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WELCOME TO THE 2025 CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN THIS VIRTUAL MEETING FORMAT WHERE THERE IS NO OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

THOSE WISHING TO ACCESS THE MEETING CAN WATCH THE LIVE STREAM ON OUR WEBSITE, BROADCAST ON COMCAST CHANNEL 21 OR BY CALLING INTO ONE OF THE NUMBERS LISTED ON THE PUBLIC WEBCAST AND MEETING MATERIALS WEBSITE.

I CALL THE JUNE 11, 2025 WORK SESSION OF THE EUGENE CITY COUNCIL TO ORDER.

I WILL TURN IT OVER TO CITY MANAGER TO INTRODUCE OUR FIRST TOPIC TODAY.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR.

I WILL BE INTRODUCING OUR FIRST AND ACTUALLY ONLY TOPIC FOR TODAY.

AS YOU KNOW WE PERIODICALLY HAVE A TOPIC CALLED CITY MANAGER UPDATE.

THOSE TEND TO BE TOPICS EMERGING, IMPORTANT, SOMETHING THAT I FEEL I NEED TO BRING TO YOU OR A TIME WHEN YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO DROP OFF YOUR CALENDAR AND WE HAVE AN OPENING.

AND WE CAN USE THAT TIME TO SHARE IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

TODAY WE HAD SOME TOPICS THAT NEEDED TO DROP OFF AND A NUMBER OF YOU HAVE BEEN ASKING ME ABOUT IMPACTS TO THE CITY AROUND CHANGES AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

SO WE'RE GOING TO USE THAT TIME TODAY TO GIVE YOU A FEW UPDATES.

YOU HAVE BEEN ASKING ABOUT THIS LITERALLY SINCE LATE JANUARY.

I KEPT SAYING WE'RE MONITORING, WE'RE MONITORING.

WE HAVE MORE DIRECT AND PHOTO SHARE ABOUT KNOWING IMPACTS BUT WE ARE IN A REGULARLY AND RAPIDLY CHANGING ENVIRONMENT.

I WAS THINKING ABOUT THE IF I USE A WATER METAPHOR THERE ARE SOME THINGS HAPPENING LIKE A ROCK FALLING IN THE POND, EVERYBODY KNOWS ABOUT IT.

OTHER THINGS ARE BUBBLING UP CREATING UNCERTAINTY AND HOPEFULLY TODAY WE'LL DO A BIT OF A MIX OF BOTH OF THOSE.

I WANT TO GIVE A LOT OF KUDOS AND THANKS TO ETHAN NELSON, TRACKING THINGS FOR THE CITY AND REACHING OUT TO PARTNERS AND ASKING FOR INFORMATION FROM THEM.

CORRECTING A LOT OF INFORMATION AND EVEN AS HE COLLECTS IT IT'S BEEN CHANGING.

I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SURPRISED TO HAVE GOTTEN A TEXT RIGHT BEFORE NOON WITH NEW INFORMATION.

IT'S RAPIDLY CHANGING, HARD TO HAVE A CONSISTENTLY UPDATED PLATFORM.

I HOPE TO GIVE YOU A TOUCH AND FEEL FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING AND GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING FROM YOU ABOUT HOW YOU WANT TO BE UP INDICATED AND WHAT INFORMATION YOU WANT GOING FORWARD.

THE OTHER THING I WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS WHEN WE'RE GATHERING INFORMATION FROM OUR STAFF OR FROM OUR PARTNERS, THOSE THINGS THAT WE KNOW THAT ARE CERTAIN.

THINGS THAT ARE FUNDS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD OR FROZEN OR GRANTS OR IN OUR HAND THAT WE CAN READ.

THOSE ARE THE THINGS I WILL TRY TO FOCUS MOST OF MY TIME ON.

THERE'S A WHOLE LOT OF, WELL, IF THIS PASSES, IF THIS BUDGET PASSES.

I WILL MENTION THOSE BUT WE TRY TO SIMILAR TO HOW WE MANAGE THROUGH CODA, TRY NOT TO REACT IN ANY STEP UNTIL IT WAS MORE CLEAR WHAT IMPACTS BEFORE THEY RESPONDED.

I DON'T WANT TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME ON THE WHAT IFS.

I WILL START WITH THE CITY OF EUGENE THEN WE'LL PAUSE AND I'LL COME BACK AND TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT LANE COUNTY.

LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRIMARILY, WE'LL SEE WHERE THAT TAKES US.

AGAIN I HAVE TALKED WITH SOME OF YOU ABOUT THIS BEFORE BUT SOME OF THIS MAY BE REPETITIVE.

ON THE GOOD NEWS FRONT, CITY OF EUGENE, MOST OF OUR REGULAR OPERATIONS ARE NOT FUNDED WITH FEDERAL DOLLARS.

MOST ARE LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUES SO WE'RE NOT IF YOU THINK ABOUT THE PIE, THE PART OF OUR PIE THAT IS REALLY IMPACTIVE IS ACTUALLY MORE AROUND INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROJECTS, HOUSING, THOSE THINGS.

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE OUR OPERATIONS LIKE FIRE DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT.

THERE MAY BE ELEMENTS INSIDE THAT THAT MAY BE FUNDED BUT WE'RE IN FAR BETTER POSITION THAN SOME.

SO WE HAVE A LOT OF GRANTS AND FUNDING STREAMS.

WITHIN THAT WE HAVE WITHIN THE THINGS THAT ARE FEDERALLY FUNDED -- THIS IS A LOT TO SHARE.

WE HAVE SOME THINGS THAT ARE GRANTS THAT WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED.

THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN AWARDED AND PROJECTS ARE UNDER WAY.

WE'RE RECEIVING THOSE FUNDS.

SOME OF THOSE ARE CHANGING.

WE HAVE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO US BUT WE HAVE NOT SIGNED OR DRAWN FUNDS YET.

WE'RE IN THAT CONTRACT REVIEW STATE.

THEN WE HAVE PROJECTS AND PLANS INCLUDING THINGS IN THE CIP, THAT ARE PLANS FOR FUTURE FEDERAL FUNDS WE HAVEN'T APPLIED FOR YET BUT WE'RE SEEING AS THINGS ARE CHANGING THERE'S SOME URGENCY TO THAT.

TRY TO BE REALLY CLEAR ABOUT WHICH OF THOSE I'M TALKING ABOUT BECAUSE ALL HAVE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT IMPACTS AND LEVELS OF UNCERTAINTY.

I'M GOING TO START WITH THE AIRPORT.

I THINK THE AIRPORT IS ONE WE KNOW A LITTLE MORE BECAUSE WE'RE SEEING THOSE IMPACTS MORE QUICKLY.

ALSO BECAUSE IT HAS SUCH A HUGE IMPACT ON OUR LOCAL INDUSTRIES FROM OUR UNIVERSITIES, TO TRAVEL, TO JUST ECONOMICALLY THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND BEYOND, CORVALLIS, EVEN FARTHER.

IT DOES HAVE A LOT OF INTEREST.

AND IT RELIES A LOT ON FEDERAL DOLLARS.

SO A COUPLE OF GOOD EXAMPLES THAT FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY, WE HAVE FOUR PROJECTS AND MAYBE EVEN THE AIRPORT ADMINISTRATOR, THEY CAN WEIGH IN TOO, WE HAVE FOUR PROJECTS THIS SUMMER THAT WERE SLATED FOR CONSTRUCTION, REALLY IMPORTANT PROJECTS, PROBABLY $14 MILLION WORTH.

THOSE FUNDS ARE ON HOLD.

THE FEDERAL FUNDS ARE ON HOLD.

SO SOME OF THOSE, TWO OF THOSE WE'RE GOING TO KEEP ON HOLD.

UNFORTUNATELY FOR US THE AIRPORT, THE CONCOURSE A EXPANSION IS ON HOLD INDEFINITELY RELATED TO REQUIREMENTS IN THE GRANT AGREEMENTS THAT WE CAN'T COMPLY WITH.

THIS IS NOT NEW.

LET ME JUST SAY WE REVIEW CONTRACTS, HAVE BEEN REVIEWING THEM MY ENTIRE CAREER, TRYING TO SAY CAN WE OR CAN'T WE COMPLY WITH THE GRANTS.

IF THERE'S SOMETHING WE CAN CHANGE.

SOMETIMES WE CAN'T.

THIS IS A SITUATION WHERE THINGS ARE CHANGING SO THINGS WE PREVIOUSLY COULD HAVE COMPLIED WITH NOW WE CAN'T BASED ON LANGUAGE CHANGES.

SO FROM A LOCAL IMPACT STANDPOINT THOSE FOUR PROJECTS WOULD BE ON HOLD EXCEPT TWO OF THEM WE THINK ARE URGENT AND CRITICAL ENOUGH WE'RE SHIFTING THE FUNDING TO LOCAL AIRPORT REVENUE.

THOSE ARE REVENUES THAT THE AIRPORT SHIFTS ABOUT I THINK ABOUT IF IT'S BOTH PROJECTS AROUND $8 MILLION, MAYBE A LITTLE LESS, THAT SHIFTS TO JUST THE CITY OF EUGENE PAYING FOR AND THAT AIRPORT PAYING FOR, NOT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUT WE NEED TO DO THAT WORK TO BE READY TO KEEP IT SAFE AND OPERATING AND ALSO BE READY SHOULD THOSE OTHER FUNDS OPEN UP.

THAT'S A REALLY GOOD SPECIFIC, CONCOURSE A, I THINK, IS PRETTY IMPORTANT FOR MOST.

WE HAVE A WHOLE LOT OF OTHER -- THOSE ARE PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN AWARDED.

THERE'S A LOT MORE YOU THINK ABOUT OVER ALL A LOT MORE THAT WE WOULD HAVE BEEN THINKING WE WON'T BE ABLE TO.

WHEN I TALK ABOUT THE AWARD THIS YEAR GENERALLY FOR THE CITY OF EUGENE MOSTLY IN PUBLIC WORKS WE'RE AT ABOUT A $30 MILLION PAUSE ACROSS ALL PROJECTS.

PROBABLY 50-PLUS IN THE FUTURE THINGS WE KNEW LIKE IMMINENTLY WE

WOULD BE APPLYING FOR.

IT'S A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT ESPECIALLY THE AIRPORT.

ANOTHER GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF THINGS WE'RE SEEING ARE THE AMAZON CREEK RESTORATION, MUCH SMALLER PROJECT BUT ONE WHERE IT'S FUNDED BY FEMA AND WE RECEIVED THE FUNDS THROUGH THE STATE TO DO THE PROJECT.

WE'RE MIDWAY.

PROJECT IS NOT COMPLETE.

WE'RE NOT GOING TO COMPLETE IT IN THIS YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION WINDOW.

SO NORMALLY WE WOULD TELL THE STATE THEY WOULD APPLY FOR AN EXTENSION AND WE CAN DO THAT.

THE STATE IS HAVING TO DO EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE DOING.

THEY ARE LOOKING AT ALL OF THE GRANTS, FUNDING REQUIREMENTS COMING FROM FEMA TO DETERMINE IF THEY ACTUALLY CAN RECEIVE THOSE FUNDS.

IF THEY CAN'T RECEIVE THOSE FUNDS THEY CAN'T PASS THEM TO US.

WHAT THEY ARE BEING TOLD BY THE AGENCIES ARE THE PROCESS TO EXTEND IS GOING TO BE MUCH MORE RIGOROUS AND WILL INCLUDE MUCH MORE REQUIREMENTS.

SO IT'S UNCERTAIN.

IN THAT CASE WE HAVE NOT 50 MILLION BUT WE HAVE TWO TO $3 MILLION WORTH OF WORK THAT WOULD NEED TO BE ABSORBED LOCALLY TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT OR WE DON'T COMPLETE THE PROJECT.

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT HOW WE'RE BUDGETING AND FORECASTING IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN THESE WILL ALL HAVE IMMEDIATE AND LONG-LASTING RIPPLE EFFECTS.

THERE'S ABOUT PROBABLY $32 MILLION IN KNOWN FEDERAL FUNDS AND PROJECTS IMMEDIATELY IMPACTED AT RISK OR ON HOLD.

THAT 30 MILLION WE'RE LOOKING AT EVERY SINGLE CONTRACT.

WE HAVE THE RIGHT TEAM AND THE RIGHT PROCESS.

YOU HAVE YOUR DEPARTMENT BUDGET MANAGERS AND EXECUTIVES, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ALL WORKING INITIALLY MAKING SURE DOUBLE-CHECKING DETERMINING ARE THERE PLACES WHERE A POLICY SHIFT COULD ALLOW US TO COMPLY OR MAYBE GETTING CLARIFICATION FROM AN AGENCY ON WHAT LANGUAGE MEANS.

WE'LL WORK THROUGH THOSE AND RELEASE THEM AND FIND THOSE AS WE CAN.

THAT'S WHY THERE'S STILL A LOT OF UNCERTAINTY.

SIMILARLY ONE OF THE AREAS OF OUR BUDGET HAS SOME ONGOING OPERATIONAL FUNDING FROM FEDERAL FUNDS CDBG FUNDS.

WE HAVE THE FUNDING THAT WE HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED AS PART OF THIS YEAR'S BUDGET, AND WE'RE REVIEWING THOSE TERMS TO DETERMINE CAN WE RECEIVE THOSE AND DEPEND ON THOSE.

THEY ARE IN THAT SAME PROCESS, JUST ON HOLD.

THE BIGGER QUESTION WHAT PEOPLE ARE REALLY TALKING ABOUT IS WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE NEXT FEDERAL BUDGET AND WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE PROGRAMS.

THERE'S A LOT OF SPECULATION ABOUT THAT AROUND WHAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED OR WHAT'S BEEN TALKED ABOUT, BUT UNTIL WE GET CLOSER IT'S REALLY -- I DON'T WANT TO SEND OUT TOO MANY FLARES.

PART OF MY JOB IS TO STAY NEUTRAL AND APOLITICAL.

FOR THAT REASON IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION WE CAN POINT YOU TO THE SOURCES TO GET THAT AND WE CAN PROVIDE IT.

I THINK BIG THINGS FROM THE CITY.

IF I MISSED SOMETHING YOU MAY JUMP IN HERE.

I'M GOING TO PAUSE AND TALK ABOUT THE CITY THEN SWITCH TO LANE COUNTY AND BEYOND.

MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, CITY MANAGER.

ANY QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?

IF THERE'S AN AREA YOU'RE CURIOUS ABOUT THAT I DIDN'T MENTION FEEL FREE TO BRING THAT UP.

THIS IS A DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING.

MAYOR KNUDSON: COUNCILOR KASHINSKY.

COUNCILOR KASHINSKY: THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK --

>> COUNCILOR, IS YOUR MIKE ON?

COUNCILOR KASHINSKY: THANK YOU FOR THE WORK YOU'RE DOING TRACKING THIS.

I KNOW THIS IS A HUGE TASK TO KEEP TRACK OF ALL THE CHANGES THAT ARE HAPPENING.

WHAT ARE THE -- TYPES OF AREAS WHERE THEY ARE ASKING FOR POLICY SHIFTS OR PUTTING REQUIREMENTS IN THAT WE FEEL WE CAN'T MEET FOR THESE GRANTS?

>> WELL, SO KATHERINE, DO YOU WANT ME TO ANSWER THAT OR ME TO JUMP IN.

>> I'M HAPPY TO LET YOU TAKE IT.

SOME OF THEM HAVE NOT MADE IT TO ME YET.

AFTER EVERYBODY HAS DONE THEIR REVIEW AND EVERYTHING IS INITIALED I WILL TAKE A FINAL LOOK AT IT.

SOME OF THE THINGS ARE SOME OF THE LANGUAGE AROUND DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION REQUIREMENTS.

IT'S NOT THAT WHAT THEY ARE SAYING IS NOT ACHIEVABLE IT'S THAT BEFORE WE SIGN ON THE LINE THAT SAYS WHOEVER SIGNS THIS COULD GO TO JAIL WE WANT TO JUST DOUBLE CHECK AND MAKE SURE OUR POLICIES ARE IN ALIGNMENT.

SO FOR EXAMPLE I JUST WANT TO THINK ABOUT THE RIGHT LANGUAGE.

THE PIECE AROUND MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING THAT IS CROSSING SOME FEDERAL LAW.

THERE ARE DEI POLICIES ARE IN ALIGNMENT WITH WHATEVER KATHERINE CAN TELL YOU.

WE WANT TO LOOK AT EVERYTHING THAT WE'RE DOING, MAKE SURE THAT IT ACTUALLY IT'S ALL LAWFUL.

WE ALWAYS DO THAT.

THAT'S ONE.

WE'RE SURE OF THAT.

THERE'S SOME LANGUAGE AROUND IMMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT THAT WOULD REQUIRE US TO COOPERATE AND THAT LANGUAGE IS IN CONFLICT WITH STATE LAW AROUND SANCTUARY STATE AND IT'S -- COULD BE IN CONFLICT WITH YOUR LOCALLY ADOPTED PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALS.

SO THOSE THINGS ARE -- THERE WAS SOMETHING THERE THAT WAS A COUNCIL POLICY THAT YOU COULD SHIFT WE WOULD BRING THAT TO YOU.

BUT STATE LAW IT'S A BIT OF A DIFFERENT SITUATION.

THEN THERE'S OTHER LANGUAGE THAT IS NOT RELATED TO THAT THAT'S MORE AROUND THE CERTAINTY OF THE FUNDING.

I WON'T GET THIS RIGHT BUT IT'S ALMOST LIKE AT ANY TIME WE CAN STOP DOING THIS.

RIGHT?

AT ANY POINT FOR ANY REASON WE CAN STOP.

I CAN'T REMEMBER HOW IT WAS WORDED BUT ESSENTIALLY PUTS US IN A POSITION THAT IF WE INITIATE A PROJECT AND GET INTO IT SIMILAR TO OUR AMAZON CREEK AND THEY DECIDE THEY WON'T DO IT ANY MORE THEN WE HAVE NOW PUT THE COMMUNITY ON THE HOOK FOR FUNDS THAT WE HAD NOT INTENDED TO.

WE WANT TO BE REALLY CAREFUL ABOUT FINDING ANYTHING LIKE THAT THAT COULD CREATE THAT FINANCIAL UNCERTAINTY.

>> THANK YOU.

I MAY NOT PHRASE THIS CORRECTLY BUT I WANT TO KIND OF GET THIS OUT THERE.

I KNOW THAT OUR COMMUNITY AND A LOT OF MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY HAVE CERTAIN VALUES PARTICULARLY SURROUNDING INCLUSION, PARTICULARLY SURROUNDING THE WAY WE TREAT MEMBERS OF VARIOUS COMMUNITIES THAT THESE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN FAIRLY HOSTILE TO.

MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT COMPLYING WITH FEDERAL LAW, WHEN IT COMES TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION, THAT'S SOME EXISTING LONGSTANDING LAWS THAT SAY WE'RE NOT GOING TO DISCRIMINATE BASED ON RACE OR GENDER, FOR EXAMPLE.

AS OPPOSED TO LAWS THAT SAY WE'RE ONLY GOING TO RECOGNIZE TWO BIOLOGICAL GENDERS.

THAT SORT OF THING.

ARE WE SEEING ANY OF THAT CONFLICT SURROUNDING SOME OF THOSE VALUES WHERE THERE ARE THINGS COMING OUT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SAYING WE'RE GOING TO NOT RECOGNIZE PEOPLE WHO ARE NONBINARY?

AND IF THOSE KINDS OF THINGS START COMING OUT THAT ARE A LITTLE BIT LESS CLEAR THAN HEY WE'RE NOT GOING TO DISCRIMINATE, WOULD WE -- WE WOULD HAVE A POLICY DISCUSSION BEFORE WE STARTED CHANGING THOSE SORT OF THINGS.

IS THAT CORRECT?

>> I SEE KATHERINE --

>> WHAT WE HAVE SEEN SO FAR AROUND THE DEI LANGUAGE AND THE GRANT AGREEMENTS IS SPECIFIC TO YOUR POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND SUCH DO NOT VIOLATE FEDERAL ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS.

ANY ANALYSIS WE'RE DOING LIKE SARAH SAID WE DO TO ENSURE THAT OUR PROGRAMS ARE IN ALIGNMENT BUT IT'S ABOUT TITLE 7 FEDERAL LAW OF TITLE 7.

THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING.

WE HAVEN'T SEEN SOMETHING THAT WOULD RUN IN CONFLICT WITH GENERALLY LIKE YOU HAVE REFERENCED RESOLUTIONS HAVE BELONGING

AND RECOGNITION.

WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT YET.

BUT AS SARAH MENTIONED IT'S FLUID BUT WE HAVE NOT SEEN MENTION OF THAT.

>> IT'S ALL CONNECTED TO FEDERAL ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW.

>> LONGSTANDING FREE EXISTING, NOT EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT CAME OUT FIVE MINUTES AGO.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

BUT LONGSTANDING AND WITHIN THE CONTEXT AS ALL OF OUR LAWS ARE, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF CASE LAW.

YOU DO HAVE MORE RECENT CASE LAW OUT OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT BACK TWO YEARS NOW REGARDING THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION DECISION THAT CAME OUT WHICH THEY MORE CLOSELY DEFINED WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE SOMETHING VIOLATE A FEDERAL -- SO YES, THE LONGSTANDING FEDERAL LAWS BUT ALSO WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF CASE LAW AS IT ALWAYS IS.

BUT NO, NOT BASED ON AN EXECUTIVE ORDER.

THE EXECUTIVE ORDER IS DIRECTION TO FEDERAL AGENCIES, NOT LAW THAT APPLIES DIRECTLY TO A LOCAL JURISDICTION SUCH AS OURS.

HOWEVER WE ARE ALSO PAYING VERY CLOSE ATTENTION TO GRANT AGREEMENTS THAT CROSS REFERENCE EXECUTIVE ORDERS SO WE'RE CHECKING ALL OF THOSE TOO.

>> THE LANGUAGE I WAS STRUGGLING WITH EARLIER AROUND CHANGING PRIORITIES, HERE'S AN EXAMPLE LANGUAGE.

FUNDING CAN BE DETERMINATED IN AN AWARD NO LONGER AFFECTUATES THE PROGRAM GOALS OR AGENCY PRIORITIES.

THAT'S PRETTY VAGUE.

THOSE ARE THE ONES WHERE AS I HAVE SAID TO FOLK WOULD I PUT MY FAMILY, WOULD I PUT MY OWN PERSONAL SAVINGS AT RISK AND IF I WOULDN'T BE WILLING TO DO THAT WE PROBABLY SHOULDN'T BE WILLING TO PUT THE CITY'S AT RISK, RIGHT?

IT'S SO UNCLEAR AND VAGUE.

THAT'S WHERE WE NEED MORE CLARITY AND TIME.

COUNCILOR KASHINSKY: ON A DIFFERENT TRACK ARE WE SEEING IMPACTS OR REQUESTS IN AREAS OUTSIDE OF FUNDING THAT ARE BEING CHALLENGING IN SOME WAY OR ANOTHER?

I AM NOT QUITE SURE HOW TO ASK THAT BUT I KNOW A LOT OF THE FOCUS HAS BEEN ON THE FUNDING IMPACTS.

ARE WE SEEING OTHER IMPACTS OR OTHER REQUESTS THAT ARE CHALLENGING?

>> I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT.

WE GET QUESTIONS ABOUT IMMIGRATION AND ENFORCEMENT AND WHAT IS THE CITY'S ROLE AND THE STATE'S ROLE, BUT WE HAVEN'T BEEN TO MY KNOWLEDGE APPROACHED BY ANYBODY ASKING US TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAT'S OUTSIDE OF THE GRANT AGREEMENTS.

COUNCILOR KASHINSKY: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

AGAIN THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO IS TRACKING THIS AND DOING THE WORK ON THIS.

I KNOW IT'S VERY DIFFICULT RIGHT NOW.

THANKS.

MAYOR KNUDSON: OTHER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?

I HAVE TWO QUICK CLARIFYING QUESTIONS, CITY MANAGER.

ONE YOU MENTIONED NEAR THE TOP, 14 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS ON HOLD FOR FOUR PROJECTS.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE DESCRIBING CONCOURSE A AS ONE.

WHAT WERE THE OTHER TWO?

>> ONE OF THEM I KNOW WHICH IS ON THIS LINE.

THE OTHER TWO IS IF YOU GET IT AND YOU'RE RIGHT HERE ONE IS A JOINAGE PROJECT.

>> I CAN HELP OUT.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR, COUNCILORS.

THERE ARE FOUR PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE AIRPORT THAT SARAH WAS REFERENCING.

ONE IS NET ZEROING INNER PROJECT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, DISCRETIONARY GRANT.

THERE'S A GRANT ASSOCIATED WITH DRAINAGE PROJECT FOR THE 34-R RUNWAY AT THE AIRPORT.

THERE'S THE CONCOURSE A EXPANSION PROJECT AND THE CONCOURSE A ASPHALT APRON.

THAT'S THE ASPHALT SURROUNDING CONCOURSE A.

SO WE ARE MOVING FORWARD THIS SUMMER WITH CONCOURSE A ASPHALT APRON WORK AS WELL AS THE 34 R RUNWAY DRAINAGE PROJECT.

THOSE WE FELT WERE URGENT, NEEDED TO BE DONE TO ADDRESS SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL ISSUES AT THE AIRPORT, SO WE'RE USING OUR AIRPORT REVENUE DOLLARS TO SUPPORT THOSE PROJECTS MOVING FORWARD.

THE OTHER TWO ARE ON HOLD JUST PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS OF THE GRANT LANGUAGE AND SO WE'RE NOT ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THOSE UNFORTUNATELY.

IT'S BEEN A STRESSFUL AND DISAPPOINTING TIME FOR AIRPORT STAFF WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR A LONG TIME TO ADVANCE THESE PROJECTS.

WE'RE DOING THE BEST WE CAN.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

APPRECIATE THAT UPDATE.

THANKS TO ALL THE TEAM MEMBERS FOR A LOT OF GOOD WORK THAT'S GONE INTO THESE IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENTS.

IT'S HELPFUL TO UNDERSTAND THAT SHIFT TOWARDS MAKING SURE THE AIRPORT IS READY AND SAFE IN OPERATIONS.

THAT CLARIFICATION HELPS A LOT.

THAT'S 14 MILLION FEDERAL FUNDS ASSOCIATED TO THE AIRPORT THEN SARAH MENTIONED 32 MILLION TOTAL ABOUT CURRENTLY EITHER IMMEDIATELY IMPACTED AT RISK OR ON HOLD.

CONCEPTUALLY FOR PEOPLE ABOUT HALF OF THE FUNDS IMPACTED AT THE AIRPORT AND A LITTLE MORE THAN HALF DISTRIBUTED ACROSS THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY PRIMARILY IN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, AND POTENTIALLY HOUSING?

>> YES.

THAT 30 MILLION IS MADE UP OF A NUMBER OF THINGS FROM SMALLER GRANTS FOR REMOVING HAZARDOUS FUELS FROM NATURAL AREAS AND PARK LANDS, CONSTRUCTION OF THE PARK TRAIL, THE TRAINSONG PARK REMEDIATION.

THESE ARE ALL FUNDS WE KNOW WE'RE REVIEWING TO MAKE SURE WE CAN.

OTHER USDA FUELS.

ACQUISITION DOLLARS.

AMAZON CREEK, THE RUNWAYS.

YES.

THAT'S MOST OF IT.

THOSE ARE ALL -- THE 50 MILLION IS A WHOLE LOT OF THINGS.

THE AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, OTHER FUNDING SOURCES THAT WE JUST KNOW ARE LIKELY TO BE IMPACTED.

MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU.

APPRECIATE THAT CLARIFICATION.

>> SARAH, IF I MAY, IF WE'RE EXPECTING ANOTHER AGREEMENT NEEDED HASN'T YET SIGNED A FUNDING AGREEMENT OR MAY BE MOVING INTO ANOTHER PHASE BUT WOULD NEED A FUNDING AGREEMENT.

THAT RIGHT NOW IS WHERE THE AWKWARDNESS FOR SOME OF OUR PROJECTS LIES.

>> THANK YOU.

A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THOSE KINDS OF DETAILS.

THAT'S ALSO A GOOD REMINDER.

MANY FACES TO SOME OF THESE PROJECTS.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL CLARIFYING OR OTHERWISE BEFORE WE HEAD INTO MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PARTNER JURISDICTIONS?

OKAY.

COUNCILOR EVANS.

COUNCILOR EVANS: WHAT THESE COMPLICATIONS, HOW DO ANY OF THESE DELAYS JEOPARDIZE NOT JUST THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECTS BUT IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS IN TERMS OF TIMELINESS AND, YOU KNOW, BEING ABLE TO MEET CERTAIN OTHER FEDERAL STANDARDS THAT WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MEET BECAUSE THESE PROJECTS ARE ON HOLD.

OR DELAYED.

FUNDS ARE DELAYED.

I'M NOT BEING VERY ELEGANT IN THE QUESTION.

>> I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

COUNCILOR EVANS: DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHERE I'M COMING FROM ON THAT?

>> I DON'T THINK WE HAVE FULLY EVALUATED THAT BUT WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IS WHAT IS THE TRICKLE DOWN.

WHAT HAVE WE COMMITTED TO THAT WE NEED TO IMPLEMENT THAT WAS DEPENDING ON THIS WORK.

COUNCILOR EVANS: EXACTLY.

>> I DON'T HAVE A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THAT BUT THAT'S A GOOD POINT.

I WILL TRY TO PUT SOME THOUGHT INTO THAT AND FOLLOW UP WITH YOU.

COUNCILOR EVANS: CAN WE MAYBE GET A LIST OF THOSE PROJECTS OR ITEMS THAT WOULD BE -- I DON'T WANT TO SAY JEOPARDIZED BUT TO SAY THAT THEY WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED IN A NEGATIVE WAY?

>> SO I THINK WE COULD GIVE YOU SORT OF THE AREAS OF CONCERN.

WHAT I HAVE HESITATED TO WANT TO DO IS CREATE A LIST THAT SOMEBODY COULD JUST THEN TAKE AND SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR LIST.

WE HAVE JUST ELIMINATED ALL THIS FUNDING.

COUNCILOR EVANS: I GOT YOU.

I GOT YOU.

WE DON'T WANT TO SHOW OUR HAND.

>> BUT WE CAN DEFINITELY GIVE SOME EXAMPLES ESPECIALLY IN YOUR WARDS OF THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING, AND THANK YOU ALSO FOR JUST THE WHOLE TRICKLE DOWN THING THAT I FORGOT TO MENTION THAT I THINK IS REALLY IMPORTANT.

SO MANY OF THESE PROJECTS ARE FUNDING LOCAL BUSINESSES LIKE YOU THINK ABOUT THE COMPANIES IN TOWN THAT ARE DOING ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION AND AMAZON CREEK CONSTRUCTION.

ALL THOSE FOLKS ARE NOW PAUSED.

COUNCILOR EVANS: THOSE PEOPLE CAN'T HIRE FOLKS OR THEY HAVE HIRED PEOPLE AND THEY SAID YOU CAN'T GO TO WORK YET BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO PAY YOU.

>> YES, THAT COULD BE HAPPENING FOR SURE.

THEY GEAR UP TO DO THE WORK THEN THE WORK IS NOT THERE.

WE'RE TRYING TO BE VERY EXPEDIENT AND GET THROUGH OUR REVIEWS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE BUT THERE WILL BE SOME I JUST KNOW WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SIGN.

THANKS.

COUNCILOR EVANS: THAT'S HELPFUL, SARAH.

I THINK THAT AT SOME POINT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO COMMUNICATE TO OUR PRIVATE PARTNERS AND OTHER FOLKS, YOU KNOW, OUR INABILITY TO EXECUTE BECAUSE OF THE DELAYS PRESENTED TO US BY ACTIONS ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

>> YES.

COUNCILOR EVANS: OR INACTIONS ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

MAYOR KNUDSON: ARE THERE OTHER QUESTIONS?

READY FOR PART 2.

ALL RIGHT.

>> IT WON'T BE NEARLY NOT THAT I WAS ELOQUENT ABOUT THE CITY OF EUGENE, THERE'S JUST SO MUCH TO SHARE BUT AS WE MOVE INTO OUR PARTNERS FOR SURE I'M TREADING INTO INFORMATION I HAVE BEEN PROVIDED.

SO SOME OF THIS COULD HAVE CHANGED.

THIS IS MY BEST UNDERSTANDING.

LANE COUNTY IS IN A VERY LITTLE BIT OF A SITUATION.

DIFFERENT IN THAT THEIR PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS ARE FUNDED THROUGH FEDERAL DOLLARS DIRECT OR PASSED THROUGH THE STATE.

ALSO EXACTLY IN THE SAME BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE SAME GRANTS THAT ARE BEING FROZEN AND PAUSED AND LANGUAGE THEY ARE HAVING TO REVIEW SO THEY ARE GOING THROUGH A LOT OF THE SAME PROCESS.

FROM A GRANT STANDPOINT OF THE SHARE THAT I GAVE US OUR $30 MILLION.

THE ONES THAT ARE BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT ARE ON HOLD AND WOEFULLY AT RISK IMMEDIATELY, THEY WERE AWARDED AN EPA GRANT THAT THEY PARTNERED WITH UNITED WAY ON TO CREATE RESILIENCY CENTERS.

IT WAS AWARDED, PEOPLE WERE STAFFING UP.

THEY WERE ABOUT TO HIRE THEIR FOLKS.

INTERVIEWS WERE SCHEDULED AND WERE TOLD THAT FUNDING WENT AWAY.

I THINK THEY ARE BEING -- LANE COUNTY IS CHALLENGING THAT AND WORKING ON THAT BUT THAT'S A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT ONE.

THERE WAS ONLY ONE OF THE RESILIENCE HUBS IN EUGENE, THAT WAS IN BETHEL.

A PRETTY IMPORTANT PROJECT.

THEY HAVE SOME FEMA RESILIENCY FUNDS THAT WERE FROZEN.

WATER STORAGE TANK, ABOUT A $3 MILLION PROJECT, IS ON HOLD.

THE COUNTY-WIDE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT ABOUT $5 MILLION ON HOLD.

A HAZARDOUS MITIGATION PROGRAM IS ABOUT $23 MILLION THAT I THINK IS AROUND HAZARDS.

I BELIEVE.

I COULD BE WRONG ABOUT THAT.

JUST MAKE SURE I'M GETTING THIS RIGHT.

THEN WE START THINKING ABOUT OPERATIONALLY, A LARGE PART OF THEIR PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTION IS FEDERALLY FUNDED.

I LEARNED TODAY THEY ARE ELIMINATING THREE HIGH LEVEL POSITIONS ALL OF WHICH HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ON THEIR CAPACITY INCLUDING THEIR HEALTH PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST.

ALL ARE POSITIONS THAT THEY ARE LOSING FUNDING AND THEY DON'T HAVE THE GENERAL FUND TO BACKFILL THEM.

THAT'S PRETTY UNFORTUNATE.

IF I'M UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACTS OF THAT MOSTLY PLANNING FOR COMMUNITIES PLAN TO MITIGATE LONG TERM IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, CAPACITY TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCY, THEY HAVE LOST ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAM, ARE RETAINING THE PUBLIC HEALTH RESERVE CORPS BUT DON'T HAVE RESOURCES FOR THE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PROJECT COMMUNITY TEAM OR RESORT.

LET ME MAKE SURE.

THERE'S MORE TO COME AND THIS IS WHERE YOU GET INTO THE WHAT IF

SCENARIOING PRETTY SIGNIFICANT FOR THE COUNTY.

THEY ARE ALSO FACING THE SAME SORT OF DEI REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE COMING IN PARTICULARLY AROUND SOUNDED LIKE MORE REQUIREMENTS TO BE TRACKING THAT ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATED TO SOME OF THE SERVICES AROUND HOMELESSNESS.

THEY HAVE THAT NOT EXACTLY RIGHT BUT THAT'S ONE OF THE ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS THAT THEY HAVE.

I CAN PROVIDE YOU INFORMATION ON ALL OF THESE.

LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS SIMILARLY -- BOTH LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND U OF O, STATEMENT SIMILAR TO EUGENE ON OUR PROPERTY TAX MEASURES.

THEY HAVE STRUCTURAL INTACT MEASURES THAT ARE RELATED TO THINGS OUTSIDE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT MAY BE IMPLICATED BY IT LIKE IF THE STATE IS CONCERNED THAT THEIR FEDERAL DOLLARS ARE NOT COMING FOR EXAMPLE IN LCC'S CASE, THEIR PROPOSED BUDGET IS REDUCING FUNDS TO LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SIGNIFICANTLY.

WE DON'T KNOW THAT THAT'S THE FINAL BUDGET BUT THAT'S AN IMPACT.

THEY ALSO HAVE OTHER ISSUES THAT CHANGE ENROLLMENT.

THAT CREATES A STRUCTURAL ISSUE.

I DON'T WANT TO SAY ALL OF WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE U OF O COMMUNICATED TO YOU IS NOT STRUCTURAL.

I MEAN IT IS STRUCTURAL.

COUPLE OF THINGS OF NOTE -- SORRY.

A LOT OF THINGS AROUND.

I THINK IMPORTANT ESPECIALLY THEY HAVE ABOUT 2200 EMPLOYEES AT THE U OF O FUNDED WITH FEDERAL DOLLARS.

IF YOU LOOK AT YEAR OVER YEAR GRANT AWARDS AND FUNDING AWARDS THEY ARE DOWN TO 42% THIS YEAR COMPARED TO LAST YEAR.

THAT'S PRETTY SIGNIFICANT.

THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN 27 RESEARCH GRANT TERMINATION NOTICES.

MOST OF THAT THROUGH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND NATIONAL ENDOWMENT OF HUMANITIES.

THEIR BIGGER CONCERN WHEN I TALKED TO JAMEY AND OTHERS IS WHAT HAPPENS, WHAT IF, THIS IS ONE OF THE ONES I'LL SHARE, IS RELATED TO FEDERAL FUNDING FOR FINANCIAL AID.

IF THOSE PROGRAMS GO AWAY, PELL GRANT IMPACTS, THOSE ARE HUGELY SIGNIFICANT TO THE U OF O, AND TO LCC.

SO THAT IS ONE WHERE I THINK WE WOULD PROBABLY BE TALKING ABOUT THAT.

THAT COULD CHANGE THINGS DRASTICALLY.

U OF O -- THEIR FINANCIAL SITUATION DEPENDS ON HAVING A CERTAIN NUMBER OF OUT OF STATE STUDENTS WHICH HAS BEEN DECLINING AS PART OF THEIR STRUCTURAL IMBALANCE.

DROPPING OFF OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FOR THE U OF O AND LCC HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, THE CONCERN OF THAT GROWING MORE.

THE U OF O IS BEING IMPACTED AND I'M NOT SURE, THAT AROUND TARIFFS RELATED TO SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTATION.

I THINK THEY HAD SOME UNEXPECTED 10% INCREASES.

IT'S PROBABLY CLOSE TO $1 MILLION THAT THEY ARE IMAGINING IS GOING TO HAPPEN BASED ON THAT.

THERE WAS SOMETHING I WANT TO MAKE SURE.

LCC, AGAIN, A LOT OF THE WHAT IFS, BUT IN TERMS OF DIRECT MEDIA THEY LOST OUT ON A $1.6 MILLION THEY HAD BEEN AWARDED THEN LOST IN THE BUDGET COMMUNITY INITIATIVE PROJECT GRANT WHICH WAS CHAMPIONED BY RON WYDEN AND JEFF MERKLEY THAT SUPPORTED THEIR NEW INDUSTRY AND TRADE EDUCATION CENTER.

IT WAS GOING TO EQUIP THEIR CLASSROOMS AND LABS WITH STATE OF THE ART TOOLS.

THEY LOST THAT.

I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY WILL REINSTATE THAT OR JUST PAUSE THAT.

THREE AREAS ARE PROBABLY NOTABLY AT RISK ARE THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER NETWORK THAT IS DONE OUT OF LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SMALL BUSINESSES, OUR MAIN ECONOMIC BACKGROUND.

KLCC, BASED ON SOME OF THE CHANGES IN FUNDING TO NPR AND PBS, THEY ESTIMATE THEY WILL LOSE ABOUT $600,000.

THAT'S OUR PUBLIC RADIO.

PRETTY SIGNIFICANT.

THEN THEIR SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM OF LANE COUNTY HAS LOST ABOUT $200,000.

THAT HAS CREATED THAT GAP.

THESE ARE THINGS THAT ARE NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO CLASSROOM BUT IT'S WAYS IN WHICH LCC SUPPORTS THE OVERALL COMMUNITY AND IMPACTS.

YEAH.

SO A LOT OF THINGS.

WAY TOO MUCH FOR ME TO BE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT.

I DON'T KNOW LIKE TO WHAT EXTENT YOU WANT TO CONTINUE TO GET UPDATES AND HEAR WHAT LEVEL OF INFORMATION, HOW MUCH ABOUT THE PARTNERS, OF COURSE ALSO IMPACTS THE RJ, BETHEL AND OTHERS.

WHERE YOU WANT TO START AND STOP.

I'LL PAUSE THERE AND SEE WHAT QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

COUNCILOR EVANS: A REAL QUICK QUESTION.

I DON'T WANT TO ADD TO YOUR PILE OF WORK THAT YOU'VE GOT IN FRONT OF YOU, BUT COULD WE GET, I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE A WEEKLY OR BI-WEEKLY UPDATE AS TO WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL THAT IS IMPACTING US LOCALLY?

THAT WAY WE CAN AS A COUNCIL CAN TRACK THESE ACTIVITIES, YOU KNOW, AND RESPOND ACCORDINGLY?

THERE MAY BE SOME POINTS THERE WHERE WE HAVE TO ENGAGE WITH CONGRESSWOMAN HOYLE OR SENATOR WYDEN OR SENATOR MERKLEY'S STAFF TO STRATEGIZE ON HOW WE CAN MITIGATE SOME OF THE IMPACTS OF THESE ACTIONS THAT ACTIONS AT THE ADMINISTRATION LEVEL.

>> LET ME THINK ABOUT WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION WE COULD COORDINATE AND PROVIDE.

COUNCILOR EVANS: NOTHING IN DETAIL BUT JUST AN OVERVIEW.

>> IT'S NOT THE TIME IT TAKES TO GIVE YOU THE HIGH LEVEL PIECE.

IT'S HOW MUCH TIME IT TAKES TO REACH OUT TO THOSE PARTNERS AND GET THE INFORMATION FROM THEM.

IT'S ALL ETHAN WOULD BE ABLE TO DO IF WE SAID WE'LL DO IT EVERY WEEK.

HE HAS A REALLY GOOD HANDLE ON WHERE SOME OF THESE RESOURCES ARE AND WE COULD PROBABLY FIGURE OUT LIKE HERE'S A LINK TO THE FIVE PLACES YOU CAN SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING THAT'S DIFFERENT.

COUNCILOR EVANS: THAT WOULD BE GOOD.

YES.

>> YES.

WE ALSO HAVE LOBBYISTS AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL.

WE'LL COME BACK WITH SOMETHING FOR YOU.

COUNCILOR EVANS: OKAY.

THAT'S APPRECIATED.

MAYOR KNUDSON: OTHER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?

COUNCILOR GROVES.

COUNCILOR GROVES: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, CITY MANAGER, I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOU TO LET US KNOW WHEN THERE'S SOMETHING SUBSTANTIVE THAT WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND AND LEARN ABOUT.

I'M NOT SPEAKING FOR THE REST OF THE COUNCIL, OF COURSE, BUT YOU DO A GOOD JOB OF KEEPING US INFORMED AND I THINK YOU HAVE A GOOD JUDGE OF WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW TO OPERATE AND WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?

COUNCILOR KEATING.

COUNCILOR KEATING: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

CITY MANAGER, THANK YOU FOR THE SOBERING UPDATE.

I'M GOING TO TAKE ONE OF THESE PROJECTS THAT ARE ON HOLD, THE AMAZON.

IT'S LIKE THE LEAST FINANCIALLY IMPACTFUL, I GET THAT.

BUT HOW ARE WE AS A CITY COMMUNICATING WITH THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE FREEZING OF THESE FUNDS OR THE HOPEFULLY TEMPORARY HALT OF A PROJECT SO IT DOESN'T JUST SIT THERE FOR A YEAR AND MAYBE THERE'S ONE NEWS ARTICLE ABOUT IT.

IS THERE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT UP A SIGN THAT SAYS THIS IS A TIME OUT BECAUSE OUR FEDERAL PARTNERS ARE DOING A, B, C?

WHAT IS THE OUTREACH MORE BROADLY BEYOND THE COMMUNICATION THAT'S COMING TO US?

>> THANK YOU.

NICE POINT.

IT WOULDN'T BE ATYPICAL FOR THE COMMUNITY TO SEE A PROJECT SPAN OVER A COUPLE OF YEARS.

WE DO SOME AMOUNT OF WORK, WE PAUSE WHEN IT STARTS TO RAIN AND WE PICK BACK UP.

THAT'S NOT THAT UNUSUAL.

AMAZON IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF ONE THAT EVEN AS FREQUENTLY AS

RECENTLY AS THIS WEEK OR LATE LAST WEEK OUR PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AND CITY ENGINEER WERE MEETING WITH STATE STAFF TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE GO THROUGH THIS EXTENSION PROCESS.

I THINK IT WOULD BE TO EARLY TO PUT A SIGN OUT.

AT SOME POINT IF IT'S PAUSED WE WOULD BE COMMUNICATING TO OUR INTERESTED PARTIES.

>> THAT'S FOR SURE.

GOOD QUESTION, COUNCILOR.

ON THE AMAZON PROJECT WE'RE CONTINUING WORK WITH THE PROJECT SO THAT THE WORK IS GOING TO START UP AGAIN VERY SOON.

SO WHEN WE EVALUATED WHETHER OR NOT TO PAUSE THE PROJECT OR REEVALUATE THE SCOPE WE CONCLUDED THAT WE NEEDED TO CONTINUE THAT PROJECT MOVING FORWARD.

SO WORK WILL BE CONTINUING.

THE ISSUE IS MORE HOW WE'RE WORKING WITH THE STATE AND THEN THE STATE WITH FEMA REGARDING THE EXTENSION THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED ON THE GRANT.

SO THERE IS SOME RISK THAT WE HAVE WITH THAT PROJECT.

BUT WE FELT IT WAS RISKIER NOT TO COMPLETE IT GIVEN ALL THE DYNAMICS THERE.

SO THAT ONE IS MOVING FORWARD.

>> SO THE RISK PART IS DO WE ACTUALLY GET REIMBURSED FOR IT OR NOT.

>> CORRECT.

>> THANKS.

GOOD CLARIFICATION.

MAYOR KNUDSON: COUNCILOR EVANS.

COUNCILOR EVANS: I WAS WAITING CHIEF SKINNER'S UPDATE LAST NIGHT ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FOR SOME DEMONSTRATIONS AROUND THE ISSUES

WITH DEPORTATION AND ALSO I WANTED TO KNOW IF WE HAVE -- I KNOW THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO STOP DOING BUSINESS WITH AVELO AIRLINES.

THAT'S A CONTRACT SITUATION.

THERE'S NOTHING MUCH THAT WE CAN DO ABOUT THAT AT THIS POINT ANYWAY.

BUT DO WE -- I'M SURE CHIEF SKINNER HAS PUT TOGETHER A PLAN FOR WHATEVER IS GOING TO BE SHORT TERM OR LONG TERM DISRUPTIONS IN TERMS OF ACTIVITY ON THE STREETS THAT ARE PROTESTING WHAT IS GOING ON WITH DEPORTATION AND EVERYTHING ELSE.

SO I'M NOT SURE WHAT MY QUESTION IS EXCEPT THAT I THINK WE ARE PREPARED FOR SOME ADVERSE ACTIVITY IN THE COMMUNITY, AND YOU KNOW, DO WE HAVE OTHER PLANS TO RESPOND TO SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE POTENTIALLY THAT ACTIVITY GOING TO BE HAPPENING OUT THERE?

>> YEAH, SO I WILL BE HONEST, I'M PRETTY NERVOUS ABOUT THE WEEKEND.

MAYBE BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH SOMETHING LIKE THIS BEFORE AND YOU KNOW I THINK WE HAVE GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH MOST OF THE GROUPS THAT HAVE BEEN DOING PROTESTS AND MARCHES, AND WE HAVE PLANS IN PLACE AND STAFFING IN PLACE FOR THINGS WE KNOW ABOUT.

THE BIGGER CONCERN ARE WHAT ARE THE THINGS, ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES THAT HAPPEN THAT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT OR WHO COULD POTENTIALLY COME HERE OR NOT COME HERE.

WE'RE PLANNING FOR THAT.

WE'RE NERVOUS ABOUT IT.

COUNCILOR EVANS: SEEMS LIKE THE CHIEF HAS HANDLED THE BAD ACTORS THAT ARE IDENTIFIED THAT WE KNOW OF.

WE DON'T KNOW WHO IS GOING TO COME INTO TOWN WHO HAVE NEFARIOUS INTENTIONS TO CREATE ALL KINDS OF HAVOC AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

>> YEAH.

DEFINITELY WE HAVE BEEN CAUGHT OFF GUARD BEFORE.

WE WON'T BE CAUGHT OFF GUARD HERE.

WE KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING.

WE CAN SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING SOUTH OF HERE.

WE'LL BE READY FOR IT, BUT IF ANY OF YOU HAVE CONTACT WITH ORGANIZERS, THEY REACH OUT TO YOU OR TO THE MAYOR TO THE EXTENT YOU CAN ENCOURAGE PEOPLE PROTESTING LAWFULLY AND SAFELY IS ENCOURAGED AND SUPPORTED, WE HOPE IT STAYS THAT WAY.

MAYOR KNUDSON: OTHER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?

I HAVE A LARGER QUESTION, CITY MANAGER.

LOOKING AHEAD, I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPACTS TO OUR PARTNER JURISDICTIONS AND MANY OF THE DIFFERENT TOUCH POINTS IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AND KIDS HERE RELY ON, AND I'M CURIOUS LOOKING INTO THAT FUTURE THAT YOUR FRAMING OF THIS UPDATE TODAY ON WHAT WE KNOW AND THE IMPACTS THAT WE CAN ALREADY SEE SPECIFICALLY THROUGH DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION WE HAVE IS VERY HELPFUL.

IT SOUNDS LIKE ESPECIALLY FOR OUR COUNTY PARTNERS THAT THERE COULD BE REALLY SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS IN TERMS OF ACCESS TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES THAT ARE A COMPONENT OF THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS OF WORK I GUESS AT OUR FEDERAL LEVEL.

GIVEN THE SCALE OF IMPACTS THAT HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED IN THE MEDIA, AND TRANSLATING THOSE LOCALLY WITH OUR PARTNERS, HOW CAN WE COORDINATE OR UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT'S GOING TO LOOK LIKE AND HOW CAN WE EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE THAT TO THE PUBLIC THAT IS LIVING A LIFE HERE SEEKING SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SERVICES AND IT WILL BE VERY CONFUSING WHEN CERTAIN THINGS ARE ACCESSIBLE AND CERTAIN THINGS ARE NOT.

>> WELL, I THINK IT'S A GOOD QUESTION, HOW DO WE COLLABORATE ON COMMUNICATION OF WHAT THESE IMPACTS CAN MEAN AS THEY GET CLOSER AND GET MORE CERTAIN.

I DON'T HAVE A GREAT ANSWER FOR YOU ON THAT.

OTHER THAN TO TAKE NOTE OF HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO THAT.

A GOOD EXAMPLE WOULD BE IMPACTS TO MEDICARE, MEDICAID, JUST THAT ALONE COULD HAVE IMPACTS TO OUR AMBULANCE TRANSPORT SYSTEM, PUBLIC HEALTH.

THERE'S A NUMBER OF WAYS IN WHICH THAT GLOBALLY WILL IMPACT COMMUNITY MEMBERS ACROSS HOSPITALS AND DOCTORS AND ALL OF IT.

BUT AGAIN, RIGHT NOW I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MIGHT BE AND WE'RE TRYING TO STAY OUT OF THE SPECULATION.

>> I THINK THAT'S A HEALTHY PLACE FOR THESE CONVERSATIONS AND IT'S AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF OUR COMMUNICATION TO THE PUBLIC ALSO THAT WE'RE SPEAKING TO THINGS THAT WE KNOW ABOUT.

AND AS WE UNDERSTAND IMPACTS INTO THE FUTURE THERE WILL BE -- WE'LL CARRY A DIFFERENT KIND OF RESPONSIBILITY TO EXPLAIN WHAT IS HAPPENING AND DOING THAT WITH OUR PARTNERS.

THAT DOESN'T -- OUR RESPONSIBILITY CERTAINLY DOESN'T RESIDE WITH THIS BODY.

THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION.

MAYOR KNUDSON: COUNCILOR YEH.

COUNCILOR YEH: I DON'T HAVE A QUESTION BUT I WANT TO SAY I REALLY APPRECIATE THE WAY SARAH, YOU AND STAFF, HAVE BEEN DEALING AND TALKING ABOUT THESE ISSUES.

NOT CREATING A BUNCH OF FEAR BUT JUST BE STICKING TO THE FACTS AS WE KNOW THEM.

I APPRECIATE YOU NOT SPECULATING AS WELL SAYING WE WILL KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED AS BEST WE CAN AS SOON AS WE KNOW.

I THINK THE WAY YOU GUYS HAVE CHOSEN TO HANDLE IT IS A VERY GOOD CHOICE.

I ALSO WANT TO BACK UP THAT I THINK AN IMPORTANT ROLE NEEDS TO BE SHOULD BE IS TRYING TO GET INFORMATION OUT TO THE PUBLIC.

I THINK WE'RE UNIQUELY IN A GOOD POSITION.

WE'RE CLOSE TO PEOPLE.

THEY SEE US.

THEY KNOW WHO WE ARE.

BEING ABLE TO FIND WAYS TO INVEST IN THAT COMMUNICATION THAT MIGHT BE HARDER FOR OTHER GROUPS TO DO HERE LOCALLY WOULD BE WORTH IT AND SOMETHING FOLKS WOULD VALUE.

I KNOW MONEY IS TIGHT.

THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY GOING TO BE EASY FOR US TO DO BUT I THINK MAYBE WE CAN FIND CREATIVE WAYS TO GET INFORMATION OUT ONCE WE'RE CERTAIN ABOUT THINGS THAT CAN AFFECT LARGE GROUPS OF PEOPLE.

SO I HOPE WE'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND AS WE GO FORWARD.

MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?

WITH THAT THEN I WILL JUST SAY -- CITY MANAGER?

>> I WOULD LIKE TO PAUSE ON A DIFFERENT TOPIC.

I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT WE DON'T HAVE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON MONDAY NIGHT.

WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY SO YOU DON'T HAVE A MONDAY NIGHT MEETING.

SOME OF YOU SHOW UP BECAUSE YOU'RE USED TO DOING THAT BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO DO THAT THIS MONDAY.

>> THANK YOU FOR THAT REMINDER.

IMPORTANT.

SEE YOU ON ZOOM LATER IN THE WEEK.

THANK YOU FOR THIS UPDATE.

THANK YOU AGAIN TO STAFF, BOTH PRESENT AT THIS MEETING AND OUTSIDE OF THIS MEETING FOR THE WORK TO TRACK VERY FLUID AND DYNAMIC CIRCUMSTANCES AND KEEP US WELL INFORMED AND KEEP OUR COMMUNITY WELL INFORMED.

IT'S VERY, VERY APPRECIATED.

I KNOW UNUSUAL IN TERMS OF THE QUANTITY OF SHIFTS AND CHANGE.

SO THANK YOU FOR THAT HELP.

AND THANK YOU ALL.

THAT CONCLUDES OUR AGENDA FOR TODAY.

SO I WILL NOW CLOSE THE JUNE 11, 2025 EUGENE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND WE ARE ADJOURNED.