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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

September 13, 2021

7:30 p.m. CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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**Meeting of September 13, 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. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST**
- 2. CONSENT CALENDAR 1**
 - A. Approval of City Council Minutes**
 - B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda**
- 3. PUBLIC FORUM**

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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Approval of City Council Minutes

Meeting Date: September 13, 2021
Department: Central Services
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Agenda Item Number: 2A
Staff Contact: Beth Forrest
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ISSUE STATEMENT

This is a routine item to approve City Council minutes.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to approve the minutes for the work session on April 19, April 21, April 26, May 19, June 9 and June 23, 2021; the joint work session on May 26, 2021; and the meeting on April 26, May 10, and June 14, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. April 19, 2021 Work Session Minutes
- B. April 21, 2021, Work Session Minutes
- C. April 26, 2021, Work Session Minutes
- D. April 26, 2021, Meeting Minutes
- E. May 10, 2021, Meeting Minutes
- F. May 19, 2021, Work Session Minutes
- G. May 26, 2021 Joint Work Session Minutes
- H. June 9, 2021, Work Session Minutes
- I. June 14, 2021, Meeting Minutes
- J. June 23, 2021, Work Session Minutes

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MINUTES

Eugene City Council Virtual Work Session Eugene, Oregon 97401

April 19, 2021
5:30 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Mike Clark

Mayor Vinis opened the April 19, 2021, work session of the Eugene City Council.

1. **WORK SESSION: Vision, Values, Goals and Process**

City Manager Sarah Medary presented the topic and provided background information.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Groves - commented on the last sentence “serve and include all who live here” and proposed to add reference to those who come here for other things and do not live here.
- Councilor Keating – suggested adding “all who live, work and play here” to be more inclusive; supported finding opportunity to state that we don’t just connect but that Council takes action.
- Councilor Mayor – supported adding “connect and respond”
- Councilor Semple - supported “take action” and would like this to be a goal; said she likes the strength of the words and would like to add the word “play.”
- Councilor Zelenka - noted that this is a consensus document and not all Councilors are present.
- Councilor Keating - suggested making the goal statement into two sentences.
- Councilor Groves- asked if the word “accountable” is clear to everyone.
- Councilor Evans – agreed that the word accountable is not clear and council needs to make it more precise.
- Mayor Vinis - suggested leaving the verbiage as sustainable development and explain what is meant by accountable; stated the bullets should have parallel construction and start with a verb.
- Councilor Semple - suggested using the word “create” as the first word.
- Councilor Keating - discussed what entities Council is accountable to.
- Councilor Groves- said that the word “accountable” needs to be clear to the average person who reads the statement; suggested including a separate bullet point for accountability to better explain.
- Councilor Evans - agreed that “accountable” should be accurately explained and not open to interpretation; supported being clear about what is meant by the words.
- Councilor Zelenka - asked what is meant by the accountability of being sustainable.
- Mayor Vinis - commented on what it means for Council to commit to something and supported adding a bullet point to explain that council will evaluate the work to be done and is committing, measuring, evaluating and reassessing as it works to achieve this goal.
- Councilor Keating – suggested writing the goal in a more positive tone with an eye for investment in future generations, noting that the current iteration isn’t working for him.
- Councilor Yeh - shared her agreement with using a more positive voice and to show that Council is being conscious of problems that could be faced in the future.
- Councilor Semple - suggested adding the word “supporting.”
- Councilor Syrett - gave some examples of clearer wording.
- Councilor Groves- suggested replacing the word “ensure” with “promotes.”

- Mayor Vinis - gave some examples of visionary language to consider.
- Councilor Groves – said he was looking for more aspirational language.
- Councilor Semple – expressed concern that aspirational language may be too ambiguous and said the council owes it to community to be proactive and clear.
- Councilor Keating - stated that Council is just as accountable to current citizens as future Eugene residents, noting that decisions made today need to reflect the goal that future generations can thrive; asked for clarification of community safety goals; commented that the wording in the “hate and bias” section needs more clarification.
- Councilor Syrett – suggested adding “increase response” to make it clear.
- Councilor Groves - commented that natural and human-caused disasters are connected to community safety and should be more than police and disaster.
- Councilor Syrett - shared that the Lane Area Commission on Transportation has been doing a vision and outcomes process in terms of being safe and secure while using public transportation; these concepts are being incorporated and suggested adding a bullet that speaks to accessing the transportation system with safety and security.
- Councilor Groves - suggested adding language to the subheading.
- Councilor Keating – suggested reducing redundancy of using the word “increase” and provided some examples.
- Councilor Yeh- asked for a note to made that the safety section is a good place to add reference to Vision Zero goals.
- Councilor Zelenka – agreed that Vision Zero goals around transportation are a big part of public safety and that fits in this section.
- Councilor Syrett – suggested referring to “transportation system” rather than “transit.”
- Councilor Zelenka- commented that Vision Zero’s transportation goal is to have a safe transportation system.
- Councilor Keating - agreed with colleagues about recognizing Vision Zero; suggested combining a few of the bullet points on policing into one.
- Councilor Semple - asked if the Climate Recovery ordinance should be called out in this section.
- Councilor Groves - asked about and supported the greater sense of safety downtown that Councilor Syrett raised.
- Councilor Semple - commented that downtown doesn’t need the emphasis on safety because downtown has been quiet; shared downtown safety is important.
- Councilor Keating - commented the description of safe community should be broadened to include animals, pets, places, and systems.
- Councilor Yeh - asked to add the word “culture” to read “arts, outdoors and culture” in the previous slide.
- Councilor Syrett - supported the addition of the word culture and creating more unity in the community through the vision and values section; shared some language to capture the council’s commitment to take action and get things done.
- Councilor Keating - shared more language examples; agreed the statement should express that Council acts.
- Councilor Syrett - commented that the goal of wording is to make the point that we are all Eugene.
- Councilor Keating - supported Councilor Syrett’s suggestions and advocated leading with the “We are all Eugene” in the vision and values section.
- Councilor Syrett - asked if intergovernmental relations should be added to be inclusive of tribal governments, the County, and others.
- Councilor Yeh- commented that what she thinks something means may be different from what a community member might think, so the language needs to be clear.
- Mayor Vinis - shared that tribal relations work is new and could stand as a separate bullet point.
- Councilor Evans - asked to carve out time in the council’s schedule for mini updates from different committees, such as quarterly reports throughout the year and the year end report.

- Councilor Zelenka - said he asked several years ago to schedule 15-minute quarterly reports on committee work but never got traction; encouraged Councilors to share updates on their committees.
- Councilor Keating - shared appreciation for raising this issue but felt quarterly might be a bit too much; gave an example of a committee that addresses Council twice a year; suggested adding wording to commit to a minimum of two per year.
- Councilor Groves- shared that he would like to hear more from the committees; expressed support for finding a way to have more time and interaction with committees.
- Councilor Syrett – supported striking a balance for committees coming before Council; agreed with a minimum of twice a year and suggested adding language that would provide for additional time for specific recommendations by a committee.
- Councilor Semple - commented the needs might be different based on the commission; shared idea to add agenda items after the public forum.
- Councilor Zelenka - shared his original idea was not to add extra work for staff but to help build relationships with committees and provide an opportunity for a quick update from the committee chairs and vice chairs on what they are working on; suggested reducing public forum to one hour and use the time to hear from commissions.
- Councilor Evans - suggested a compromise of having a work plan meeting. two times a year and an optional meeting time.
- Councilor Semple – said she was open to all of these ideas except cutting public forum.
- Councilor Syrett - commented that she would not want to hear from committees after public forum and feels that the public hearing night is a good fit; suggested making any changes based on the specific committee needs.

2. WORK SESSION: American Rescue Plan Act

City Manager Sarah Medary presented this topic and background information.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka - commented that this issue relates to the Budget Committee and suggested having the Budget Committee weigh in on this after the budget process.
- Councilor Groves - asked if there has been any discussion on state level about challenges cities are facing with their unhoused populations; said he feels that Eugene should be getting some outside help to mitigate the impact on the other parts of the community and homelessness is the biggest issue.
- Councilor Syrett - agreed with her colleagues and supported using some ARPA money to build the affordable housing fund; noted that a global pandemic is the reason for the funds coming to Eugene and this is the first time that Council has had the problem of to how to spend money.
- Councilor Keating – encouraged being prudent and taking the time to be clear and intentional about long-term sustainability of projects to be funded.
- Councilor Zelenka - asked how the Budget Committee will be informed about this conversation during the budget process.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 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**

**April 21, 2021
12:00 p.m.**

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

Mayor Vinis opened the April 21, 2021, work session of the Eugene City Council.

1. WORK SESSION: Parks and Recreation Bond and Levy Update

Parks and Open Space Director Craig Carnagey, Public Works Operations Manager Carolyn Burke, Recreation Services Director Craig Smith, and Facility Management Division Manager Jeff Perry gave an update on the use of bond and levy funds.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Syrett - shared her excitement about the tangible projects on the ground and results of the improvements and her increased awareness of how popular the Amazon running trail is; appreciated the lighting installed on the West Bank bike path; commented on the photos at Campbell Community Center; expressed excitement about the accessibility ramps at the pools, asked about park ambassador staffing numbers and the status of development of Santa Clara Park.
- Councilor Groves - said he was pleased to see how the money has been spent; shared the importance of safety in parks and urban bike paths; praised the new lighting installation; asked if there's a breakdown in cost that identifies park clean-ups around camping; shared his eagerness to restore parks for their intended use; asked if wire theft from lights is still an issue; echoed appreciation for underground powerlines and hoped that would be the standard whenever possible.
- Councilor Zelenka - said he was happy to see a measure of justice in the trial for the murder of George Floyd; said the pictures are worth a thousand words to publicize the projects being done across the city; liked the lighting on Amazon trail and other improvements such as the Campbell Center and Echo Hollow Pool; commented that adding another pool in the City is needed and said the updates of the facilities at Echo Hollow are excellent; asked how many City resources are being used for homeless camp clean-up.
- Councilor Yeh - said the pictures of the projects are amazing and she is excited to see the upgrades at Sheldon Pool; commented that the swim system makes sense and was the right way to go; excited to see the plans to upgrade the Churchill tennis courts; encouraged bringing back movie nights at Sheldon Pool.
- Councilor Semple - said it was nice to have a work session on a topic that was successful and beautiful and happy; said the reports were easy to read and praised the agility and impressiveness of Parks staff in the COVID environment; commented on the need for lights in parks, the importance of reopened bathrooms and noted there is less trash since the levy was implemented; discussed the impacts of illegal camping on lower-income areas of the city and asked for statistics on crime rates at different parks; shared her concern about the equity of a raffle that rewarded people who responded in English with an REI gift card and people who responded in Spanish with a Safeway gift card.
- Councilor Keating - thanked Councilor Semple for her observation about the raffle; gave kudos to south Eugene residents who took the survey and use the parks in southeast Eugene; asked for clarification of the numbers in the presentation and suggested including a key in future

presentations; asked about the deployment of staff monitoring illicit activity; asked how many parks have a sanitary needle exchange program; asked how many 24-hour public restrooms are in the city; observed that there may be an opportunity for a non-traditional revenue generating with at Echo Hollow pool.

- Councilor Clark - thanked Parks staff for all their hard work, especially related to improvements in north Eugene and said he was glad to hear updates about the Santa Clara Park; asked if the transformation of the heating systems at Echo Hollow and Sheldon Pools will result in a lower operational cost to heat with electricity than with gas; said he feels it is important to understand the cost trade-offs.
- Councilor Zelenka - asked about the status of moving the electric tower out of Riverfront Park; commented that half-a-million dollars to do the project with EWEB footing most the bill is a steal and will make the park so much different.
- Mayor Vinis - shared that when Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff was in town, he asked where a good place to go running was and was told to go to Amazon trail.

2. WORK SESSION and Possible Action: An Ordinance Concerning Chapter 4 Offenses; Adding Section 4.040 to Eugene Code, 1971; Amending Sections 4.330, 4.340, 4.731, 4.755, 4.906, and 4.922 of the code; and Amending Section 2.773 of the Eugene Code, 1971 to Make a Correction

City Prosecutor Travis Smith introduced the topic and presented background information and a summary of Chapter 4 City Code changes.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Syrett - thanked City Prosecutor for the taking the public's input into account; supported the amendments but wants to ensure that City still has authority to take appropriate action for animal neglect without adding the proposed language in the prior version; shared that she's happy to see the unhoused status being added to list of bias crimes; supported the City Manager's recommendation to adopt the revised version of the City Ordinance.
- Councilor Zelenka - asked about any potential impacts of removing the problematic language from 4.330; asked if the code is sufficient to prosecute an animal neglect case; asked if adding unhoused to the bias crime list is consistent with the State and if that is true for the gender identity portion; felt these are both good adds.
- Councilor Groves - asked about bias crimes in the second degree and impacts on the unhoused; asked if there's anything that precludes City from enforcing codes and ordinances (i.e., clearing out campsites near rivers, moving people at illegal camping zones to authorized camping sites).
- Councilor Clark - commented that there will be a work session on bias and intimidation crimes and asked what the City can do to enhance penalties for these crimes; asked if code language is adequate to charge someone with intimidation or bias crime; asked if graffiti is sufficient as evidence of intimidation or bias crime; asked for comparisons in the penalties that might be sought; said council should to ask Municipal Court Judge for advice on this issue; stated this behavior is not acceptable in our community and City will punish to the maximum.
- Councilor Keating - shared that adding unhoused status to bias crime and intimidation code is a historic moment and a big deal; commented that gender identity is also a big deal and asked about the guardrails in place to protect someone who is identifying differently than what appears on a citation or a warrant when interacting with law enforcement officials.
- Councilor Semple - shared she is proud to vote for this ordinance, noting that Council listened and responded.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, move to adopt Attachment A to the AIS, a revised ordinance concerning Chapter 4 Offenses, Adding Section 4.040 to the Eugene Code, 1971; Amending Section 4.330, 4.340, 4.731,

4.755, 4.906, and 4.922 of the Code; and Amending Section 2.773 of the Eugene Code, 1971 to Make a Correction. **PASSED: 8:0**

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Niyah Ross)

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MINUTES

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

**April 26, 2021
5:30 p.m.**

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

Mayor Vinis opened the April 26, 2021, work session of the Eugene City Council.

- 1. WORK SESSION – Proposed Plan to Address Vehicle Camping in Commercial/Industrial Areas**
Public Works Director Matt Rodrigues, Traffic Engineer Chris Henry, and Administration, Parking and Technology Manager Jeff Petry presented a proposed plan to address vehicle camping in commercial/industrial areas as part of an overall strategy to identify needs and next steps for addressing the growing number of unhoused community members and its community-wide impacts.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – stated he supports the plan and expenditure because this is a serious problem in the community that needs an immediate solution; expressed concern that once the problem is dealt with in one area it will appear somewhere else; asked staff if they have scouted the area for similarly situated streets that people may move to and what the response will be; stated he has a strong concern over the lack of enforcement and asked if there is capacity for increased enforcement; asked the City Manager if departmental resources or capacities will impede enforcement and if she will return to Council if there are impediments.
- Councilor Groves – thanked staff for the work and requested regular updates on the issue; stated this plan works in parallel with relocating people to sanctioned camping sites and this tool is needed for people who do not voluntarily leave the area; stated this issue is causing real problems for people trying to work and run businesses in commercial and industrial zones; expressed appreciation for establishment of an Incident Command System and believes it is a crisis that warrants that kind of management; asked staff how enforcement will work with the 72-hour rule and vehicles moving two blocks, and stated he does not want to create a loophole that cannot be enforced; recognized that \$115,000 for signage may seem like a large sum but is nothing compared to the losses incurred by the businesses and workers in the area; stated Council needs to be prepared to shift tactics or strategy if this is not working.
- Councilor Zelenka – stated there will clearly be ongoing problems as people are forced to move and where people move to needs to be of concern to Council; stated he fears the effect will be to push people to the periphery, along streets with open spaces or woods such as Laurel Hill Valley and Bailey Hill; asked what the timeline is for the proposed plan and ordinance.
- Councilor Evans – asked staff if this is a temporary plan or will continue once the safe camping sites are established; inquired into current inventory and locations of rest stops, microsites, and sanctioned places for people to be.
- Councilor Semple – thanked staff for the quick work; stated this is a desperate situation and something must be done; expressed concern that there is nowhere to tell people to go; asked staff how long it will take to establish and open a safe camping site; asked if this proposed plan applies to the whole city.
- Councilor Syrett – stated that conflicts between unhoused residents and businesses and other residents is one of the most challenging parts of being a city councilor; asked staff if there is a

street parking permit for areas that do not have formal parking permit programs; cautioned Council that if this is passed, it should expect there will be unintended consequences; pointed out the City does not enforce parking after 5 p.m., so having an ordinance that restricts parking between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. is useless, and suggested the City consider changing a shift time so parking can be enforced after 5 p.m.

- Councilor Yeh – expressed concern about doing something citywide when she thought the focus was on commercial/industrial areas; stated these recommendations along with establishing safe camping and parking sites seem appropriate considering the issues being dealt with; agreed there may be unintended consequences and liked the idea of revisiting the topic in the future to see if less or more is needed; stated that overall she is supportive of this proposal.
- Councilor Keating – stated the lack of sanctioned sites for people to be causes him to not support this proposal; asked the City Attorney clarifying questions regarding legal protection under the law and bias crime.
- Councilor Clark – stated his two concerns are dealing with the problem in one spot only to have it show up somewhere else, and enforcement, and stated the hours of enforcement are critical; asked the City Attorney if the City is criminally or civilly liable if this ordinance is passed and enforcement does not occur; encouraged the adjustment of parking enforcement staffing to meet the need; asked staff what criteria will be used in determining street signage; asked staff if there is a negative effect if the distance required to move is four blocks instead of two to eliminate the possibility of people moving only two blocks along the same street and remaining in the same area; asked the City Attorney if there are any legal issues with removing people or asking people to move from somewhat permanent structures built as domiciles along city streets.
- Councilor Groves – expressed agreement that it is worth looking into after-hours parking enforcement, and with regard to enforcement there will be perceived inequities no matter what Council does; stated he has talked to the businesses and workers who are being impacted personally and professionally and having their livelihoods jeopardized and who need the City's help because they are dealing with problems that are criminal in nature; stated the City needs these people on its side as it tries to address the long-term problem and come up with solutions.
- Councilor Zelenka – stated this is a very challenging issue and Council will be visiting this topic again as new problem areas emerge; asked staff if the ordinance will be brought back to Council before or after the report back on the implementation of the pilot and suggested both items return to Council simultaneously.
- Councilor Evans – asked what the conversations have been with abutting businesses around these problem areas and stated many want to contribute to a solution; asked staff how the private sector can be involved in finding solutions, and if staff are working with the County to identify any land that can be used; stated the sense of urgency is real and not restricted to commercial/industrial areas.
- Councilor Syrett – stated she does not believe this proposal is unconstitutional but is concerned that sanctioned alternative sites are not yet ready and it will be a while until they are; stated she is willing to support the proposal because she agrees the businesses need help; pointed out that the people living on the streets who will be displaced by this policy will also need help; stated she is not condoning the criminal activity which is a capacity issue as well.
- Councilor Keating – stated he wants to ensure any code created is not discriminatory in nature; asked staff if the timelines related to enforcement of the proposed parking code amendments and the receipt of federal or state funds to explore land acquisition will coincide or be months apart; suggested that \$115,000 for street signage would be better used to purchase 57 Conestoga huts.
- Councilor Semple – asked clarifying questions regarding the timeline for implementation of the proposed code amendments; stated Council is once again in the position of having to choose to make people move with nowhere to go, which is difficult to do and makes saying yes to this proposal difficult as well; asked staff if they are working with providers on plans for site set-up

and management at the same time as looking for land; stated that moving four blocks rather than two could be problematic for residential areas and citywide effects must be considered.

- Councilor Zelenka - stated he feels it will be a long time before there will be adequate sanctioned space for people to go; stated that follow-up will be required after implementation of this plan to inform Council of progress or problems.
- Mayor Vinis – said she feels the struggle within the council of having to choose between people who are unsheltered and the disruption the illegal campers cause in business districts and neighborhoods; stated that some basic guidelines have been established in the urban camping policy that direct how people are expected to behave when living in public spaces, which can help with outreach on street parking and reduce impacts; stated what Council wants is to provide housing and services for everyone who wants or needs it, but the capacity is not yet there so the work must be done incrementally.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to support the plan and strategies presented during today's work session and to direct the City Manager to report back to Council in three months on plan implementation progress. **PASSED 8:0**

MOTION: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct the City Manager to schedule a public hearing on the proposed ordinance attached to the AIS as Attachment B.

MOTION TO AMEND: Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Groves, moved to amend for all places that state two blocks to substitute with four blocks.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Evans – asked staff if there is a significant difference between two blocks and four blocks or if it adds to the problem.
- Councilor Clark – stated he specifically asked staff if there would be any negative effects if he suggested this amendment and none were provided; stated the distances in some of the problem areas are longer than two blocks and he would not like to see Council propose this as a solution only to have a loophole exploited and have to revisit this months later because the problem was not actually fixed.
- Mayor Vinis – clarified that this proposed ordinance will go to a public hearing and Council will have an opportunity to reconsider based on what is heard at the public hearing.
- Councilor Clark – stated he wants the public to be presented with an effective solution by Council.
- Councilor Zelenka – asked the City Attorney if it would be a substantive change to the proposed ordinance to change from two to four blocks after the public hearing; stated his preference would be to continue with the way the ordinance is worded now, and let people comment on it at the public hearing.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND: FAILED 3:5, Councilors Clark, Evans, and Groves in favor.

VOTE ON MOTION: PASSED 7:1, Councilor Keating opposed.

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Jessica Gebb)

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MINUTES

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

**April 26, 2021
7:30 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 April 26, 2021, meeting of the Eugene City Council in a virtual format.

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

Council Discussion

- Councilor Syrett – shared, as chair of the Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Committee, earlier today she sent to Council the City of Eugene state and federal legislative policy statements with the addition of a section on equity and inclusion, and asked councilors if they would like to have a work session on what has been added.
- Councilor Yeh – shared that next month is Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and there will be several activities and events in Eugene to celebrate.
- Councilor Semple – shared the Sustainability Commission met last week and thanked Council for the \$5,000 in funding for incentives for sustainability-related activities; encouraged all to get vaccinated against COVID-19; shared the local blood supply is extremely low and encouraged donations; shared she recently visited the Mission to tour the pro bono facilities and clinic for veterinary care; encouraged all to practice kindness.
- Councilor Keating – shared that legislators in Salem passed nine bills today regarding police reform; encouraged all to get the COVID-19 vaccination and continue to support hand washing, social distancing, mask wearing and limiting size of gatherings.
- Councilor Zelenka – echoed encouragement for all to get vaccinated; stated he supports a work session on the IGR policy statements; shared he initiated a work session poll to investigate a combined dedicated on-going funding source for climate change and homelessness; asked if Wednesday's work session on 1059 Willamette can be extended or a second work session date be added; asked if Police Chief Skinner can communicate with Council regarding catalytic converters; asked if it is known what states vehicles camping throughout the city are from; shared that Wednesday begins the City's budget process which continues through May.
- Councilor Semple – shared the Sustainability Commission passed along to Council its Energy in Buildings and Sustainability Funding recommendations.
- Mayor Vinis – asked Council if it would like to have a work session regarding the IGR language.
- Councilor Zelenka – stated he feels disconnected from what the IGR Committee does and feels strongly that Council should review topic.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to hold a work session on Councilor Syrett's Item 4 from IGR. **PASSED 7:1**, Councilor Keating opposed.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Keating – stated the current members of the IGR Committee have been intentional about the language and the work and he does not feel there is a need for this to be discussed in

a work session; asked Councilor Zelenka if work sessions are the model by which he would prefer to receive check-ins, or more regular e-communication shared by the IGR Committee.

- Councilor Zelenka – shared that Council used to have work sessions on IGR items as the session progressed and he was able to keep track of the work that way when not serving on the Committee; stated his interest in having a work session is to inform the full council and public; shared he misses not having work sessions on topics throughout the legislative session, and receiving a periodic memo does not work for him.
- Councilor Syrett – shared her understanding that IGR items go to the full council when there is not a 3-0 vote by the IGR Committee members and, in the past, there was often not much agreement so more items were referred to the full council; suggested this could be discussed further at the upcoming work session.
- Councilor Clark – stated he would support work sessions because it is most often the case that the IGR Committee represents a point of view of the majority but not all the councilors or the community.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes
 - February 22, 2021, Meeting
 - April 19, 2021, Meeting
- B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda
- C. Eugene-Springfield 2021 One-Year Action Plan for Affordable Housing and Community Development
- D. Substantial Amendment to the Eugene-Springfield 2020 Action Plan – CDBG-CV3 Fund Allocation

Council Discussion

- Councilor Groves – requested corrections to the minutes for the February 22, 2021, Meeting.
- Councilor Zelenka – requested that Items C and D be pulled from Consent Calendar 1.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to approve the amended Minutes and the Tentative Agenda from Consent Calendar 1. **PASSED 8:0.**

Council Discussion

- Councilor Zelenka – regarding Item C, inquired into the funding allocation and how the One-Year Action Plan fits within the Consolidated Plan; asked what the Item D funds are being allocated for and what will be accomplished.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to approve Items C and D from Consent Calendar 1. **PASSED 8:0.**

3. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Zach Mulholland – said the Sustainability Commission is looking forward to an opportunity to present its annual report and end-of-year recommendations.
2. Dylan Plummer – Cascadia Wildlands, opposed use of fossil fuels and natural gas by the City.
3. Ben Christensen – spoke against Community Safety Initiative (CSI) funds going to the police.
4. Eric Jackson – stated proposed parking ordinance will not accomplish anything.
5. Nancy A. – supported a moratorium on new natural gas infrastructure.
6. Jacob Trewe – spoke against CSI funds going to police; rejected 1059 Willamette proposal.
7. Deborah McGee – 350 Eugene, spoke to need for climate action leadership and fossil fuel reduction.
8. Carolyn Partridge – concerned that Eugene will not meet carbon reduction goals by 2030.
9. Madelyn Cowan – FUSEE, urged the repowering of buildings and the end of fossil fuel use.
10. Maria – demanded an end to police brutality, supported Ad Hoc Committee on Police Policy work.

11. Amanda – said she is a small business owner dealing with the impacts of the unhoused at WJ Park.
12. Wiley Nelson – said his West Eugene business is dealing with impacts of car camping and unhoused.
13. Eli – spoke against the criminalization of homelessness, reallocate CSI funds to homelessness.
14. Zondie – urged Council to reject the 1059 Willamette proposal.
15. Mia Nelson – said her West Eugene business is dealing with impacts of car camping and unhoused.
16. Shia – spoke to a possible conflict of interest regarding Ad Hoc Cmte. on Police Policy and CSI.
17. Kahlil Meyer – said his West Eugene business is dealing with impacts of car camping and unhoused.
18. Rob Fisette – spoke to a possible conflict of interest regarding Ad Hoc Cmte. on Police Policy and CSI.
19. Nate – concerned the City is proposing additional laws against the unhoused.
20. Tyler Stewart – urged an independent investigation into the fatal shooting of Eliborio Rodrigues.
21. Alatheia Letaw – concerned about reliance on fossil fuels, urged ban of new natural gas infrastructure.
22. Chuck Areford – supported labor and workers’ rights, wants industry jobs to reduce climate impacts.
23. Jen Hornaday – asked City to enforce restrictions for homeless camps along natural river areas.
24. Matthew Yook – would like the City to create easier access for reporting hate and bias crimes.
25. Sara Lamog – spoke to a possible conflict of interest regarding Ad Hoc Cmte. on Police Policy and CSI.
26. Ethan Klein – concerned that FY22 budget does not reflect reallocation of funds away from police.
27. William Smith – spoke to his concern over the dangers of 5G wireless technology.
28. Kory Northrop – spoke to how proposed parking changes disproportionately impact the unhoused.
29. M. Rink – spoke to a possible conflict of interest regarding Ad Hoc Cmte. on Police Policy and CSI.
30. Brooklyn – spoke to housing barriers faced by the unhoused and extremely-low income people.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Syrett – asked staff to speak to meeting timer operation; asked the Public Works Director to give a brief update on management of the camp at Washington Jefferson (WJ) Park and if there are any plans to have sanctioned camping in Maynard Park; expressed appreciation for all who give testimony in this virtual meeting format and the accountability it requires; condemned individuals who use email to engage in personal attacks and uncivil discourse.
- Councilor Zelenka – thanked Councilor Syrett for her comments and thanked those who provided testimony; asked the City Attorney to provide a brief explanation of what constitutes a conflict of interest.
- Councilor Evans – thanked those who provided testimony; asked if the Request For Proposals (RFP) for 1059 Willamette can be modified to include a percentage of Area Median Income (AMI); regarding CSI funding, stated he would be supportive of making substantive changes to provide more funding for social services.
- Councilor Keating – requested a report from the Police Chief about police reforms passed by the legislature today and costs that may be associated with implementation; suggested it may be time for a review of the CSI given the happenings of the last year; expressed appreciation for the explanation of real and perceived conflicts of interest; thanked Councilor Syrett for her comments.
- Councilor Groves – acknowledged Councilor Syrett for her comments and expressed appreciation for those who gave testimony; stated in regard to the CSI and the start of the budget process, it would be helpful for him to know what was said or promised to the community when the CSI was first presented.
- Councilor Yeh – reminded the public the City is in the process of talking to BIPOC and other under-represented communities regarding the CSI and possible changes to be made, and there will be a work session on May 10 to further discuss the results of this community engagement.
- Councilor Clark – stated he voted against the payroll tax to fund the CSI not because he did not approve of the expenditure but because he did not approve of the way to do it; stated the sole reason this tax was passed was to fund additional police officers and to now change how the funds will be used is a bad decision.

- Councilor Zelenka – stated he thought Council had agreed it would not have a conversation regarding police reform funding, CSI allocation or the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds during the budget process and instead would amend in the supplemental budget.
- Mayor Vinis – as a reminder to the public, shared that a few years ago the City Council identified three areas (Public Safety, Housing and Homelessness) where it wanted to do more work and make concurrent additional investment; stated it is an important framework to understand as all three are valuable and have years of decision-making already put into them; stated things have changed in the past year but not so much that these three areas are not still of importance.
- Councilor Evans – clarified that when he speaks of moving more money to social services, he is considering this from a public safety standpoint.

4. PUBLIC HEARING and POSSIBLE ACTION: An Ordinance Allowing for the Temporary Establishment of “Safe Parking” and “Safe Tent” Sites That Are Larger Than Allowed Under Section 4.816 of the Eugene code, 1971; Declaring an Emergency; Providing for an Immediate Effective Date; and Providing a Sunset Date

Mayor Vinis opened the Public Hearing.

1. Erin Grady – said proposed sites should be in addition to, not instead of WJ Park and 13th & Chambers.
2. Eric Jackson – said people living on the street should be hired to manage their own camps.
3. Heather Merrick – Lane Co. Legal Aid, said proposed sites are not enough, need more options.
4. Brittany Quick-Warner – said the Eugene Chamber of Commerce supports the proposed ordinance.
5. Sabra – echoed comments of last two speakers and urged doubling the number of spaces.
6. Eli – concerned water will not be provided to sites; supported intent but not the ordinance as is.
7. Zondie – concerned there will be increased enforcement of camping.
8. Nate – stated water to be provided to sites; proposed plan is not adequate in number.
9. David and Jessica Campbell – asked about long-term transition plans for those living at microsites.

Mayor Vinis closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Zelenka – stated homelessness is the symptom and the problem is lack of affordable housing, lack of mental health services and access to substance abuse services; said he believes the City needs to move faster and think bigger and is supportive of allowing larger, organized sites with rules spread out over the city; asked staff why language in the ordinance does not include the term “RVs”; inquired into providing water at sites.
- Councilor Clark – asked staff if drug use will be allowed on these sites; asked if or when campers at WJ Park and 13th & Chambers will be mandated to leave; stated he wants to be supportive of incremental efforts with more places to help more people, but is concerned we are making it worse by not requiring people to take advantage of the opportunity to get well.
- Councilor Keating – asked that electricity and potable water be added as site provisions in the proposed ordinance; stated he would like the words “illicit camping” removed from the ordinance language, and the words “those camping” changed to “unhoused residents”.
- Councilor Syrett – asked to postpone action on this item to Wednesday and not vote tonight; stated folks at microsites are connected with case management and it is not meant to be a long-term living situation; stated the 1059 Willamette redevelopment was not envisioned to be housing for very low-income people but to fill a gap in workforce housing; agrees there should be some capacity for self-management for these sites.
- Councilor Groves – encouraged Council to act and not delay a vote; hoped that WJ Park and 13th & Chambers can be returned to their original uses and not continue to be occupied; acknowledged the need to return the community to as normal as it can be while at the same time providing safe locations for people to locate to; shared that at the microsites he visits he

sees order, safety and security whereas along the streets of West Eugene he sees no order or semblance of safety and this is part of the problem; stated a city is organized society that has rules that all must comply with to keep it organized and safe; stated he looks forward to moving this in a direction that provides safety, security and certainty for the entire community.

- Mayor Vinis – proposed that action for this item take place at Wednesday’s work session due to the changes proposed by Councilor Keating and the lateness of the hour.

5. ACTION: A Resolution Amending “*Picture. Plan. Play. A Vision and Implementation Plan for Eugene’s Parks and Recreation System*” to Re-designate Striker Field Park a Community Park

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to adopt the resolution attached as Attachment C to the AIS entitled: “A Resolution Amending ‘*Picture. Plan. Play. A Vision and Implementation Plan for Eugene’s Parks and Recreation System*’ to Re-designate Striker Field Park a Community Park.” **PASSED 8:0.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Jessica Gebb)

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MINUTES

Eugene City Council Virtual Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

May 10, 2021
7:30 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 May 10, 2021, meeting of the Eugene City Council in a virtual format.

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

Council Discussion

- Mayor Vinis – reported that three City Councilors awoke this morning to find their property defaced with graffiti demanding the defunding of police; stated councilors have been targeted in a misdirected effort to intimidate them to pursue a specific goal and these actions are unproductive.
- Councilor Groves – supported the Mayor’s comments and stated it is important that members of the community are able to engage in meaningful dialogue and state their positions without fear of reprisal.
- Councilor Clark – agreed with the comments made by the Mayor and Councilor Groves; shared that many businesses and homeowners have experienced the same problem over the past year.
- Councilor Zelenka – supported the Mayor’s comments; shared his own effective communication method hierarchy.
- Councilor Keating – supported the Mayor’s comments; stated he welcomes dialogue and debate but defacing one’s home or work is wholly inappropriate.
- Mayor Vinis – recognized Arbor Day and read an excerpt proclaiming April 2021 Arbor Month; recognized that May is Bike Month.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes
 - February 8, 2021, Meeting
 - February 22, 2021, Work Session
- B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda
- C. Ratification of FY22 Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission Regional Wastewater Program Budget and Capital Improvements Program

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

3. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Meg Orion – spoke to the detrimental effects of the military jet fly-over two Saturdays ago.
2. T. Lipton – spoke to the needs of unhoused persons experiencing mental health issues.
3. Nate – concerned City is not providing enough temporary camping sites, supported CAHOOTS funding.
4. Jacob Trewe – urged the Community Safety Initiative (CSI) funding be redirected to the unhoused.
5. Rob – responded to councilor comments regarding CSI engagement sessions.
6. William Smith – spoke to his concern over the dangers of 5G wireless technology.

7. Rachel Mary – supported CSI funding to be redirected to homeless and mental health services.
8. Eli – concerned about the criminalization of homelessness and the need for permanent housing.
9. Zondie – urged Council to reject the 1059 Willamette and Steam Plant redevelopment proposals.
10. Mike McFarlane – shared the City deserves credit for taking care of riparian zones, still more to do.
11. Candace King – stated the majority of safety issues arise from lack of affordable, clean, safe housing.
12. Matthew Yook – urged City to create a new model for reporting/resolving hate and bias crimes.
13. Max Rink – spoke against the Steam Plant redevelopment proposal submitted by deChase Miksis.
14. Eric Jackson – spoke to concerns regarding welfare of campers at WJ Park.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Syrett – thanked those who spoke at the forum; shared the City does not have any role in approving a fly-over; acknowledged that lack of medical respite for the unhoused is a huge issue in our community; clarified the City does not set wages for CAHOOTS.
- Councilor Yeh – expressed appreciation for mutual aid workers in the community; shared Council will have a Homelessness Response Update work session on May 19; shared the reasons why she holds public office.
- Councilor Keating – suggested Council approve a no-fly zone resolution at a future meeting; recognized the great work of White Bird; thanked Mike McFarlane for providing a river tour and called on fellow councilors to join him in cleaning up the river.
- Councilor Clark – clarified that jet fly-overs are scheduled with the armed services well over a year in advance and directed those concerned to speak to a federal congressman.
- Councilor Groves – stated that water quality should be important to all and hopes work can continue to clean up the river; stated he was impressed with City efforts to clean but unimpressed with areas privately held by Union Pacific Railroad.
- Mayor Vinis – encouraged the public to watch the upcoming Council work session on the Steam Plant; reminded the public the City must balance tax revenue with expenditures and property tax is one way to support our City’s budget in order to provide needed services.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR 2

- A. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor’s Map 17-04-23-11; Tax Lot 4402; Located at 665 Horn Lane) (City File: Clark Tippin; A 21-1)
- B. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor’s Map 17-04-23-12; Tax Lot 5902; Located at 608 and 610 Audel Ave.) (City File: Leah Hyland; A 21-1)
- C. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor’s Map 17-04-24-34; Tax Lot 2200; Located at 25 Knoop Lane) (City File: Gillen, Todd and Caryn; A 21-4)
- D. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor’s Map 17-03-09-31; Tax Lot 1200; Located at 3647 Coburg Road) (City File: Staton Family Trust; A 21-3)

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to approve the items on Consent Calendar 2. **PASSED 8:0**

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 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**

**May 19, 2021
12:00 p.m.**

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

Mayor Vinis opened the May 19, 2021, work session of the Eugene City Council.

1. WORK SESSION – Unhoused Response Update

Assistant City Manager Kristie Hammitt, Public Works Director Matt Rodrigues, and Policy Analyst Regan Watjus provided an update on temporary urban camps and vehicle camping response and actions related to finding land, developing site plans and programming for the establishment of “Safe Parking” and “Safe Tent” sites.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Groves – thanked staff for the effort and the assignment of Ed Russo as the business liaison; thanked businesses and Brittany Quick-Warner at the Chamber of Commerce for stepping up to help find solutions to this problem; asked staff if there is a way for Council to help hasten the acquisition and designation of safe camping sites; asked if a business or property owner will have any assurances that camping will be enforced nearby if it provides sites for campers; requested an update on what will be done regarding those who refuse to go to safe camping sites or are asked to leave the site; asked where campers are being directed to go when they are removed from riparian zones or near playgrounds.
- Councilor Zelenka – expressed appreciation for the work of the Unified Command team; requested staff develop a one-pager of talking points about the work currently being done around homelessness for councilors to use in discussions with constituents; suggested writing an op-ed piece on what is being done; agreed it is important to move slowly and carefully on this work now in order to move faster later.
- Councilor Yeh – expressed appreciation that site information will be provided in June; asked staff for an update on low-barrier options.
- Councilor Keating – thanked the Unified Command team; asked clarifying questions regarding metrics provided in the presentation; asked if there are plans to provide free pet inoculations and licensing for those in the safe camping sites; asked staff to describe the best practices learned from San Diego, Medford and Walla Walla; expressed gratitude for electricity and water provisions in the draft site plans; stated he has concerns for people who are moved from site to site for behavioral issues and advocated for an adult crisis center with County partners.
- Councilor Syrett – stated she is impressed by the work and gratified to see it moving along, and is glad to see a partnership with the Chamber of Commerce being established; stated it is important to remind the public the reason tents are being allowed in Washington Jefferson (WJ) Park is due to COVID and CDC recommendations that cities allow people to shelter in place; recognized this is an evolving approach and stated she is pleased that groups will potentially be able to move together from WJ Park to the safe camping sites.
- Councilor Clark – thanked staff for the work; asked staff questions regarding the type of information collected from the unhoused; stated he would like to know from the unhoused how

long each has been in Eugene and what brought them to homelessness in the first place; asked staff if surrounding neighborhoods of camps are policed to prevent drug use by campers.

- Councilor Semple – thanked staff for the work; stated she appreciates the approach of looking into what each individual needs to progress to housing and the possibility of groups moving together to safe camping sites; expressed concern over the increase in vehicle and tent camping in Eugene and wondered if the unhoused are coming from other cities or states; asked if camping laws will be enforced when COVID restrictions end and there are not enough safe camping sites to accommodate all campers; asked how the City is paying for the safe camping sites and if costs will be reimbursed by recovery funds.
- Councilor Evans – asked what the comprehensive public safety plan will be as the number and size of safe camping sites expand; stated more policing and a different way for Fire and Emergency Medical Services to respond to emergency situations will be needed; inquired if there is currently adequate personnel to staff the needed public safety response.

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

2. WORK SESSION – Steam Plant Redevelopment Proposed Terms

Business Development Analyst Amanda D'Souza presented the proposed terms for the disposition and redevelopment of the Steam Plant as negotiated with Dream Plant, LLC.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka – asked questions of staff regarding asbestos removal and hospitality uses for the building; asked if this is pre-approval of a Multi-Unit Property Tax Exemption (MUPTE); asked clarifying questions regarding parking, Southern Plaza siting, concessions, and System Development Charges (SDCs); asked staff to explain why the appraised value is negative and the public benefits to be accrued from this proposal.
- Councilor Evans – asked staff if the urban renewal district will need to be extended to accrue additional funds contingent on other asks that may be made by the developer, and how long the urban renewal district can be extended.
- Councilor Syrett – expressed concern over deal points that require the waiver of all SDCs when it is not yet known what uses will exist in the building; stated she cannot approve the terms presented with that much uncertainty in the framework; suggested a cap of SDCs could be proposed instead.
- Councilor Yeh – stated she agrees with Councilor Syrett's comments regarding waiving SDCs; asked if the value of the property is known without saving the building; clarified for the public that the community space will not be closed off to the public but is also not a community center.
- Councilor Keating – inquired about accessing the Steam Plant site from the river and having a river exit there; thanked Councilor Syrett for her comments and suggestion regarding the SDC waiver.
- Councilor Clark – asked staff how many parking spaces need to be jointly identified and how many parking spaces are included with the EWEB Headquarters building.
- Councilor Semple – expressed frustration with the work session agenda and stated the Unhoused Response Update needed more of Council's time and the Steam Plant proposed terms include a large unknown which will likely prevent Council from reaching a decision today; stated she likes the project but is concerned about the expenditure, and feels with the building demolished the land can be sold for a good profit in a few years; asked staff what the anticipated property tax will be and if there will be gas infrastructure; stated SDCs are used as a main incentive point and she is concerned how much this will cost since SDCs still have to be paid for out of the general fund; stated different ways to incentivize are needed or a limit needs to be

placed on the number of SDCs given away; stated she would like to postpone this vote to allow more time for discussion.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Keating, moved to have staff return to Council with the requested information prior to July 31, 2021.

- Councilor Semple – asked staff what effect this delay may have on the developers.

VOTE: PASSED 8:0

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Jessica Gebb)

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MINUTES

**Eugene City Council and
Lane Transit District Board of Directors
Virtual Work Session
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**May 26, 2021
12:00 p.m.**

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

Absent: Greg Evans

LTD Directors Present: Caitlin Vargas, Joshua Skov, Emily Secord, Susan Cox, Don Nordin, Steven Yett, Michelle Webber

Mayor Vinis opened the May 26, 2021, work session of the Eugene City Council.

Board President Vargas opened the May 26, 2021, meeting of the Lane Transit District (LTD) Board of Directors.

1. JOINT WORK SESSION: MovingAhead Project Update

Rob Inerfeld, City of Eugene Transportation Planning Manager, and Andrew Martin, Lane Transit District Development Planner, provided a MovingAhead project update.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – expressed agreement with staff to use the current momentum around the River Road Neighborhood Plan to implement River Road corridor improvements; asked staff for further details regarding the public comments given at the October 2019 public hearing; inquired of staff what metrics will be used to project impacts on congestion.
- Councilor Zelenka – expressed his support for EmX and stated it will never be cheaper than now to build this infrastructure; stated he prioritizes Highway 99 and River Road in Tier 1, Coburg Road in Tier 2, and 30th Avenue in Tier 3.
- Councilor Yeh – expressed enthusiasm for the MovingAhead project and would like to see the project positioned to apply for funding as it comes available; stated it makes sense that Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. will not be considered for EmX; thanked LTD for the work it has been doing during the pandemic.
- Councilor Keating – expressed enthusiasm for the proposed enhanced corridors; asked staff how the EmX routes impact the possibility of improving and maintaining the essential neighborhood routes in West and South Eugene.
- Director Skov – stated he shares the enthusiasm for expanding the system; stated the corridors that have the best chance of fostering changes in land use and planning should be front-of-mind because that will make transit more viable.
- Councilor Syrett – stated she concurs with Councilor Zelenka’s comments and has a bias for EmX, particularly for River Road and Highway 99; stated having a robust and reliable transit system will help reduce parking impacts of multi-family housing in neighborhoods; stated the public will need to be re-engaged in a robust manner to gain specific feedback on the work.
- Councilor Semple – expressed her support for having EmX on the proposed corridors; agreed that River Road is a good corridor to start with, along with Highway 99; expressed concern for

the south end of River Road where it was recently turned into a four-lane road and stated she would not like to see those residents lose more of their front yards; shared she appreciates the outreach and public input.

- Councilor Groves – thanked staff for the presentation; shared concerns about congestion, safety, and lack of routes in South Eugene; agreed that Highway 99 would be a good second corridor to enhance as the project moves forward; shared he is supportive of EmX and working with mass transit, but is not supportive of making things inconvenient and pushing people that way, and so would like to find a balance.
- Director Vargas – on behalf of the LTD Board expressed appreciation for the opportunity to meet with City Council to discuss this project; stated she is seeing priorities align with River Road as the first corridor to be enhanced and Highway 99 as the second.
- Director Nordin – stated it is encouraging to feel the coordinated acceptance of the MovingAhead project and appreciates the work done by staff.
- Councilor Semple – asked questions related to funding for smaller projects; stated this is an equity project as well as a climate project; stated she is excited about increasing ridership and improving travel time.
- Councilor Keating – stated he is in favor of EmX corridors but not if it causes a reduction of neighborhood routes; inquired of staff what has been the strategic outreach to businesses along proposed corridors to ensure support by those who will be impacted.
- Councilor Syrett – thanked staff for the presentation and the good work; thanked fellow councilors for their show of support for prioritizing the River Road corridor; asked staff clarifying questions regarding the safety feedback received from the public.
- Director Skov – shared LTD gained much experience working with stakeholders to navigate trade-offs for the West Eugene EmX project, and much of this work occurs at later stages of a project.
- Councilor Zelenka – stated he appreciates that most councilors expressed similar priorities for the proposed routes; stated he would like to learn more about LTD’s climate plan and new electric busses.
- Mayor Vinis – stated she appreciates the clarity by which councilors are identifying priority of routes and agrees with the priorities; shared she remembers from past conversations with staff that there is a difference between “implement” and “implement planning”, which can be challenging for the public and requested for all to be very clear in intent when discussing the project.
- Councilor Keating – shared a constituent’s idea for wrapping buses that travel along Franklin Blvd.
- Director Secord – expressed appreciation for support of the River Road corridor prioritization.
- Councilor Semple – shared she liked the bus wrapping idea brought forward by Councilor Keating’s constituent.
- Director Nordin – shared there has been discussion about bus wraps and branding.
- Director Skov – provided information regarding LTD’s climate action policy, which intends to change transportation and land use systems to decrease dependence on the automobile and increase transit use.
- Councilor Zelenka – stated LTD is a leader in the country for climate action and applauded LTD for its work.
- Councilor Semple – stated it is critical to increase transit use and this can be done by making routes quicker, easier, and free.
- Councilor Keating – agreed that free transit will increase ridership and suggested “Free for All Friday” to begin this effort.
- Mayor Vinis – shared she attended the Mobility Justice listening session and LTD does provide free passes for seniors and a 50 percent discount for students and people with disabilities.

- Councilor Yeh – acknowledged that LTD works hard with limited resources to provide the best service it can; stated LTD has had to shift operations due to the pandemic and asked staff when conversations around ongoing services might resume.
- Director Skov – stated he is always open to having conversations about how to make transit more financially accessible to people; shared the LTD Board of Directors understands that transit is climate equity.

Mayor Vinis adjourned the Eugene City Council meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Board President Vargas adjourned the Lane Transit District Board of Directors meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Jessica Gebb)

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MINUTES

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

**June 9, 2021
12:00 p.m.**

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

Absent: Greg Evans

Mayor Vinis opened the June 9, 2021, work session of the Eugene City Council.

1. WORK SESSION – 1059 Willamette Redevelopment

Business Development Analyst Amanda D’Souza and Economic Development Planner Anne Fifield provided an overview of the proposal by deChase Miksis and Edlen & Company and provided direction on next steps for disposition and redevelopment of 1059 Willamette.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Syrett – asked staff if there is an estimate of the tax deferral for the Multi-Unit Property Tax Exemption (MUPTE) this project intends to apply for and what the estimated taxes on the building will be once it is developed; stated the proposal does meet the Request For Proposals (RFP) criteria; shared she likes the intent of keeping the income-qualified housing component in place for 35 years rather than the typical 20 years, that it will be a pet-friendly building, and that one of the developers resides and has roots in Eugene; stated she would like to see the rents at the HUD Fair Market rate and wondered what options Council has to fill the \$2 million gap in funding.
- Councilor Groves – thanked staff for the presentation and work; shared he likes that this proposal comes from a local developer; asked clarifying questions regarding the affordable housing criteria numbers and the discrepancy between the tax appraisal and market appraisal; stated he is supportive of adding more compact housing such as this project.
- Councilor Keating – asked questions of staff regarding parking and if bus passes for residents will be available from service providers; shared he likes the pet-friendly aspect and hopes any barriers regarding weight restrictions for pets can be mitigated.
- Councilor Semple – shared she served on the evaluating team for this project and likes that it has mixed-income housing and contributes to downtown revitalization; pointed out this project is for middle-income and not low-income individuals; stated it is not surprising that people concerned about low-income and affordable housing do not like this proposal since it gives public land and public money to private developers; stated she thinks Council should wait to decide on this proposal.
- Councilor Yeh – thanked staff for the presentation and agenda materials; shared she likes that this project partners with two local non-profits, Womenspace and Cornerstone Community Housing; asked if the developers are projecting a \$2 million gap with the MUPTE and if the project can move forward while the City works to identify gap funding.
- Councilor Zelenka – thanked staff for providing a clear presentation; stated housing and affordable housing are needed downtown and he likes that 51 percent of the units will be at 80 percent of Area Median Income (AMI); stated he also likes the partnerships with local non-profits, the designation of 10 units for Womenspace, the Leed certification, the 35-year

affordability period, the pet-friendly aspect, and that money from the Gordon Lofts MUPTE will be used to fund the project; stated the architecture is uninspired; shared he thinks the \$1.1 million public investment used to leverage a \$30 million private investment is exactly what is trying to be accomplished in projects like this; stated the proposal is responsive to the RFP and has many public benefits which make him supportive of it.

- Councilor Clark – asked staff to provide an overview of the RFP process and asked clarifying questions; pointed out to those of the public who feel another use for the building should be explored that the RFP process was equitable and provided adequate time for proposals to be developed and submitted.
- Councilor Syrett – asked staff to explain the utility allowance for this proposal; clarified that from inception this project was envisioned as a middle-income development and moving forward with this project does not preclude the building of a publicly funded shelter or additional supportive housing; stated if there was a way to fund the \$2 million gap she would still want to keep the 35-year housing affordability timeline.
- Councilor Semple – stated she likes this project but does not like giving public money to private developers; stated if funding for the \$2 million gap could be identified and used to lower rents it could help significantly, but she does not want the money to come from the City; expressed concern over how much is being given away with the free land; stated she does not like the architecture and does not want a building that will be torn down in 50 years; reminded Council that Councilor Evans is not present and stated she would like Council to postpone making a decision on this proposal.
- Mayor Vinis – shared she agrees with her colleagues that think this is a strong proposal; stated it is important to remember each housing project meets a specific part of the housing need in the community, and the non-profits included in the project are trusted partners in our community and that is a very important component; stated she does not see any particular reason to postpone the vote, as this work session has already been postponed by a month.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct the City Manager to a) enter into exclusive negotiations with the deChase Miksis/Edlen & Company development team for the disposition and redevelopment of 1059 Willamette and b) return to Council with the proposed terms for action. **VOTE: PASSED 6:1**, Councilor Semple opposed.

MOTION: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Yeh, moved to ask the City Manager to bring back to Council options for filling the proposed \$2 million gap in this project in order to set the rents at the HUD Fair Market housing value.

- Councilor Zelenka – asked Councilor Syrett if any source of funding is stipulated in her motion.
- Councilor Clark – stated he does not think the funding options should include general fund money or any sort of facility reserve.
- Councilor Semple – asked if these suggestions would also include non-public funds because she may not support doubling the City's subsidy.
- Councilor Syrett – stated she would like to see an array of options including general fund money though all may not be supported; stated she intended for these options to be funds within the purview of City Council to grant, however she is open to having non-City options brought back as well.
- Councilor Keating – asked Councilor Syrett if this motion could benefit from specificity of the year of the utility allowance used.
- Councilor Syrett – replied to Councilor Keating that she is referring to figures offered by staff in today's presentation.

- Councilor Zelenka – stated he thinks this motion will be good as an educational process for Council and the public but not because it will result in any solutions; stated the project has a \$2 million gap because there are no other options besides a public subsidy, and with a general fund deficit looming in the millions it does not make any sense to him to publicly fund the gap.

VOTE: PASSED 7:0

2. WORK SESSION – Vision, Values, Goals and Process

City Manager Sarah Medary led a discussion to finalize the council's Vision, Values, Goals and Operating Agreements, and suggested voting could be postponed to June 14 due to Councilor Evans' absence.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – stated he would like the vote on these items to be postponed until all councilors can be present; stated that included in this work are good goals but he doesn't think Council works very hard to accomplish them, and gave as an example the inclusion of all points of view in a conversation; asked the City Manager how this will frame her work and direction to staff, and other implications of this work; clarified his comments refer not only to how the council interacts with each other, but also how it ensures that members of the community are able to voice their point of view.
- Councilor Keating – suggested a helpful tool for Council would be to have the Vision, Values and Goals printed and laminated for all to keep handy and review; suggested that Council consider extending the time limit for which the public can sign up to speak at the Public Forum after the Council meeting begins.
- Councilor Zelenka – regarding the Operating Agreements, stated he is concerned about how late in the evening priority goal consent actions often take place and wonders if "consent" should be deleted and priority goal actions should take place before the Public Forum; stated he feels the Public Forum is too long and gets in the way of business that needs to be done and suggested 60 minutes would be sufficient; also suggested that individuals who spoke at the last two Public Forums be moved to the bottom of the next Public Forum to allow more new speakers to participate; stated he would like more than just consent action items to take place before the Public Forum.
- Councilor Semple – agreed that priority goal actions should not take place late at night but it could also be problematic when the discussions go long to have them before the Public Forum, making the public wait; stated she would like to find adequate time for these discussions before the Public Forum or at another meeting; inquired why sign-ups for the Public Forum now begin at 7:15 p.m. when it used to begin at 7:00 p.m. when meetings were in-person; stated she supports the Public Forum sign-up time being extended from 7:35 to 7:40 p.m.; shared she does not feel it is effective to have a number of people come to Public Forums to read the same testimony again and again, and wants the public to be aware that this begins to work against them; encouraged the public to make petitions instead of engaging in email campaigns that fill councilor inboxes with form emails.
- Councilor Groves – stated he agrees with Councilor Zelenka's comments and has heard from constituents that can't break into the Public Forum queue, yet Council hears from the same people saying the same thing week after week; would like to find a way to give new voices a chance to be heard and feels that is part of Council's responsibility.
- Councilor Clark – shared he agrees with the comments made by councilors regarding the repetitive nature of some of the testimony; stated he would prefer to move action items to earlier in the meeting and not pay staff to wait through a Public Forum until they are needed which is inefficient and a waste of money; proposed maintaining a spreadsheet of speakers at Public Forums and allowing a speaker to give testimony eight times per year, after which they

move to the bottom of a Public Forum queue, and stated he feels this is fair and will allow more voices to be heard.

- Councilor Syrett – regarding effective communication to Council, shared that much of the written testimony received about the 1059 Willamette redevelopment project was an identical form email in opposition, with the exception of about a dozen individuallycrafted emails in support which Councilor Syrett especially appreciated because people took time to write their own thoughts and personal perspectives.

Mayor Vinis left the meeting at 1:29 pm.

Councilor Yeh adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Jessica Gebb)

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

MINUTES

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

**June 14, 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 June 14, 2021, meeting of the Eugene City Council in a virtual format.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

In honor of Flag Day, Kyshan Nichols-Smith, a member of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

Mayor Vinis read a proclamation declaring the month of June to be Elder Abuse Awareness Month.
Mayor Vinis read a proclamation declaring the month of June to be LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

- Councilor Syrett stated that at some point in the past, Eugene's Pride Day was moved to August due to the possibility of rain in June and to prevent conflicts with Pride Day in other cities.
- Councilor Keating – shared that Eugene's Pride Day will be August 14 this year.

Mayor Vinis read a proclamation declaring June 19 to be Juneteenth.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

Council Discussion

- Councilor Semple – stated she is concerned because the rent moratorium ends on June 30 and renters will have to pay full rent beginning July 1; provided information for renters to apply for rent and utility assistance through Lane County; shared the foreclosure moratorium goes through the end of September and a Landlord Compensation Fund is available through June 18 and can be accessed on the Lane County website; shared the Springfield Eugene Tenant Association (SETA) has a hotline to provide advice and support.
- Councilor Evans – expressed condolences to Senator James Manning on the passing of his wife, Lawanda; shared the Lane Transit District (LTD) Strategic Planning Committee is continuing its visioning and strategic planning process and welcomes public comment via the LTD website.
- Councilor Keating – echoed condolences to Senator Manning; thanked the Mayor for the three proclamations; thanked the Oregon legislative body for making Juneteenth a state holiday beginning in 2022; shared the Human Services Commission will be hearing from SETA, Homes For Good and the Oregon Law Center on June 21 regarding rent protections, renters' rights and emergency rental assistance; encouraged renters in need to access Lane County's website to apply for assistance.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes
 - February 27, 2021, Goals Workshop
- B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

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

4. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Scott Strickland – (union representative) encouraged continued negotiations with NW Natural Gas.
2. Jeff McGillivray – (union representative) encouraged continued negotiations with NW Natural Gas.
3. Ethan Klein – responded to comments made by councilors regarding repeated testimonies and emails.
4. Sandra Bishop – concerned about construction of EWEB water storage tanks at 40th & Patterson.
5. Zach Mulholland – spoke to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adhering to City's climate goals.
6. Matthew Yook – concerned about limiting public participation and access at the Public Forum.
7. Brittany Quick-Warner – supported carbon reduction goals and continued efforts to find camp sites.
8. Ed McMahon – Homebuilders Assoc. supports consumer choice and working with NW Natural Gas.
9. Tadashi Jones – Owen Lp. business owner affected by vehicle camping and appreciates Council's help.
10. Lin Woodrich – thanked Council for listening to needs and supporting the planning for Bethel.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Syrett – thanked those who spoke at the forum; stated the City's rest stops have reduced the impacts of unsanctioned camping around those sites; shared that multiple identical emails are frustrating and reduce her ability to work effectively and suggested circulation of a petition instead; would like a virtual component to continue to be offered when Council meetings resume in-person; shared there will be a work session on proposed amendments to the council's Operating Agreements.
- Councilor Groves – stated that Council is not attempting to prevent the public from voicing opinions but trying to increase participation by providing access to more people to speak; shared the intent of identifying safe camping sites is to provide more order and safety for camps and the community and that Council will be looking for solutions that are in the best interest of the broader community.
- Councilor Zelenka – stated his proposed amendments to the Operating Agreements are about the council finding a balance to get their work done in an appropriate manner and hear from the community; suggested exploring if residents of rest stops and safe sleeping sites can be part of a Neighborhood Watch or a similar program.
- Mayor Vinis – thanked the public for the diversity of comments and stated these topics are in motion as part of Council's work plan.

5. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Concerning Parking and Storage of Vehicles on Streets, and Amending Sections 5.010, 5.135, 5.225, and 5.265 of the Eugene Code, 1971

Mayor Vinis opened the public hearing.

1. Marty Wilder – said code amendments are a move in the wrong direction and criminalize poverty.
2. Kenlei Cowell – opposed code amendments; said natural disaster refugees and unhoused need options.
3. Scott Rogers – said the Eugene Chamber of Commerce supports these code amendments.
4. Pastor Steve Kimes – suggested tabling code amendments until after safe camp sites are opened.
5. Max Rink – opposed the code amendments and enforcement, focus on human services instead.
6. Sandra Bishop – supported reinstating requirement to post where vehicle has been towed.

Mayor Vinis closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Keating – stated he is concerned that some commercial vehicles may not have markings/logos that exactly match the business name with which they are associated and

requested the City Attorney's Office to review the language included in Section 5.010 with this in mind.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 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**

**June 23, 2021
12:00 p.m.**

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

Mayor Vinis opened the June 23, 2021, work session of the Eugene City Council in virtual format.

Councilor Evans joined the meeting at 12:13 p.m. and left at 1:16 p.m.

Councilor Keating left the meeting at 12:30 p.m. and rejoined at 12:51 p.m.

1. WORK SESSION – Reparations

Policy Analyst Jason Dedrick presented the efforts and best practices of other cities that have created programs to compensate or pursue restorative justice for those who have been impacted by systemic racism including segregation, discrimination, and legal and illegal race-based exclusions.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – asked staff if historical ordinances in Eugene that are particularly targeted to issues of race have been researched; stated he would like to see the City target its own wrongs when being restorative, especially related to housing; suggested the City create a loan program, much like a VA loan program, that guarantees the loan and allows lenders to create a \$0-down home loan for any person of color whose family lived in Eugene during the time it had laws that prevented those families from owning or purchasing homes.
- Councilor Zelenka – stated this is an important conversation about our history and pursuing restorative justice, and likes of the idea of expanding it to the BIPOC community as there are many wrongs to atone for; shared he likes the approach by Providence, RI, with a three-part process of truth, reconciliation, and reparations; shared he is less interested in direct payments and more interested in other types of reparations with emphasis on helping current residents of Eugene that have experienced discrimination, inequity and injustice; stated he likes the idea of loans for home ownership or helping people rent, and providing assistance for minority- and women-owned businesses.
- Councilor Syrett – stated this is an important topic and is grateful to Councilor Evans for bringing forward this work session; said she believes beginning with a robust truth and reconciliation process before types of reparations are discussed will result in the most productive processes; expressed appreciation for the ideas that Councilor Clark suggested and thinks they are top-notch; asked staff if the community might support opportunities to learn more about how to do this work.
- Councilor Yeh – asked staff questions regarding organizations identified in the presentation; shared that she likes Councilor Syrett’s suggestion of having a truth and reconciliation process first and feels this should be a community-led effort to ensure the choices being made are coming from the communities affected and not being done to them.
- Councilor Groves – shared he agrees with much of what other councilors have said and the ideas expressed; stated he thinks it would be helpful not to only focus on the BIPOC community but a broader community group to build better understanding and support for this to be successful; stated he would like anything that is done to be directed multi-generationally;

thanked staff for the presentation and suggested populations of cities be included when they are referenced.

- Councilor Semple – thanked staff for the presentation; agreed that starting with local history is important and that educational outreach is needed; shared she would like to see this effort directed by the community and is interested in restorative justice focused around housing and business assistance.
- Councilor Evans – shared that one of the reasons he put this work session poll forward was because of the national conversations on the topic that have accelerated in the past 10 years; stated he would like to see something that is going to be reasonable, that will reflect the values of the community, and is a way to move forward from a not-so-distant past where there were sundown laws and racial covenants in Eugene.
- Mayor Vinis – agreed it will be important to go through a truth and reconciliation process before jumping to conclusions about the right path; urged all to recognize the different stories and hardships of these groups and the opportunity to provide a targeted response; shared she is interested in finding out more about Mayors Organized for Reparations & Equity (MORE).
- Councilor Clark – shared it is important to him that something meaningful is done for people locally; agreed that an educational component is needed and that the solution be based on what the affected communities have experienced and value.
- Councilor Syrett – expressed appreciation for Mayor Vinis’ comments regarding honoring and recognizing the distinctive character of each peoples’ history and believes it would be a terrible mistake to blend all those histories and experiences together into one; stated she believes Councilor Yeh’s comments were suggesting that BIPOC members should be leaders in helping determine what Council might do to advance restorative justice.
- Councilor Yeh – asked staff about the cities researched, and if the ones that began with a truth phase cast a wide net or focused on individual communities; shared she anticipates this will be a long process and there should be a realistic expectation for the timeline.

2. WORK SESSION – Unhoused Response Update

Assistant City Manager Kristie Hammitt, Public Works Director Matt Rodrigues, and Homeless Systems Policy Manager Peter Chavannes provided an update on temporary urban camps and vehicle camping response and actions related to developing site plans and programming for the establishment of “Safe Parking” and “Safe Tent” sites.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Groves – thanked staff for the presentation; asked if there is any plan to increase the capacity of parking enforcement to ensure the success of the parking code amendments recently passed; asked if there is a strategy to ensure spots are filled at rest stops, microsites and congregate shelters when the safe parking and tent sites are opened; inquired if there is a strategy to conserve camping space and provide a more manageable sheltering option, and gave as an example of inefficiency a single occupant in a 35-ft. motorhome; asked if there is a way to vet the non-profit organizations managing sites to determine how good of a job they will do; stated it would be appreciated if sites can be considered throughout the city to balance out the distribution of the safe parking and safe tent sites.
- Councilor Syrett – expressed appreciation for the work by staff and thinks the three sites highlighted are a good start; stated she would like the public to know that robust neighborhood outreach would not occur until Council has approved a site; stated she is not aware that the non-profits currently running rest stops are not doing a good job both in managing the sites and surrounding area and helping transition residents to permanent housing; reminded the public these safe tent and parking sites are part of many things the City is doing to address the current homelessness crisis, and efforts also include working with state legislators to find funding for

more supportive and affordable housing and shelter options; stated these sites are not part of a long-term solution but part of an emergency solution right now.

- Councilor Clark – asked staff how close the City is to being able to provide sanctioned camping sites for those who need it and allow enforcement of illegal camping; stated he does not feel this will be a successful effort until there is a strategy for dealing with unsanctioned camps and enforcement of illegal camping.
- Councilor Keating – asked staff how it will ensure there is buy-in by neighbors and the business community around the proposed sites; stated the service providers of the rest stop at 34th & Hilyard are asking to expand and he advocates for allowing this expansion of the rest stop; shared it has been brought to his attention that there may need to be diversity awareness or cultural competency training offered for some of the volunteers who provide assistance to the new safe tent and vehicle camping sites, and asked what trainings are available to volunteers.
- Councilor Syrett – stated it is excellent to hear the neighborhood around 34th & Hilyard advocating to expand the rest stop there; expressed appreciation for the support by the Whiteaker Community Council for the sites in Whiteaker and use of Washington Jefferson Park for shelter-in-place camping; noted that Trainsong does not have an active neighborhood association and encouraged staff to partner with Square One Villages to ensure the outreach in that neighborhood is especially robust; stated once the new safe tent and vehicle camping sites are established, the residents of Whiteaker want the Washington Jefferson Park back and do not want camping allowed there, and so will be relying on staff to figure out how that happens.
- Mayor Vinis – expressed appreciation to all and stated it is a great step forward under very trying conditions of never having enough resources or the ability to move fast enough; stated this is promising and expressed appreciation for how much work has been done to get to this point.

Mayor Vinis adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder

(Recorded by Jessica Gebb)

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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Approval of Tentative Working Agenda

Meeting Date: September 13, 2021
Department: Central Services
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 2B
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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City Council Tentative Agenda

Updated September 9, 2021

**** SPECIAL NOTICE ****

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September 2021						
Date	Day	Time	Title		Length	Dept. Contact
13-Sep	Monday	5:30 pm		Community Safety Initiative (Work Session)	90 mins	Kristie Hammitt, CMO
		7:30 pm	 	Committee Reports and Items of Interest Public Forum		
Expected absences for 9/13: none						
15-Sep	Wednesday	12 pm		Ordinance to Finalize Compliance With ORS 197.312(5) for ADUs (Work Session & Poss. Action)	60 mins	Jeff Gepper, PDD
				Census and Ward Population Update (Work Session)	30 mins	Jason Dedrick, CS
Expected absences for 9/15: none						
20-Sep	Monday	5:30 pm	 	Financial Update (Work Session) TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	Twylla Miller, CS
		7:30 pm	  	Ordinance on Comcast Cable Franchise Extension (Public Hearing) Ordinance Granting Franchise to Use Public Way to BNSF Railway (Public Hearing) Ordinance on Ferry Alley Vacation (Public Hearing)		Pam Berrian, CS Pam Berrian, CS Nick Gioello, PDD
Expected absences for 9/20: none						
22-Sep	Wednesday	12 pm		CAP 2.0 Additional Strategies Update (Work Session)	90 mins	Chelsea Clinton, CS



Work Session



Action



Public Hearing



Public Forum



Consent Calendar



Committee Reports/Items of Interest



CC Agenda Changes



Official Matters



Pledge of Allegiance

Expected absences for 9/22: none						
27-Sep	Monday	5:30 p.m.	 Joint Meeting with EWEB Board (Work Session)	90 mins	Ethan Nelson, CS Jeannine Parisi, EWEB	
		7:30 pm	 Committee Reports and Items of Interest  Public Forum  Resolution Annexing Land to City at S. Garden Way (Cornerstone Community Housing) (Consent Calendar #2)		Nick Gioello, PDD	
Expected absences for 9/27: none						
29-Sep	Wednesday	12 pm	 American Rescue Plan Act Update (Work Session)	45 mins	Renee Grube, LRCS Ethan Nelson, CS	
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins		
Expected absences for 9/29: none						

October 2021					
Date	Day	Time	Title	Length	Dept. Contact
11-Oct	Monday	5:30 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
		7:30 pm	 Committee Reports and Items of Interest		Althea Sullivan, PDD
			 Public Forum		
			 Resolution Annexing Land to City of Eugene (Snake River Jessen) (Consent Calendar #2)		
			 Resolution Annexing Land to City of Eugene (Scenic Drive) (Consent Calendar #2)		
			 Ordinance on Comcast Cable Franchise Extension (Action)		
			 Ordinance Granting Franchise to Use Public Way to BNSF Railway (Action)		
			 Ordinance on Ferry Alley Vacation (Action)		
Expected absences for 10/11: none			Location: Bascom/Tykeson Room, Library		
13-Oct	Wednesday	12 pm	 Housing Implementation Pipeline (HIP) Update (Work Session)	90 mins	Amanda Nobel, PDD
Expected absences for 10/13: none					

18-Oct	Monday	5:30 pm	<i>Schedule only as needed</i>			
		7:30 pm	 Ordinance Adding the Crime of Intimidation by Display of a Noose and Increasing Maximum Penalty for Violating EC 4.731 (Bias Crime in the 2 nd Degree) (Public Hearing)		CS	
<i>Expected absences for 10/18: none</i>						<i>Location: Bascom/Tykeson Room, Library</i>
20-Oct	Wednesday	12 pm	 1059 Willamette Proposed Terms (Work Session)	45 mins	Amanda D’Souza, PDD	
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins		
<i>Expected absences for 10/20: none</i>						
20-Oct	Wednesday	5:30 pm	 Budget Committee ARPA Funds Presentation and Discussion (Work Session)		Vicki Silvers, CS	
<i>Expected absences for 10/20: none</i>						<i>Note: Budget Committee Meeting Added</i>
25-Oct	Monday	5:30 p.m.	 Steam Plant Proposed Terms (Work Session)	45 mins	Amanda D’Souza, PDD	
			 Human Rights Commission Report and Work Plan (Work Session)	45 mins	Fabio Andrade, CS	
		7:30 pm	 Committee Reports and Items of Interest  Public Forum			
<i>Expected absences for 10/25: none</i>						<i>Location: Bascom/Tykeson Room, Library</i>
27-Oct	Wednesday	12 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins		
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins		
<i>Expected absences for 10/27: none</i>						
27-Oct	Wednesday	5:30 pm	 Budget Committee ARPA Funds Discussion and Recommendation (Work Session)		Vicki Silvers, CS	
<i>Expected absences for 10/27: none</i>						<i>Note: Budget Committee Meeting Added</i>

November 2021					
Date	Day	Time	Title	Length	Dept. Contact
8-Nov	Monday	5:30 pm	 Ward Boundary Update (Work Session)	45 mins	Jason Dedrick
			 Sustainability Commission Work Plan (Work Session)	45 mins	Chelsea Clinton
		7:30 pm	 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  Committee Reports and Items of Interest  Public Forum  Resolution Annexing Land to City (Joseph Muller) (Consent Calendar 2)		Althea Sullivan, PDD
Expected absences for 11/8: none					
10-Nov	Wednesday	12 pm	 Housing Implementation Pipeline (HIP) Draft Review (Work Session)	45 mins	Amanda Nobel, PDD
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
Expected absences for 11/10: none					
15-Nov	Monday	5:30 pm	Schedule only as needed		
		7:30 pm	 TBD (Public Hearing)		
Expected absences for 11/15: none					
17-Nov	Wednesday	12 pm	 CAP 2.0 Annual Update and Implementation Plan (Work Session)	90 mins	Chelsea Clinton, CS
Expected absences for 11/17: none					
22-Nov	Monday	5:30 p.m.	 Joint Meeting with Eugene Planning Commission (Work Session)	90 mins	Alissa Hansen, PDD
		7:30 pm	 Committee Reports and Items of Interest  Public Forum		
Expected absences for 11/22: none					
24-Nov	Wednesday	12 pm	Schedule only as needed		
Expected absences for 11/24: none					

December 2021						
Date	Day	Time	Title		Length	Dept. Contact
8-Dec	Wednesday	12 pm		City Council Process Session (Work Session)	45 mins	Beth Forrest, CS
				TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
Expected absences for 12/8: none						
8-Dec	Wednesday	5:30 pm		Budget Committee FY22 Supplemental Budget Review (Work Session)		Vicki Silvers, CS
Expected absences for 12/8: none			Note: Budget Committee Meeting Added			
13-Dec	Monday	5:30 p.m.		TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
				TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
		7:30 pm		Committee Reports and Items of Interest		Finn Cronin, CS
				Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of FY21 Annual Financial Report (Consent Calendar 1)		
	Public Forum					
				URA - Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of FY21 URA Annual Financial Report (Action)	Finn Cronin, CS	
				FY22 City of Eugene Supplemental Budget (Public Hearing and Action)	Liz Butterfield, CS	
					FY22 URA Supplemental Budget (Public Hearing and Action)	Liz Butterfield, CS
Expected absences for 12/13: none						
15-Dec	Wednesday	12 pm		TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
				TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
Expected absences for 12/15: none						

Council Break: December 16 – January 5

January 2022						
Date	Day	Time	Title		Length	Dept. Contact
5-Jan	Wednesday	5:30 pm	2022 State of the City			Niyah Ross, CS
Expected absences for 1/5:						
10-Jan	Monday	5:30 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins		
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins		
		7:30 pm	Election of 2022 City Council Officers  Committee Reports and Items of Interest  Public Forum			
Expected absences for 1/10: none						
12-Jan	Wednesday	12 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins		
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins		
Expected absences for 1/12: none						
18-Jan	Tuesday	5:30 pm	Schedule only as needed			
		7:30 pm	 Ordinance Updating Public Contracting Code Provisions an Exemptions (Public Hearing)		Becky Wheeler, CS	
Expected absences for 1/18: none						
19-Jan	Wednesday	12 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins		
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins		
Expected absences for 1/19: none						
24-Jan	Monday	5:30 p.m.	 Housing Implementation Pipeline Review and Action (Work Session)	90 mins	Amanda Nobel, PDD	
		7:30 pm	 Committee Reports and Items of Interest  Public Forum  Ordinance Updating Public Contracting Code Provisions an Exemptions (Action)		Becky Wheeler, CS	
Expected absences for 1/24: none						

26-Jan	Wednesday	12 pm	 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	
			 TBD (Work Session)	45 mins	

Expected absences for 1/26: 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
Response to Hate Crimes – <i>public hearing scheduled October 18</i>	Clark	03/18/21
Reparations (two-part work session) – <i>Part 1 held June 23</i>	Evans	03/18/21
Waste Management at Large Events	Semple	04/08/21
Funding Source for Climate Change and Homelessness	Zelenka	05/10/21
Follow-Up Work Sessions to be Scheduled		
TAC Implementation – <i>ongoing</i>		
Naming Policy –		
Steam Plant Deal Points – <i>scheduled October 25</i>		

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS			
Date of Public Hearing	Title	Description	Staff Contact
September 20 (7:30 p.m.)	Ordinance on Comcast Right-of-Way Franchise Extension	Ordinance to extend the existing Comcast cable franchise from December 2021 to December 2022. Comcast negotiation staff workload, as well as the likelihood of additional legal petitions and potential legal decisions make it unlikely that franchise renewal negotiations can be concluded in time for an Ordinance to be adopted by December 21, 2021. A table of currently unsettled negotiation topics will be provided as part of the agenda packet. Comcast, as well as the other local franchising authorities, Lane County and City of Springfield, agree that a one-year extension is needed.	Pam Berrian 541-682-5590
September 20 (7:30 p.m.)	Ordinance Granting Franchise to use Public Way to Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad	Ordinance Granting to the BNSF Railway a Non-Exclusive Franchise to Use the Public Way to Construct and Maintain Private Commercial Facilities Within the City of Eugene. The current 20-year franchise sunsets December 2021. The franchise has been updated and reviewed by the City Attorney, including provisions relating to indemnification and insurance obligations. BNSF RR staff are agreeable to the City's terms.	Pam Berrian 541-682-5590

September 20 (7:30 p.m.)	Ordinance Vacating Ferry Alley Between E.3 rd and E.2 nd	The applicant is requesting vacation of Ferry Alley between E. 3rd Avenue and E. 2nd Alley to create a "woonerf", also known as a "living street", providing a mix of parking, traffic calming devices, and landscaped outdoor spaces. The alley vacation will maintain through-access for vehicles, while also providing an opportunity for pedestrians and cyclists to engage with the enhanced outdoor space and adjacent businesses.	Nick Gioello 541-682-5453
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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Public Forum

Meeting Date: September 13, 2021
Department: Central Services
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 3
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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