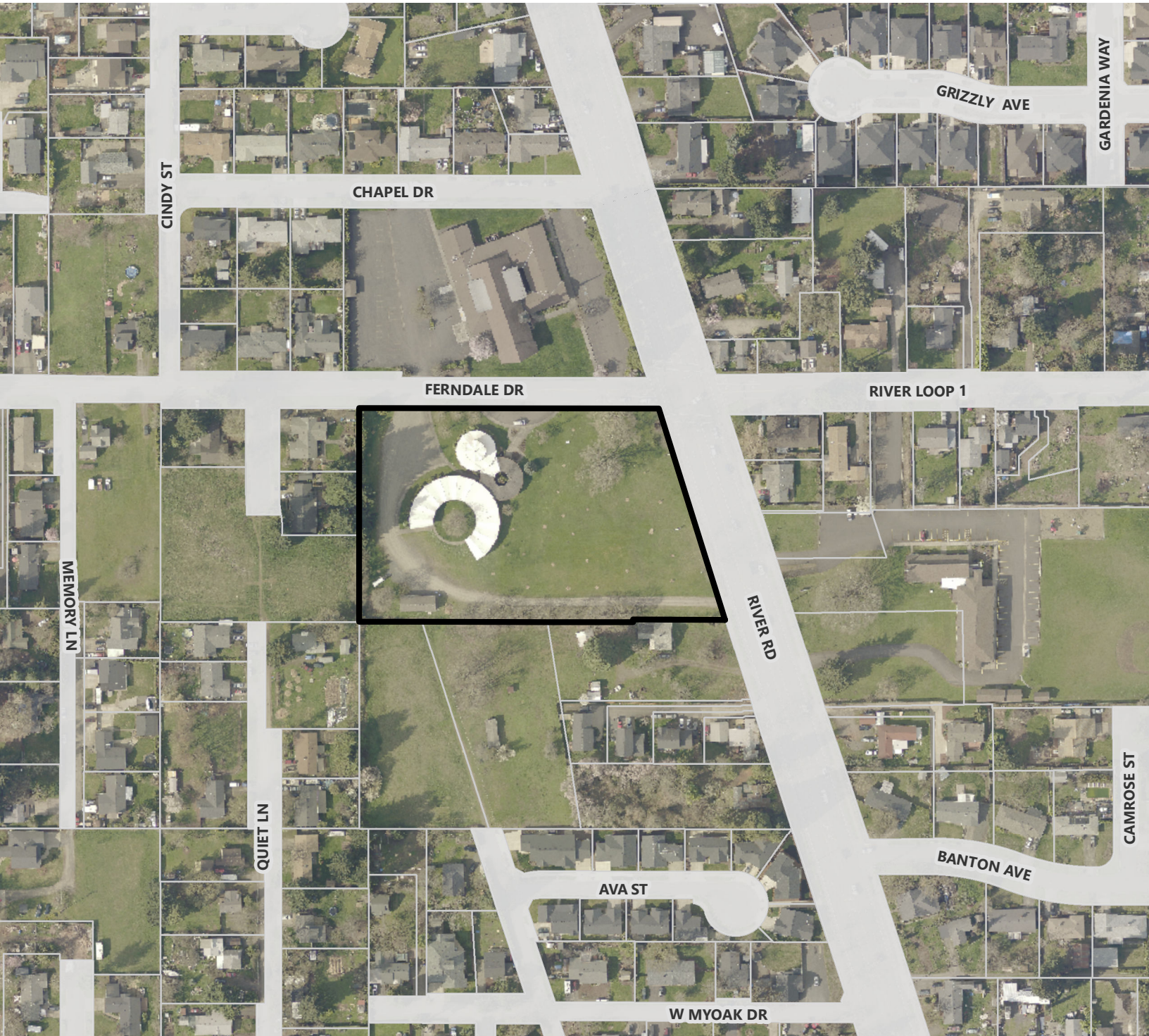
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