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MAYOR KNUDSON: WELCOME TO THE JUNE 23, 2025 EUGENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MEETING.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN THIS HYBRID MEETING FORMAT.

YOU CAN WATCH THE LIVE STREAM ON OUR WEBSITE, THE BROADCAST OFF THE COMCAST CHANNEL 21 OR BY FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE CITY'S PUBLIC WEBCAST AND MEETING MATERIALS WEB PAGE.

TONIGHT'S MEETING WILL INCLUDE THREE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK PLEASE FILL OUT A REQUEST TO SPEAK FORM ON OUR PUBLIC WEBCAST AND MEETING MATERIALS WEB PAGE OR AT THE ENTRANCE TO THIS ROOM.

WE'LL ACCEPT REQUEST TO SPEAK FORMS UNTIL 7:35.

THESE FORMS WILL BE USED TO GENERATE RANDOM ORDER OF SPEAKERS AND CORRECTLY ENTER NAMES INTO THE PUBLIC RECORD.

THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD WILL BE LIMITED TO 90 MINUTES OR CONCLUDE BY 10:00 P.M., WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST.

IF THE NUMBER EXCEEDS TIME WE HAVE ALLOTTED WE ENCOURAGE SPEAKERS TO CONSIDER ABBREVIATING THEIR REMARKS SO THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SPEAKERS CAN BE HEARD.

REMOTELY YOU'RE WELCOME TO EMAIL COMMENTS TO CITY COUNCIL.

AS A REMINDER COUNCIL'S MEETING RULES OF CONDUCT APPLY TO ALL ATTENDEES IN CHAMBERS AND IN THE LOBBY AND THEY INCLUDE NO FLAGS, SIGNS, LOUD OR DISRUPTIVE LANGUAGE, NOISE OR CONDUCT THAT OBSTRUCTS BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL.

PLEASE KEEP THE ROOM QUIET AND RESPECTFUL FOR ALL SPEAKERS.

YOU'RE WELCOME TO WAVE YOUR HANDS IN SILENT SUPPORT.

WE ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO ARE ILL TO JOIN REMOTELY RATHER THAN IN PERSON.

WE HAVE MASKS AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY.

IN CASE OF MEDICAL EMERGENCY AED IS ON THE COUNTER BEHIND THE STAFF AT THE WEST SIDE OF THIS ROOM.

EMERGENCY EXITS ARE THROUGH THE DOUBLE DOORS AT THE BACK OF THE ROOM AND THE DOUBLE DOORS NEAR THE FRONT OF THE ROOM.

THE DOORS TO THE PATIO CAN ALSO BE USED AS NEEDED.

WITH THAT I CALL THE JUNE 23, 2025 MEETING OF THE EUGENE CITY COUNCIL TO ORDER.

WE BEGIN WITH THE LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL THE KALAPUYA PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INDIGENOUS STEWARDS TO OUR REGION MAINTAINING BALANCE WITH WILDLIFE ENACTING SUSTAINABLE LAND PRACTICES.

THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IS A WAY OF RESISTING ERASURE OF NATIVE HISTORIES.

FOLLOWING TREATIES BETWEEN 1851 AND 1855 THEY WERE DISPOSSESSED OF THEIR INDIGENOUS HOMELAND AND FORCIBLY REMOVED TO THE COAST

RESERVATION IN WESTERN OREGON.

AS WE CONSIDER THE IMPACTS OF COLONIZATION WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE STRENGTH AND RESILIENCY OF DISPLACED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE.

KALAPUYA DESCENDANTS ARE CITIZENS OF THE TRIBES OF CONFEDERATE TRIBES AND THEY CONTINUE TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS HERE AND ACROSS THE LANDS.

WE EXPRESS RESPECT FOR THE INHERENT POLITICAL SOVEREIGNTY OF ALL FEDERAL RECOGNIZED TRIBAL NATIONS AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN THE STATE OF OREGON AND ACROSS THE NATION.

>> OUR FIRST ITEM ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA IS THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

BEFORE WE GET TO THE PLEDGE, I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE SOME OF OUR HONORED GUESTS.

OF COURSE THIS IS RECOGNITION FOR THE UPCOMING INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY.

WE WILL OPEN WITH THE PLEDGE.

THAT TONIGHT WILL ALSO BE FOLLOWED WITH THE READING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS BY HONORED GUESTS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION.

TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE WE'RE JOINED BY JOHN HAMPTON FROM AMERICAN LEGION POST 83.

JOHN IS A VETERAN OF THE U.S. NAVY WHERE HE SERVED AS BOSEMAN'S MATE FIRST CLASS, LEADING PETTY OFFICER AND SPECIALIST.

HIS DEPLOYMENTS INCLUDED THE SOUTH PACIFIC, WESTERN PACIFIC, MEDITERRANEAN AND LEBANON.

HE SERVES AS BEST OPERATOR AND UNION OPERATOR WITH LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT.

HE'S A PAST THREE TIME COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 83.

SPENT TEN YEARS AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER IN LITTLE ROCK, WASHINGTON.

PHILIP HIGHWOOD IS A RETIRED SERGEANT MAJOR WITH 26 YEARS OF

SERVICE AND WILLIAM VOLMER, A 26 YEAR SERGEANT.

HE SERVED WITH THE WOUNDED WARRIOR BATTALION AND HELPED REINTEGRATE SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND IS CURRENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LEGACY.

HE SERVES AS COMMANDER OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 83.

JOHN WILL NOW LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE.

PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

>> I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

MAYOR KNUDSON: NOW TONIGHT I HOPE ALL OF YOU IN ATTENDANCE KNEW YOU WERE IN FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT, AN EVENT OF AMERICAN HISTORY.

IN HONOR OF THE FOURTH OF JULY OUR GUESTS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION WILL READ THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS.

>> I CAN GO AHEAD AND START WITH THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MAYOR.

THE UNANIMOUS DECLARATION OF THE 13th UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHEN IN THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENT IT BECOMES NECESSARY FOR ONE PEOPLE TO DISSOLVE THE POLITICAL BANDS WHICH HAVE CONNECTED THEM WITH ANOTHER AND TO ASSUME AMONG THE POWERS OF THE EARTH THE SEPARATE AND EQUAL STATION TO WHICH THE LAWS OF NATURE AND OF NATURE'S GOD ENTITLE THEM.

DECENT RESPECT TO THE OPINIONS OF MANKIND REQUIRES THAT THEY SHOULD DECLARE THE CAUSES WHICH IMPEL THEM FOR THE SEPARATION.

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL, ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN RIGHTS THAT AMONG THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

THAT TO SECURE THESE RIGHTS GOVERNMENTS ARE INSTITUTED AMONG MEN DERIVING THEIR JUST POWERS FROM CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED THAT WHENEVER ANY FORM OF GOVERNMENT BECOMES DESTRUCTIVE OF THESE ENDS IT IS THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO ALTER OR ABOLISH IT AND

TO INSTITUTE NEW GOVERNMENT.

LAYING ITS FOCUS ON SUCH PRINCIPLES AND ORGANIZING POWERS IN SUCH FORM AS TO THEM SHALL SEEM MOST LIKELY TO AFFECT THEIR SAFETY AND HAPPINESS.

PRUDENCE WILL DICTATE THAT GOVERNMENTS LONG ESTABLISHED SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED FOR LIGHT OF TRANSIENT CAUSES AND ACCORDINGLY ALL EXPERIENCE THAT MANKIND ARE MORE DISPOSED TO SUFFER WHILE EVILS ARE SUFFERABLE THAN TO RIGHT THEMSELVES BY ABOLISHING THE FORMS TO WHICH THEY ARE ACCUSTOMED BUT WHEN A LONG TRAIN OF ABUSE PURSUING INVARIABILITY OF THE SAME OBJECT EVENTS A DESIGN TO REDUCE THEM UNDER ABSOLUTE DESPOTISM IT IS THEIR RIGHT, IT IS THEIR DUTY TO THROW OFF SUCH GOVERNMENT AND TO PROVIDE NEW GUARDS FOR THEIR FUTURE SECURITY.

SUCH HAS BEEN THE PATIENT SUFFERANCE OF THESE COLONIES AND SUCH IS NOW THE NECESSITY WHICH CONSTRAINS THEM TO ALTER THEIR FORMER SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT.

THE HISTORY OF THE PRESENT KING OF GREAT BRITAIN IS A HISTORY OF REPEATED INJURIES AND AS OPERATIONS ALL HAVING INDIRECT OBJECT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ABSOLUTE TYRANNY OVER THESE STATES.

TO PROVE THIS, LET FACTS BE SUBMITTED TO A CANDID WORLD.

HE HAS REFUSED TO ASCENT TO US THE MOST WHOLESOME AND NECESSARY FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD.

HE HAS FORBIDDEN GOVERNORS TO PASS LAWS OF IMMEDIATE AND PRESSING IMPORTANCE UNLESS SUSPENDED IN THEIR OPERATION FILL HIS ASCENT SHOULD BE OBTAINED AND WHEN SUSPENDED HE HAS UTTERLY NEGLECTED THEM.

HE HAS REFUSED TO PASS OTHER LAWS FOR ACCOMMODATION OF LARGE DISTRICTS OF PEOPLE UNLESS THOSE PEOPLE WOULD RELINQUISH THE RIGHT OF REPRESENTATION IN THE LEGISLATURE, A RIGHT TO THEM AND FORMIDABLE TO TYRANTS ONLY.

HE HAS CALLED TOGETHER LEGISLATIVE BODIES AT PLACES UNUSUAL, UNCOMFORTABLE AND DISTANT FROM THE DISPOSITOR OF THEIR PUBLIC RECORDS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF FATIGUING THEM INTO COMPLIANCE WITH HIS MEASURES.

HE HAS DISSOLVED REPRESENTATIVE HOUSES REPEATEDLY FOR OPPOSING

WITH MANLY FIRMNESS AND INVASIONS ON THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE.

HE HAS REFUSED FOR A LONG TIME AFTER SUCH DISSOLUTIONS TO CAUSE OTHERS TO BE ELECTED WHEREBY THE LEGISLATIVE POWERS INCAPABLE OF ANNIHILATION HAVE RETURNED TO THE PEOPLE AT LARGE FOR THEIR EXERCISE.

THE STATE REMAINING IN THE MEANTIME EXPOSES TO ALL DANGERS OF INVASION FROM WITHOUT AND CONVULSIONS WITHIN.

HE HAS ENDEAVORED TO PREVENT THE POPULATION OF THE STATES FOR THAT PURPOSE OBSTRUCTING LAWS FROM NATURALIZATION OF FOREIGNERS, REFUSING TO PASS OTHERS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR MIGRATIONS, HITHER AND RAISING THEIR CONDITIONS OF NEW APPORTIONS OF LANDS.

HE HAS OBSTRUCTED THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE BY REFUSING HIS ASSENT TO LAWS FOR ESTABLISHING JUDICIARY POWERS.

HE HAS MADE JUDGES DEPENDENT ON HIS WILL ALONE FOR THE TENURE OF THEIR OFFICES AND THE AMOUNT OF PAYMENT OF THEIR SALARIES.

HE HAS ERECTED A MULTITUDE OF NEW OFFICES AND SENT HITHER SWARMS OF OFFICERS TO HARASS OUR PEOPLE AND EAT OUT THEIR SUBSTANCE.

HE HAS KEPT AMONG US IN TIMES OF PEACE STANDING ARMIES WITH THEIR CONSENT OR LEGISLATURES.

HE HAS AFFECTED TO RENDER THE MILITARY INDEPENDENT OF AND SUPERIOR TO THE CIVIL POWER.

HE HAS COMBINED WITH OTHERS TO SUBJECT US TO JURISDICTION FOREIGN TO OUR CONSTITUTION AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY OUR LAWS GIVING THIS ASSENT TO THEIR ACTS OF PRETENDED LEGISLATION.

FOR LARGE BODIES OF TROOPS AMONG US, FOR PROTECTING THEM BY A MOCK TRIAL FROM PUNISHMENT FOR ANY MURDERS WHICH THEY SHOULD COMMIT IN ANY OF THESE STATES.

FOR CUTTING OFF OUR TRADE WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

FOR IMPOSING TAXES ON US WITHOUT OUR CONSENT.

FOR DEPRIVING US IN MANY CASES OF THE BENEFITS OF TRIAL BY JURY.

FOR TRANSPORTING US BEYOND SEAS TO BE TRIED FOR PRETENDING OFFENSES.

FOR ABOLISHING THE FREE SYSTEM OF ENGLISH LAWS IN THE NEIGHBORING PROVINCE ESTABLISHING THEREIN AN ARBITRARY GOVERNMENT AND ENLARGING ITS BOUNDARIES SO AS TO RENDER IT AS AN EXAMPLE AND FIT FOR INTRODUCING THE SAME TO THE COLONIES.

FOR TAKING AWAY OUR CHARTERS, ABOLISHING OUR MOST VALUABLE LAWS AND ALTERING FUNDAMENTALLY THE FORMS OF OUR GOVERNMENTS.

FOR SUSPENDING OUR OWN LEGISLATURES AND DECLARING THEMSELVES INVESTED WITH POWER TO LEGISLATE US IN ALL CASES WHATSOEVER.

HE HAS ABDUCTED GOVERNMENT HERE BY DECLARING US OUT OF HIS PROTECTION AND WAGING WAR AGAINST US.

HE HAS PLUNDERED OUR SEAS, RAVAGED OUR COASTS, BURNT OUR TOWNS AND DESTROYED THE LIVES OF OUR PEOPLE.

HE HAS AT THIS TIME TRANSPORTED LARGE ARMIES OF FOREIGN MERCENARIES TO COMPLETE THE WORKS OF DEATH, DESOLATION AND TYRANNY ALREADY BEGUN WITH CIRCUMSTANCES OF CRUELTY AND PERFIDY.

SCARCELY PROPELLED IN MOST BARBAROUS AGES AND TOTALLY UNWORTHY THE HEAD OF CIVILIZED NATION.

HE HAS CONSTRAINED OUR FELLOW CITIZENS TAKEN CAPTIVE ON THE HIGH SEAS TO BEAR ARMS AGAINST THEIR COUNTRY, TO BECOME THE EXECUTIONERS OF THEIR FRIENDS AND BRETHREN OR TO BEFOUL THEMSELVES BY THEIR HANDS.

HE HAS INCITED DOMESTIC INSURRECTIONS AMONGST US AND HAS ENDEAVORED TO BRING IN INHABITANTS OF OUR FRONTIERS.

THE MERCILESS INDIAN SAVAGES WHOSE KNOWN RULE OF WARFARE IS UNDISGUISED DESTRUCTION OF ALL AGES, SEXES AND CONDITIONS.

IN EVERY STATE OF THESE OPPRESSIONS WE HAVE PETITIONED FOR REDRESS IN MOST OF THE HUMBLE TERMS.

OUR REPEATED PETITIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED ONLY BY THE REPEATED INJURY.

A PRINCE WHOSE CHARACTER IS THUS MARKED BY EVERY ACT WHICH MAY DEFINE A TYRANT IS UNFIT TO BE THE RULER OF FREE PEOPLE.

NOR HAVE WE BEEN WANTING INATTENTIONS TO OUR BRITISH BRETHREN WE HAVE WARNED THEM FROM TIME TO TIME OF ATTEMPTS BY THEIR LEGISLATURE TO EXTEND AN UNWARRANTABLE JURISDICTION OVER US.

WE HAVE REMINDED THEM OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF OUR EMIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT HERE.

WE HAVE APPEALED TO THEIR NATIVE JUSTICE AND MAGNANIMITY AND CONJURED THEM BY THE TIES OF OUR COMMON KINDRED TO DISAVOW WHICH WOULD INTERRUPT OUR CONNECTIONS AND CORRESPONDENCES.

THEY TOO HAVE BEEN DEAF TO THE VOICE OF JUSTICE OF CONSTITUTE.

NECESSITY WHICH DENOUNCES OUR SEPARATION AND HOLD THEM AS THE REST OF MANKIND, ENEMIES IN WAR, IN PEACE FRIENDS.

WE THEREFORE, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN GENERAL CONGRESS, ASSEMBLE APPEALING TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE WORLD FOR THE RESITUATE OF OUR INTENTIONS DUE IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF THESE COLONIES.

SOLEMNLY PUBLISH AND DECLARE THAT THE UNITED COLONIES ARE AND OF RIGHT OUGHT TO BE FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, THAT THEY ARE ABSOLVED FROM ALL ALLEGIANCE TO THE BRITISH CROWN, AND THAT ALL POLITICAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THEM AND THE STATE OF GREAT BRITAIN IS AND OUGHT TO BE TOTALLY DISSOLVED AND THAT AS FREE INDEPENDENT STATES THEY HAVE FULL POWER TO LEVY WAR, CONCLUDE PEACE, CONTRACT ALIENS, ESTABLISH COMMERCE AND DO ALL OTHER ACTS AND THINGS WHICH INDEPENDENT STATES MAY HAVE RIGHT TO DO.

AND FOR THE SUPPORT OF THIS DECLARATION WITH A FIRM RELIANCE ON THE PROTECTION OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE WE MUTUALLY PLEDGE TO EACH OTHER OUR LIVES, OUR FORTUNES AND OUR SACRED HONOR.

NOW THE BILL OF RIGHTS.

>> THE CONSTITUTION BEGINS WITH WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER TO FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION ESTABLISH JUSTICE, PROVIDE FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE, PROMOTE GENERAL WELFARE AND SECURE THE BLESSING OF LIBERTY TO ESTABLISH THIS CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE CONSTITUTION WAS SIGNED SEPTEMBER 17, 1787. FOUR YEARS LATER IN 1791, THE CONSTITUTION WAS FURTHER EXPANDED AND CLARIFIED WITH ITS FIRST TEN AMENDMENTS KNOWN AS THE BILL OF RIGHTS.

IT SPELLS OUT AMERICANS' RIGHTS IN RELATION TO THEIR GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS.

AMENDMENT 1, CONGRESS SHALL PROHIBIT FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION OR ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH OR THE PRESS OR THE RIGHT TO PEACEABLY ASSEMBLE AND PETITION THE GOVERNMENT FOR REDRESS.

AMENDMENT 2, REGULATED MILITIA BEING NECESSARY TO THE SECURITY OF A FREE STATE, THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED.

AMENDMENT 3, NO SOLDIER SHALL IN TIME OF PEACE BE QUARTERED IN ANY HOUSE WITHOUT CONSENT OF THE OWNER NOR IN TIME OF WAR BUT IN A MANNER TO BE PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

AMENDMENT 4, THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO BE SECURE IN THEIR PERSONS, HOUSES, PAPERS AND EFFECTS AGAINST UNREASONABLE SEARCHES AND SEIZURES SHALL NOT BE VIOLATED AND NO WARRANTS SHALL ISSUE BUT UPON PROBABLE CAUSE SUPPORTED BY OATH OR AFFIRMATION AND PARTICULARLY DESCRIBING THE PLACE TO BE SEARCHED AND THE PERSONS OR THINGS TO BE SEIZED.

AMENDMENT 5, NO PERSON SHALL BE HELD TO ANSWER FOR A CAPITAL OR OTHERWISE INFAMOUS CRIME UNLESS ON A PRESENTMENT OR INDICTMENT OF A GRAND JURY EXCEPT IN CASES ARISING IN THE LAND OR NAVAL FORCES OR IN THE MILITIA WHEN ACTUAL SERVICE IN TIME OF WAR OR IN PUBLIC DANGER.

NOR SHALL ANY PERSON BE SUBJECT FOR THE SAME OFFENSE TO BE TWICE PUT IN JEOPARDY FOR LIFE OR LIMB NOR BE COMPELLED IN ANY CRIMINAL CASE TO BE A WITNESS AGAINST HIMSELF NOR BE DEPRIVED OF LIFE, LIBERTY OR PROPERTY WITHOUT DUE PROCESS.

NOR SHALL PRIVATE PROPERTY BE TAKEN WITHOUT JUST COMPENSATION.

AMENDMENT 6, IN ALL CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS THE ACCUSED SHALL ENJOY THE RIGHT TO SPEEDY AND PUBLIC TRIAL BY AN IMPARTIAL JURY OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL WHICH DISTRICT SHALL HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY ASCERTAINED BY LAW.

TO BE CONFRONTED WITH THE WITNESSES AGAINST THEM, TO HAVE

COMPULSORY PROCESS FOR OBTAINING WITNESSES IN HIS FAVOR AND HAVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNCIL FOR HIS DEFENSE.

AMENDMENT 7, IN SUITS OF COMMON LAW WHERE THE VALUE AND CONTROVERSY SHALL EXCEED $20 THE RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY SHALL BE PRESERVED AND NO FACT TRIED BY A JURY SHALL BE OTHERWISE REEXAMINED IN ANY OTHER COURT IN THE UNITED STATES ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF COMMON LAW.

AMENDMENT 8, BAIL SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED NOR EXCESSIVE FINES BE IMPOSED NOR CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENTS BE INFLICTED.

9, ENUMERATION IN THE CONSTITUTION OF CERTAIN RIGHTS SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO DENY OR DISPARAGE OTHERS RETAINED BY THE PEOPLE.

AMENDMENT 10, THE POWERS NOT DELEGATED TO BE THE UNITED STATES BY THE CONSTITUTION NOR PROHIBITED BY IT TO THE STATES ARE RESERVED TO THE STATES RESPECTIVELY OR TO THE PEOPLE.

BILL OF RIGHTS.

AND OUR VIEWS.

MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN.

>> WE APPRECIATE IT AND LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU AGAIN.

MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

THAT CONCLUDES OUR FIRST AGENDA ITEM THIS EVENING.

OUR SECOND ITEM THIS EVENING IS A BRIEF UPDATE TO OUR MONTHLY CEREMONIAL MATTERS AND ADDITIONAL PROCLAMATION PREPARED THAT ALSO RELATES TO THE UPCOMING JULY 4th WEEKEND BUT RELATED TO NAMING JULY 5th OF THIS YEAR, 2025, AS STEVE PREFONTAINE DAY WITHIN THE CITY OF EUGENE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE JULY 4th HOLIDAY OUR CITY WILL WELCOME PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO HAYWARD FIELD FOR THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PREFONTAINE CLASSIC THAT IS A TRACK AND FIELD EVENT HELD EVERY YEAR SINCE THE DEATH OF STEVE PREFONTAINE WHEN HE WAS A VERY YOUNG MAN IN 1975 HAVE CONTINUED THROUGH THAT DURATION THROUGH THE LOVE AND PASSION OF THE RUNNING COMMUNITY HERE, OREGON TRACK CLUB AND PARTNERS IN OUR STATE, OUR COUNTRY AND AROUND THE WORLD.

IT IS AN HONOR TO INVITE ALL EUGENIANS TO RECOGNIZE STEVE PREFONTAINE'S EXTRAORDINARY LIFE BUT ALSO HIS COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY OFF OF THE TRACK AND BEYOND THE TRACK.

AN INVITATION TO CELEBRATE HIS ENDURING LEGACY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

THAT PROCLAMATION IS POSTED TO THE CITY WEBSITE AND I WILL SHARE IT AROUND OUR COMMUNITY IN THE COMING WEEKS AND THIS CONCLUDES OUR SECOND AGENDA ITEM.

OUR THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA ARE COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST.

I WILL NOW OPEN THE FLOOR FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST OF COUNCIL.

COUNCILOR GROVES HAS AN UPDATE FROM OUR IGR COMMITTEE.

OH, COUNCILOR KEATING.

I'M SO SORRY.

COUNCILOR KEATING: THANKS TO OUR GUESTS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, YOUR SACRIFICE, YOUR RENDITION OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND OF OUR BILL OF RIGHTS.

MARK TWAIN IS OBVIOUSLY ATTRIBUTED TO QUOTE HISTORY DOESN'T REPEAT ITSELF BUT OFTEN RHYMES.

HE'S BEEN FATIGUING THEM INTO COMPLIANCE TO HIS MATTERS.

HE HAS OBSTRUCTED THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, MADE JUDGES DEPENDENT ON HIS WILL ALONE.

HE HAS SENT HITHER SUMMONS OF OFFICERS TO HARASS OUR PEOPLE.

FOR THOSE REASONS AND MORE I ON JUNE 14th FLAG DAY PARTICIPATED IN A PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION OF DISSENT MARCHING IN HISTORIC NO KINGS PEACEFUL PROTEST.

I ESTIMATE NEARLY 10,000 FELLOW EUGENE, SPRINGFIELD, LANE COUNTY RESIDENTS, FELLOW PEACEFUL PROTESTERS ATTENDED LAST TWO THE EVENT TWO WEEKS AGO AND HAD THEIR VOICES HEARD COLLECTIVELY AND INDIVIDUALLY.

AS I COMMUNICATED ON THAT HISTORIC SATURDAY WITH CHIEF SKINNER, I WANT TO EXPRESS TONIGHT MY APPRECIATION FOR OUR EPD OFFICERS WORKING THE BEAT ALONG THE MARCH ROUTE ALONG BROADWAY, UP OLIVE AND EASTBOUND ALONG 5th STREET TO CITY HALL.

IT WAS HEARTENING TO HEAR OFTEN A GREAT MANY THANK YOUS THROWN THE OFFICERS' WAY.

THOSE THANK YOUS WERE RECIPROCATED.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WERE MORE THAN POLITE, AND ENGAGING, AS WERE ATTENDEES, PEACEFUL, POLITE AND ENGAGING.

SO THANK YOU TO ATTENDEES, THANK YOU TO THE EUGENE POLICE DEPARTMENT, THANK YOU TO THE EUGENE SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR YOUR CONGENIAL ENGAGEMENT ON JUNE 14.

A JOB WELL DONE.

THANK YOU TO THE ORGANIZERS OF THE EVENT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT ONE AND LET'S KEEP IT PEACEFUL AND POSITIVE, EUGENE.

APPRECIATE IT, MAYOR.

COUNCILOR GROVES: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

BEFORE I GET INTO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE I TOO WANT TO LEND MY VOICE OF APPRECIATION TO AMERICAN LEGION POST 83, THE PLEDGE AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND BILL OF RIGHTS.

TONIGHT ESPECIALLY THAT WAS VERY SOBERING.

THOSE WORDS AND YOUR SERVICE TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRY MEAN A LOT TO US.

I ALSO WANT TO SAY I WAS SO HONORED TO BE ABLE TO JOIN YOU FOR THE SEPTEMBER 11th REMEMBRANCE LAST YEAR.

TO BE ABLE TO SAY A FEW WORDS FROM THE FIRE SERVICE PERSPECTIVE.

IT WAS VERY TOUCHING EVENT, AND THE SERVICE AND THE WORK YOUR

MEMBERS HAVE PROVIDED IS IMMEASURABLE.

SO THANK YOU.

I'M GOING TO MOVE ON TO MY RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT AS THE CHAIR.

OUR IGR COMMITTEE MET WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, REVIEWED THE WEEKLY BILL PRIORITY REPORT AND DISCUSSED UPDATES ON THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

EUGENE'S 2025 PRIORITIES CONTINUE TO ADVANCE THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS WITH HOUSE BILL 3644 STATEWIDE SHELTER SYSTEM ADVANCING WITH A $204 MILLION ALLOCATION FOR THE BIENNIUM, FOR THE WHOLE STATE.

SENATE BILL 243 ALLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PROHIBIT FIREARMS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS WHERE OFFICIAL MEETINGS ARE HELD AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

ALONG THE LINES OF THE CLEAR LAKE ROAD PROJECT THE LOTTERY BOND BILL CAME OUT EARLY TODAY AND THE CLEAR LAKE ROAD PROJECT IS INCLUDED AT A $6 MILLION FUNDING LEVEL.

WE HAD REQUESTED 10.5 MILLION BUT 6 MILLION WILL GO A LONG WAYS.

IT WILL BE HEARD IN THE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE TOMORROW THEN ON TO THE JOINT WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE THEN TO EACH CHAMBER FOR APPROVAL LIKELY HAPPENING IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS.

IN ADDITION, THE LANE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STABILIZATION CENTER WILL RECEIVE $14.5 MILLION TO HELP GET THAT PROJECT OFF THE FLOOR, SOMETHING WE DESPERATELY NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY.

THE TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE IS STILL BEING NEGOTIATED.

ALSO AT THE JUNE 4 MEETING THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO CANCEL THE JULY MEETING OPTING FOR AN END OF SESSION UPDATE FROM THE IGR MANAGER HOWEVER WITH THIS LATEST INFORMATION COMING OUT WE FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO SHARE THAT WITH COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC.

AT THE END A SUMMARY MEMO WILL BE SHARED WITH MAYOR AND COUNCIL WITH A TOP LINE OVERVIEW PROVIDED BY ME, THE CHAIR, AT THE JULY 14 COUNCIL MEETING.

IF YOU COUNCILORS HAVE QUESTIONS FOR THE IGR COMMITTEE YOU CAN

CONTACT MYSELF AS CHAIR, COUNCILOR EVANS OR COUNCILOR YEH, ALSO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

MAYOR, THANK YOU.

MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR ZELENKA.

COUNCILOR ZELENKA: YEAH, THANKS TO OUR GUESTS FOR THE READINGS AND FOR YOUR SERVICE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COUPLE MONTHS AGO I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY WHEN I WAS IN WASHINGTON D.C. TO GO UP TO PHILADELPHIA, AND I VISITED THE HALLOWED HALLS OF INDEPENDENCE HALL, WHERE THOSE DOCUMENTS WERE DEBATED AND APPROVED BY OUR FOUNDING FATHERS.

I CAN TELL YOU IT WAS A VERY POWERFUL EXPERIENCE BEING THERE AND SEEING THE PLACE WHERE THEY STOOD AND DEBATED THIS POWERFUL DOCUMENT THAT SHOOK THE WORLD.

AND IT WILL PROBABLY STAY WITH ME FOREVER.

IF ANYONE EVER GETS THE CHANCE TO GO TO PHILADELPHIA, PLEASE VISIT INDEPENDENCE HALL.

IT'S REALLY AN AMAZING PLACE, WELL PRESERVED FOR POSTERITY AND JUST A SUPER COOL EXPERIENCE.

I THINK YOU'LL APPRECIATE THOSE DOCUMENTS EVEN THAT MUCH MORE WHEN READ OUT LOUD.

MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR LEECH.

COUNCILOR LEECH: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT BEING IN PERSON TODAY.

I DO WANT TO SHOUT OUT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

YESTERDAY WE HELD AN EVENT CALLED REIMAGINING RESISTANCE IN WHICH

WE WERE ABLE TO HAVE A PANEL OF AMAZING HUMAN RIGHTS LEADERS ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY AND I WAS ABLE TO GIVE OUT SOME AWARDS TO SOME FOLKS THAT ARE JUST DOING INCREDIBLE, AMAZING WORK IN LEADING OUR HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORTS.

DEBBIE WILLIAMSON, TRANS LINES OF LANE COUNTY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON'S MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY RECEIVED AWARDS FOR THEIR AMAZING EFFORTS.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE COMMISSIONERS FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND IT WAS AN HONOR TO BE A PART OF THAT.

IF YOU GET THE CHANCE TO WATCH THAT RECORDING THE PANEL WAS ABSOLUTELY AMAZING AND I HIGHLY RECOMMEND IT.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU FOR THOSE ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THAT CONCLUDES OUR THIRD AGENDA ITEM THIS EVENING.

OUR FOURTH ITEM IS THE CONSENT CALENDAR 1, CONSENT CALENDAR INCLUDES APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES, APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL TENTATIVE AGENDA, APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO THE METROPOLITAN WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION.

IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL I WILL TURN TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

COUNCILOR ZELENKA?

COUNCILOR ZELENKA: I HAVE A COMMENT.

COUNCILOR EVANS: I MOVE TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON CONSENT CALENDAR 1.

>> SECOND.

MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION?

COUNCILOR ZELENKA.

COUNCILOR ZELENKA: I WANTED TO COMMENT ON THE APPOINTMENT TO THE MWMC, METROPOLITAN WASTEWATER COMMISSION.

I HAVE KNOWN DAWN LESLIE FOR OVER 20 YEARS.

SHE WAS MY FORMER APPOINTEE TO THE EUGENE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION.

WE WORKED TOGETHER IN THE WASTEWATER INDUSTRY.

SHE'S SUPER WELL QUALIFIED, A GREAT ADDITION TO THE COMMISSION.

WHOLLY RECOMMEND APPOINTING HER.

MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU.

SEEING NO OTHER DISCUSSION FROM COUNCIL I'LL TAKE A VOTE FOR THIS MOTION.

COUNCIL, PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES IN THE TABLETS IN FRONT OF YOU.

AND THIS MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

THANK YOU.

THAT CONCLUDES THIS AGENDA ITEM.

THANK YOU, DAWN LESLIE, FOR JOINING THE METROPOLITAN WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION.

THE NEXT ITEM IS A PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON THE CITY OF EUGENE 2023-2025 FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AND CITY MANAGER, PLEASE INTRODUCE THE ITEM.

>> YES.

THIS PUBLIC HEARING PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNCIL TO HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE FINAL 2023-2025 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF EUGENE.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RECOGNIZES NEW REVENUES AND EXPENSES NOT ANTICIPATED IN THE PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BUDGET.

APPROVAL IS REQUESTED THIS EVENING TO ALLOW FOR THE NECESSARY LEGAL APPROPRIATIONS, SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET INCORPORATES NEW GRANT FUNDING, SUPPORT REVENUE BACKED STRATEGIES AND ONE TIME FUNDING FOR KEY STRATEGIC INITIATIVES.

RECONCILING THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDED ITEMS, PROVIDING DISTRESSED FUNDING FOR THE PLANS TRANSPORT FUND, SUPPORTING SUPPLEMENT FUNDING FOR FIRE HYDRANTS, IMPLEMENTING FROM RECENTLY ADOPTED CONTRACTS.

CITY STAFF ARE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU.

WITH THAT I NOW OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

COUNCILOR ZELENKA, DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

COUNCILOR ZELENKA: NO.

MAYOR KNUDSON: STAFF, CAN YOU PLEASE SHARE A LIST OF SPEAKERS ON THE SCREEN?

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR.

I WILL ANNOUNCE TWO SPEAKERS' NAMES AT A TIME.

WHEN CALLED TO SPEAK PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WARD OR NEIGHBORHOOD IF KNOWN BEFORE BEGINNING YOUR COMMENTS.

IF YOU ARE ANNOUNCED AS THE NEXT SPEAKER PHYSICALLY IN THE ROOM PLEASE MOVE TO THE FRONT OF THE ROOM.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY BAGS YOU MAY HAVE WITH YOU AT YOUR SEAT.

IF YOU HAVE DOCUMENTS TO GIVE COUNCIL PLEASE PLACE THEM IN THE BASKET NEAR THE PODIUM.

YOU WILL HAVE TWO AND A HALF MINUTES TO SPEAK.

THE TIMER WILL FLASH RED WHEN YOU HAVE 15 SECONDS REMAINING TO SPEAK.

YOUR MICROPHONE WILL BE MUTED AT THE 2.5 MINUTE MARK.

USE OF PROFANITY IS PROHIBITED AND ANY INSTANCES OF PROFANITY WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF SPEAKING PRIVILEGES.

OUR FIRST SPEAKERS ARE RIDER HALES FOLLOWED BY JACOB TRUE.

>> HI, THERE.

I'M RIDER HALES, A EUGENE RESIDENT IN WARD 1 AND I'M HERE LIKE I WAS IN MAY TO SPEAK ON THE BUDGET AND THE EMBARRASSMENT THAT WE FACE AS RESIDENTS WHEN THE CITY IS WILLING TO SACRIFICE AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE LIKE CAHOOTS AND PRIORITIZE HIGH-TECH SURVEILLANCE FOR AN ALREADY OVER-FUNDED POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE FORM OF FLOCK CAMERAS AND PRIORITIZING TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR MILLIONAIRE DEVELOPERS.

IT'S NOT INCENTIVIZING LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME HOUSING WHICH HAS AN ALMOST NONEXISTENT VACANCY, GIVING CITY MONEY TO LUXURY APARTMENT OWNERS OFTEN FROM RICH PAYMENTS OF OUT OF STATE U OF O STUDENTS.

AS FAR AS CAHOOTS GOES, THIS ISN'T HARD, THE MONEY TO FUND AN INDEPENDENT FLOURISHING CAHOOTS LONG TIME ESSENTIAL STAPLE OF EUGENE PUBLIC SERVICES, IS A DROP IN THE BUCKET FOR THE CITY.

I'M GLAD THAT YOU ALL FIXED THE MISTAKE THAT YOU ALLOWED AND PROTECTED OTHER SERVICES LIKE AMAZON POOL, ANIMAL SHELTERS, LIBRARY HOURS, WHAT HAVE YOU, PROTECTED THOSE BUT WE'RE NOT DONE.

ON CAHOOTS DEFUND THE POLICE, FREE PALESTINE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> THANK YOU, RIDER.

NEXT ARE JACOB TRUE FOLLOWED BY DANNY PATCH.

>> HELLO, THERE, CITY COUNCIL.

MAYOR.

I'M JACOB TRUE.

I LIVE IN WARD 1.

I'LL HAVE PLENTY TO SAY ABOUT THE 2025 TO 2027 BUDGET AT THE TIME COMING UP BUT I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THE BUDGET COMMITTEE PROCESS AND SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGETING AS THIS IS A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ITEM FOR THE 2023-2025 YEAR.

WE HAVE A LOT OF THINGS THAT COME UP AS A CITY THAT DIRECTLY RELATES TO THE BUDGETING PROCESS.

WHEN IT COMES TO THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, THOUGH, THE PUBLIC INPUT ISN'T AS DIRECT IN A LOT OF CASES.

I'M THINKING PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FOR SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGETS COMING UP FOR CAHOOTS.

IN A LOT OF OTHER WAYS.

I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE A CITY POLICY AROUND WHEN WE COULD HAVE THE FULL BUDGET COMMITTEE INVOLVED IN THESE PROCESSES, NOT JUST FOR THE FULL BUDGET WHICH DOES GET CHANGED EVERY COUPLE OF YEARS QUITE A BIT.

I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE MORE PUBLIC INPUT FROM THAT THROUGH THE BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR MORE THAN JUST THE MAIN BUDGETING SEASONS.

I'LL BE SPEAKING MORE ON CAHOOTS AT THE PROPER TIME.

>> THANK YOU, JACOB.

NEXT ARE DANNY PATCH FOLLOWED BY JOHN BOROFSKY.

OKAY, I DON'T SEE DANNY PATCH.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE JOHN BOROFSKY AND STEPHON STRECK.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER AND STAFF.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY ON THE FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET.

FIRST OFF I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE COUNCIL, STAFF AND THE PUBLIC FOR THE ENGAGEMENT ON THIS YEAR'S BUDGET PROCESS IN THE 20 PLUS YEARS I HAVE BEEN STANDING UP HERE IN FRONT OF YOU GUYS, THIS IS THE MOST ENGAGED I HAVE SEEN IN OUR COMMUNITY IN THE PROCESS IN THE LAST 20 YEARS.

IT'S VERY ENCOURAGING.

SPEAKING DIRECTLY TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE CITY MANAGER MENTIONED AND SOMETHING THAT WE STILL HAVE

TO LOOK INTO IS THE FACT THAT THERE ARE ONGOING ISSUES, PROBLEMS, THINGS WE HAVE TO LOOK INTO.

THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET JUST KIND OF SHINES A LIGHT ON ONE OF THEM.

THE DISTRESS FUND SUPPORT.

THE AMBULANCE TRANSPORT FUND IS NEEDING 1.2 MILLION IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET THAT IS COMING BEFORE YOU AND HOPEFULLY WILL BE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY COUNCIL.

$900,000 IS COMING FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND 300,000 IS COMING FROM THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PAYROLL TAX FUND.

THESE ARE BOTH GOOD USES FOR THIS TYPE OF MONEY, OBVIOUSLY, WE HAVE DISTRESSED FUNDS.

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WILL CONTINUE ON.

THERE'S OTHER FUNDS THAT IN THE PAST HAVE BEEN IN DISTRESS.

WE HAVE SEEN COUNCILOR ZELENKA WILL REMEMBER WHEN THE PARKING FUND WAS THE ONE THAT WAS VERY DISTRESSED.

WE HAD TO SUPPLEMENT THAT WITH GENERAL FUND DOLLARS.

SO THIS IS JUST SHINING A LIGHT ON THE WHOLE BUDGET AS A WHOLE.

THERE'S OTHER FUNDS BESIDES THE GENERAL FUND THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL PROCESS BUDGET PROCESS IS ONE WAY WE CAN DIVE IN AND LOOK AT THOSE.

ALSO RECOGNIZES GRANTS FUNDS COMING IN AND THOSE ARE BEING PUT FORWARD.

IT'S ALWAYS GOOD FOR ME TO STEP UP HERE AND SHINE A LIGHT ON WHAT IS IN THESE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGETS.

I WON'T BE TESTIFYING ON THE NEXT TWO.

USUALLY I AM BUT I THINK THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF OTHER PEOPLE TESTIFY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENGAGEMENT.

>> THANK YOU, JOHN.

OUR FINAL SPEAKER FOR THIS FIRST HEARING IS STEPHON STRECK.

>> RIGHTEOUS WORK.

THANK YOU ALL CITY COUNCIL FOR ONE THING THESE MANY AGENDAS TOGETHER.

WHEN YOU'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING YOU DON'T USUALLY NEED TO INCLUDE A DICTIONARY'S WORTH OF BUZZWORDS.

WHAT WAS THAT PART ABOUT BACK FLOW, CITY MANAGER?

THERE WAS A LOT OF BUZZWORDS IN THERE.

I DON'T THINK PRETTY MUCH ANYONE COULD MAKE A REASONABLE JUDGMENT ABOUT WHAT'S REALLY BEING ACCOMPLISHED WITH THIS SUMMARY.

IT'S ABOUT ALL I HEARD WAS BACK FLOW.

SO WHEN YOU HAVE ALL THIS LINE BY LINE OF JARGON AND KIND OF FIDDLE SPEAK, ANYONE CAN MAKE UP WORDS TO SOUND CONFUSING.

AND KIND OF HAVE A FLY BY NIGHT SYSTEM WHERE YOU JUST HOPE NOBODY NOTICES THAT SILLY AMOUNTS OF MONEY ARE GETTING SPENT ON SILLY, RIDICULOUS THINGS.

BUT AFTER A CERTAIN POINT WHEN THAT RESULTS IN REALLY DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS ON SOCIETY, I THINK IT REALLY COMES TO LIGHT WITH THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE THAT THOSE MAKING DECISIONS ARE NOT MAKING GOOD DECISIONS, AND ACTUALLY SPEAKING PLAINLY, TO EXPLAIN WHAT THE PRIORITIES ARE REALLY SHOWS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF RESPECT AND APPRECIATION FOR THE PEOPLE YOU CLAIM TO REPRESENT.

SO YEAH, HONESTLY THAT'S A VERY, VERY SILLY SUMMARY OF THE OBJECTIVES FOR THE BUDGET AMENDMENT THERE.

AND IT REALLY SHOWS HOW THE CITY IS BEING HARMED.

I MEAN YOU DON'T HAVE TO DRIVE 30 FEET TO SEE THE EFFECTS OF CRIME, WASTE, NEGLIGENCE, INCOMPETENCE, HOW THE CITY IS BEING RAN.

THERE'S A GUY ON HIS BIKE LOOKING INTO CAR WINDOWS I SAW WHEN I PULLED UP.

THINGS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ENFORCED AT CITY HALL AND THEY ARE CLEARLY NOT.

TO EVERYONE INVOLVED PLEASE TRY BEING MORE RESPONSIBLE AND MORE PLAIN AND MORE TRANSPARENT.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, STEPHON.

MAYOR, THAT WAS OUR FINAL SPEAKER FOR THIS TOPIC.

MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU.

I WILL NOW CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?

SEEING NONE I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO PUT A MOTION FORWARD.

COUNCILOR EVANS: MOVE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF EUGENE FOR THE BIENNIUM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

>> SECOND.

MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU.

ANY DISCUSSION FROM COUNCIL?

SEEING NONE I'LL TAKE A VOTE FOR THIS MOTION.

COUNCIL PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES.

THAT MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

THANK YOU.

THIS CONCLUDES THAT AGENDA ITEM.

NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS A PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON THE CITY OF EUGENE 2025 TO 2027 BIENNIUM BUDGET ADOPTION.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR.

THIS PUBLIC HEARING PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNCIL TO HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE CITY OF EUGENE'S 2025-2027 BIENNIAL BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

THE BUDGET COMMITTEE'S REVIEW OF THE 2025 THROUGH 2027 BUDGET INCLUDED FOUR MEETINGS HELD ON APRIL 30, MAY 14, MAY 21 AND MAY 28.

PUBLIC COMMENT WAS RECEIVED DURING THE 14 AND 21 MEETINGS AND A PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON MAY 28.

THE RECOMMENDATION CONSISTS OF THE CITY MANAGER'S '25-'27 AMENDED PROPOSED BIENNIAL BUDGET MODIFIED TO INCLUDE CITY COUNCIL DIRECTION FROM THEIR MAY 21 WORK SESSION.

THAT DIRECTION INCLUDED CHANGES THAT RAISED STORMWATER RATE TO COLLECT AN ADDITIONAL 4.7 MILLION ANNUALLY TO FUND PARKS AND OPEN SPACE EXPENDITURES IN THE STORMWATER FUND, ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR SERVICES PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED TO BE ELIMINATED AS PART OF THE AMENDED BUDGET.

WITH AMENDMENTS APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE.

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS.

I KNOW THESE DECISIONS HAVE NOT BEEN EASY AND REFLECT THE COMPLEXITY OF WHAT IT TAKES TO SERVE A COMMUNITY WITH LIMITED RESOURCES.

THIS IS ONE STEP IN A LONGER JOURNEY.

THE CHALLENGES AHEAD ESPECIALLY AROUND LONG TERM STABILITY WILL REQUIRE CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU AND WITH THE COMMUNITY.

WE'RE READY FOR THAT WORK.

THE COUNCIL IS ASKED TO TAKE ACTION THIS EVENING TO ENSURE TIMELY AND NECESSARY LEGAL APPROPRIATIONS.

STAFF ARE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

THANKS.

MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU.

I OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

STAFF, PLEASE SHARE A LIST OF SPEAKERS ON THE SCREEN AND ANNOUNCE THE FIRST SPEAKERS.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR.

I WILL ANNOUNCE TWO NAMES AT A TIME.

WHEN CALLED TO SPEAK PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WARD OR NEIGHBORHOOD IF KNOWN BEFORE BEGINNING YOUR COMMENTS.

WHEN ANNOUNCED AND YOU'RE PHYSICALLY IN THE ROOM PLEASE MOVE TO THE SEAT IN THE FRONT ROW FOR THE NEXT SPEAKER.

WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN YOU MAY COME TO THE PODIUM.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY BAGS WITH YOU AT YOUR SEAT.

IF YOU HAVE DOCUMENTS TO GIVE COUNCIL PLACE THEM IN THE BASKET NEAR THE PODIUM.

YOU WILL HAVE TWO AND A HALF MINUTES TO SPEAK.

THE TIMER WILL FLASH RED WHEN YOU HAVE 15 SECONDS REMAINING TO SPEAK.

YOUR MICROPHONE WILL BE MUTED AT THE 2.5 MINUTE MARK.

PLEASE NOTE USE OF PROFANITY IS PROHIBITED AND ANY INSTANCE OF PROFANITY WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF SPEAKING PRIVILEGES.

OUR FIRST SPEAKERS ARE LIN WOODRICH FOLLOWED BY ALLISON STAUB.

>> I'M LIN WOODRICH, ACTIVE BETHEL COMMUNITY CO-CHAIR.

I HAVE LIVED THERE OVER YEAR IN WARD 8.

I'M SPEAKING FOR THE BOARD.

THERE WAS A MOTION AT THE BUDGET COMMITTEE TO EXTEND BEAUTIFICATION TO HIGHWAY 99 THAT DIDN'T PASS.

PLEASE CONSIDER THERE ARE OTHER HIGH NEED AREAS LIKE BETHEL HIGHWAY 99.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, LYNN.

NEXT ARE ALLISON STAUB FOLLOWED BY J.P. LUMKE.

>> MAYOR, COUNCILORS, CITY STAFF, I'M ALISON STRAUB, WARD 4, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF BURLY, A LOCAL FAMILY BUSINESSES FOUNDED IN 1978.

I'M A LIFELONG CITIZEN OF THE EUGENE COMMUNITY AND MY SPOUSE AND I ARE RAISING TWO SOON TO BE THREE CHILDREN HERE.

I'M DEEPLY INVESTED IN EUGENE'S FUTURE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TO THE DIFFICULT BUDGET PROCESS.

A COMPROMISE OUTCOME WAS ACHIEVED LEAVING ME OPTIMISTIC.

WE MUST MOVE WITH URGENCY INTO THE CRITICAL WORK OF LONG TERM BUDGET STABILIZATION SO WE DON'T SEE OURSELVES IN THIS DIFFICULT POSITION A FEW YEARS FROM NOW.

AS A LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER I UNDERSCORE WE'RE A PART OF EUGENE'S FABRIC, RAISING FAMILIES, PAYING TAXES, HIRING LOCALLY, VOLUNTEERING AND SUPPORTING COMMUNITY CAUSES.

AT THE SAME TIME WE'RE WORKING TO MAINTAIN AND GROW BUSINESSES THAT CREATE JOBS, STRENGTHEN THE LOCAL ECONOMY, BRINGING IN OUTSIDE DOLLARS AND INVESTING IN SUSTAINABILITY.

I ASK YOU PLEASE INCLUDE BUSINESS VOICES ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET STABILIZATION TASK FORCE.

WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR A SEAT OUT OF CRITICISM BUT BECAUSE WE CARE DEEPLY ABOUT EUGENE AND WANT TO HELP BUILD A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.

BUSINESS LEADERS CAN BRING TANGIBLE EXPERIENCE.

WE'RE IN IT FOR THE LONG HAUL.

THE BUDGET STABILIZATION COMMITTEE SHOULD INCLUDE PEOPLE WITH EXPERTISE AND A TRACK RECORD AND SUCCESSFUL BUDGET STABLIZATION AS ITS NAME IMPLIES.

WE NEED LONG TERM FISCAL STRATEGY BEYOND CUTS IN SHORT TERM FEES.

EVALUATING NEW SERVICES FOR EFFICIENCIES AND INVESTING IN HOUSING TO EXPAND OUR POPULATION AND TAX BASE.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR WORK AND FOR YOUR TIME.

I'M HERE INSTEAD OF READING MY KIDS THEIR BEDTIME STORIES BECAUSE I WANT TO REINFORCE THE GENUINE COMMITMENT OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

WE'RE ASKING TO PROACTIVELY PARTICIPATE TO BRING YOUR SKILLS TO THE TABLE.

>> THANK YOU, ALISON.

NEXT ARE J.P. LUMKE, FOLLOWED BY GREG IRWIN.

>> HELLO, COUNCIL.

I'M J.P. LUMKE, AN ORGANIZER FOR THE

[AUDIO NOT UNDERSTANDABLE]

SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDING OUR PUBLIC SERVICES FROM THESE CUTS THAT WERE PROPOSED.

I DO THINK IT'S CONCERNING THAT THINGS LIKE OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY AND AMAZON POOL WERE PUT ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK IN THE FIRST PLACE WHILE OTHER THINGS THAT BENEFIT FEW PEOPLE LIKE MULTI UNIT PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS ARE NOT BEING CONSIDERED TO BE CUT.

LET'S LOOK AT MUPTE.

THE COUNCIL SINCE 2015 HAS APPROVED $47.5 MILLION IN TAX EXEMPTIONS.

THIS CORP WELFARE 95% OF IT HAS LARGELY GONE TO THREE PEOPLE, JIM ATKINS, BRIAN OBE, AND DIKE DEAN.

THE ARGUMENTS WE HEAR GET TIRED IF YOU ASK ME.

IT'S ARGUED MUPTE MAKES THE BUILDINGS FINANCIALLY FEASIBLE, THAT THEY WILL NOT BE BUILT WITHOUT MUPTE.

IF WE LOOK AT EVERY SINGLE MUPTE APPLICATION ALL OF THEM SHOW THAT THEY ARE PROFITABLE, MASSIVELY PROFITABLE, WITH OR WITHOUT MUPTE.

MUPTE MAKES THEM MORE PROFITABLE SO THAT INVESTORS WILL BUY AND HAND OVER MORE MONEY.

THE WEBSITE SAYS AS MUCH.

PARDON ME, I DON'T THINK OBE, ATKINS AND DAME NEED OUR HELP.

THEY ARE WEALTHY PEOPLE, THEY RUN PRIVATE CORPORATIONS SEEKING TO MAKE MONEY FIRST.

THEY ARE NOT SEEKING TO PROVIDE HOUSING NECESSARILY.

MUPTE HAS EXISTED SINCE 1978.

IN ITS NEAR 50 YEARS OF EXISTENCE IT HAS NOT SOLVED OUR HOUSING CRISIS NOR WILL IT EVER.

IN FACT HOUSING RELATIVE TO INCOME IS THE HIGHEST IT HAS EVER BEEN IN OUR CITY IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

THERE ARE SOLUTIONS THAT CAN MEET THE SCALE OF THIS PROBLEM AND RETAIN LAND AND BUILDINGS IN THE HANDS OF THE PUBLIC.

I SAY THAT WE DUMP MUPTE AND ADOPT SOME OF THESE SOLUTIONS.

THANK YOU.

>> NEXT ARE GREG IRWIN FOLLOWED BY ERIC PARISH.

>> GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE.

I'M GREG IRWIN, I RESIDE IN WARD 5.

I'M CEO OF WEALTH MANAGEMENT AND AN INVESTOR IN ONWARDS ELEVATE 2028.

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU THIS EVENING.

FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND ALL OF YOU FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL WORK YOU'VE DONE THIS YEAR TO DEVELOP A NEW BIENNIAL BUDGET.

I RECOGNIZE MANY COMPROMISES HAVE BEEN MADE IN THIS PROCESS.

WHEN COMPROMISES ARE MADE NO ONE IS FULLY SATISFIED WITH THE OUTCOME.

THAT'S THE NATURE OF COMPROMISE.

THAT SAID, I BELIEVE THE EXERCISE STIMULATED NEW FOUND ENGAGEMENT FOR MANY ATYPICAL POCKETS OF THE COMMUNITY.

I SEE THIS AS A VERY POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT.

MORE VOICES FOR MORE CONSTITUENCIES.

ALL IN ALIGNMENT AS TO PRIORITIES OR METHODOLOGIES, BUT IN THE END WORKABLE SOLUTIONS.

WE CAN BUILD ON THIS EXPERIENCE.

I FOUND THE BEST SOLUTIONS OFTEN COME AS A RESULT OF VERY HARD WORK.

UNCOMFORTABLE WORK.

SOMETIMES EVEN CONTENTIOUS WORK.

I HAVE ALSO FOUND THAT HARD PROBLEMS ARE TYPICALLY MORE READILY SOLVED BY MANY BRAINS VERSUS A FEW BRAINS.

I BELIEVE ALL OF US IN THIS ROOM TRULY WANT OUR COUNCILMAN TO OFFER SUSTAINABLE, PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND FINANCIAL WELL-BEING FOR EVERYONE.

LET'S START WITH WHAT WE AGREE ON.

LET'S GET COMMITTED, SMART PEOPLE TOGETHER TO FORMULATE NEW IDEAS DIRECTED TOWARD OUR COMMON GOALS.

THIS TOO WILL REQUIRE COMPROMISES FROM NEARLY EVERYONE.

JUST IMAGINE HOW MUCH GOOD WE CAN DO TOGETHER.

IT IS MY HOPE WE CAN IMMEDIATELY BEGIN THESE DISCUSSIONS.

I HOPE WE CAN EMBRACE THE FINANCIAL CHALLENGES WE FACE WITH A FRESH SENSE OF ENTHUSIASM.

AND WELCOME NEW FACES AND VOICES TO THE CONVERSATIONS.

COMMUNITY HAS BEEN ENERGIZED BY THE BUDGET PROCESS THIS YEAR.

WE SHOULD CAPITALIZE ON THAT ENERGY AND GET TO THE HARD WORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS HAVE ESSENTIAL ROLES IN PURSUING COMMUNITY GOALS, HOPING TO INFLUENCE THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO SUCCEED.

>> THANK YOU, GREG.

NEXT ARE ERIC PARISH FOLLOWED BY DANNY PATCH.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, HONORABLE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY STAFF.

I'M ERIC PARISH AND I LIVE IN WARD 5.

AS A 43 YEAR RESIDENT OF EUGENE HAVING LIVED OR WORKED IN EVERY WARD I'M DEEPLY INVESTED IN OUR COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY.

I WANT TO BEGIN BY EXPRESSING SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE COUNCIL'S WORK BALANCING REVENUE NEEDS WITH THE PRESERVATION OF VITAL SERVICES IS NEVER EASY.

WHILE COMPROMISES WERE INEVITABLE NOW IT'S TIME TO MOVE FORWARD COLLABORATIVELY, FOCUS ON SOLUTIONS AND URGENT NEED TO BEGIN LONG TERM BUDGET STABLIZATION WORK IMMEDIATELY.

THE SOONER WE START THE BETTER PREPARED EUGENE WILL BE FOR FUTURE CHALLENGES.

I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO INCLUDE BUSINESS LEADERS.

THIS IS NOT A CRITIQUE OF PAST DECISIONS BUT RECOGNITION OF INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS WE CAN OFFER.

BUSINESS LEADERS BRING PRACTICAL EXPERTISE ALONG WITH VESTED INTEREST IN EUGENE'S SUCCESS AND DEEP COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS.

OUR DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES CAN HELP CRAFT BALANCED AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR OUR CITY.

I WOULD WELCOME THE CHANCE TO SUPPORT THIS WORK HOWEVER I CAN.

REBUILDING COMMUNITY TRUST IS CRITICAL.

TRANSPARENCY WILL FOSTER CONFIDENCE BEYOND JUST CUTS AND FEES WE MUST CONSIDER STRATEGIC HOUSING INVESTMENTS TO GROW OUR POPULATION AND PROPERTY TAX BASE AND TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO EXPAND BUSINESSES, JOBS AND REVENUE OPPORTUNITIES.

THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY STANDS READY TO CONTRIBUTE CONSTRUCTIVELY.

WE BRING A SHARED COMMITMENT TO A STABLE, VIBRANT EUGENE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND LEADERSHIP.

>> THANK YOU, ERIC.

NEXT ARE DANNY PATCH FOLLOWED BY DANA FLEMMING.

>> DAN PATCH.

EXCUSE ME FOR NOT CONGRATULATING YOU ON YOUR HARD WORK.

YOU'RE THE ONES THAT CAUSED THE PROBLEM.

IT'S IRONIC, ISN'T IT?

LISTENING TO THE CITY MANAGER TALKING ABOUT INCREASING STORMWATER FEES WHICH IS WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT YOU CAN MANIPULATE THE LANGUAGE IT'S A TAX AND YOU'RE SHOWING SIGNS OF ABUSING THE SYSTEM.

USE IT LIKE AN ARGUMENT.

THERE'S NO RESTRAINTS, NO PARAMETERS.

IT'S NOT GOING TO BE SUSTAINABLE.

YOU'RE GOING TO EGREGE YOURSELVES INTO OBLIVION.

YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO DEMAND AS MUCH MONEY AS YOU WANT AND WE'RE SUPPOSED PAY IT.

I LISTENED TO THE PRESENTATION LEVELING FEES AGAINST US THAT WE DIDN'T VOTE FOR.

MADAM MAYOR, IT'S DISGUSTING.

DEPLORABLE, HYPOCRITIC.

YOU CAUSED THIS PROBLEM.

I'M NOT GOING TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK WITH MAYBE THE ONE EXCEPTION OF COUNCILOR M.C.

>> THANK YOU, DANNY.

NEXT ARE DANA FLEMMING FOLLOWED BY CAMERON STRINGFIELD.

>> GOOD EVENING.

I'M DANA FLEMMING.

I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION.

MY HOME IS IN MOUNT KEETINGSFORD AND MY OFFICE IN THE BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN LIBRARY IS IN KASHINSKY'S WARD.

I IMAGINE IT'S BEEN A TOUGH YEAR FOR ALL OF YOU DECIDING WHETHER TO STAY AND WHAT SHOULD GO IN TERMS OF BALANCING THE CITY INCOME AND EXPENSE FOR THE UPCOMING BIENNIUM.

THERE ARE MOMENTS DURING THIS PROCESS WHERE MANY OF US WHO LOVE OUR LIBRARY WERE WONDERING WHY US AGAIN SINCE WE'RE ALREADY REELING FROM THE CUTS OF THE LAST BIENNIUM WHICH TOTALED MORE THAN $2.2 MILLION AND LEFT NO OPPORTUNITY FOR BOOKS, PROGRAMS OR MATERIALS.

FACING THE CLOSURE OF THE DOWNTOWN LIBRARY ON SUNDAYS AND

MONDAY IS ADDED INSULT TO INJURY HOWEVER I'M HERE TO SAY THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO THE PLEAS OF EUGENIANS WHO LOVE OUR LIBRARY AND FOR BEING CREATIVE IN YOUR SEARCH FOR ADDITIONAL REVENUE VIA THE STORMWATER FEE.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR PASSING THE AMENDED MODIFIED BUDGET.

YOUR ACTIONS WILL HELP THE DOWNTOWN LIBRARY TO REMAIN OPEN AND OUR COMMUNITY WILL BREATHE A SIGH OF RELIEF INCLUDING YOUNG FAMILIES WHO BRING THEIR CHILDREN TO THE LIBRARY ON SUNDAYS IGNITING THE LOVE OF LITERACY AND FLOURISHING IN THE FREE WELCOMING SPACE THAT THE LIBRARY PROVIDES TO THEM.

AS WELL AS THE BUSINESSES DOWNTOWN THAT BENEFIT FROM THE INFLUX OF LIBRARY VISITORS.

ONCE YOU'VE CHECKED OFF THE UPCOMING BIENNIAL BUDGET FROM YOUR LIST I URGE YOU TO ADD THE FOLLOWING.

FIND A PERMANENT SOLUTION TO EUGENE'S FINANCIAL CRISIS AND RESTORING THE NEARLY $3 MILLION IN FUNDS CUT FROM THIS LIBRARY'S GENERAL BUDGET.

I RECENTLY STARTED WATCHING THE WONDERFUL DOCUMENTARY FREE FOR ALL, A LOVE LETTER TO LIBRARIES ACROSS OUR COUNTRY.

THERE'S ONE QUOTE IN THE DOCUMENTARY THAT RESONATED WITH ME.

WHEN YOU'RE IN THE LIBRARY EVERYONE IS EQUAL.

YOU HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO THIS HUGE INHERITANCE.

YOU'RE AN EQUAL OWNER OF THAT INHERITANCE WITH EVERYBODY ELSE WHO COMES TO THE LIBRARY.

PLEASE DON'T SQUANDER OUR INHERITANCE.

OUR LIBRARY IS ONE OF THE VERY BEST THINGS ABOUT OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY.

I APPRECIATE EVERYONE WHO SPOKE UP.

>> YOUR TIME HAS CONCLUDED.

NEXT ARE CAMERON STRINGFIELD FOLLOWED BY RENE BUCHANAN.

>> EVENING.

I LIVE IN WARD 7.

I'M A MEMBER OF THE PARTY FOR SOCIALISM AND LIBERATION.

YOU'RE LIKELY GOING TO PASS THIS BUDGET TODAY AND SOON THESE EXPERIENCES AND THESE BUDGET COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS WILL BECOME A FLEETING MEMORY BUT FOLKS SHOULD REMEMBER THAT YOU THREATENED TO CUT THE MOST VITAL SERVICES THAT WORKING CLASS PEOPLE OF EUGENE NEED, WHILE MAKING HARDLY ANY CUTS TO THINGS THAT PROTECT THE BUSINESSES LIKE THE POLICE AND MUPTE SCHEME.

WE'RE IN A WORSE PLACE THAN WE STARTED.

FRANKLY I DON'T THINK THAT'S COMMENDABLE.

I THINK IT'S SHAMEFUL.

WE SHOULD ALSO REMEMBER THAT IT WAS ONLY AFTER THE COMMUNITY CAME OUT IN DROVES TO RESIST CUTS TO THINGS LIKE THE LIBRARY, AMAZON POOL AND COMMUNITY CENTER THAT YOU GAVE US THE STORMWATER FEE.

I THANK THE PEOPLE HERE, NOT YOU.

THIS BUDGET SHORTFALL WILL SURELY COME AGAIN IN TWO YEARS WHEN WE SEE GIVING MULTI MILLIONAIRE LANDLORDS TAX CUTS AND EMPOWERING THE LARGEST MASS SURVEILLANCE NETWORK IN EUGENE HISTORY DOESN'T ACTUALLY LEAD TO HAVING MONEY TO RUN THE CITY.

THAT IS UNLESS YOU ACT BOLDLY AND CUT THIS BLOATED POLICE BUDGET AND END THE MUPTE SCHEME.

IF YOU TAX THE RICH AND EMPOWER THE WORKING CLASS, YOU WILL SEE THE IMMENSE SUCCESS THAT COMES FROM THAT.

WE, THE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM, THE WORKING PEOPLE OF EUGENE, NOT EPD, OR ATKINS DAME OR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ARE EUGENE.

YOU SHOULD REPRESENT US.

NOT THEM.

I WOULD ALSO OPPOSE THAT BUDGET STABILIZATION COMMITTEE FOR THE RECORD.

>> THANK YOU, CAMERON.

NEXT ARE RENE FOLLOWED BY DAVID VAN DER HAGGEN.

>> GOOD EVENING, COUNCILORS, MAYOR, CITY STAFF.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO SPEAK.

FIRST I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS BUDGET.

IT HAS BEEN AN EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE.

I FORGOT TO INTRODUCE MYSELF.

RENE BUCHANAN.

I LIVE IN MIKE CLARK'S WARD.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

HOPEFULLY WE WON'T REPEAT THIS.

THANK YOU FOR VOTING TO INCREASE THE STORMWATER FEE.

FOR COMMITTING TO FINING A SOLUTION TO THE BUDGET CRISIS.

I HAVE WITH ME TONIGHT AND WILL SUBMIT TO YOU COPIES OF OVER 100 EMAILS AND LETTERS FROM LIBRARY SUPPORTERS SENT TO YOU IN JUNE.

MANY MORE WERE SENT EARLY THIS YEAR.

IN 2024 AND 2025 NEARLY 2,000 PINK POSTCARDS WERE SENT TO YOU FROM SUPPORTERS FROM ALL WARDS, AGES AND INCOMES.

MANY LIBRARY SUPPORTERS ARE HERE TONIGHT IF YOU SUPPORT THE LIBRARY PLEASE STAND.

WE LIBRARY SUPPORTERS WOULD APPRECIATE YOU PASSING THE MODIFIED AMENDED 2025 BUDGET TONIGHT WITH MINIMAL CUTS TO THE LIBRARY WHICH IS STILL REELING FROM THE MILLIONS CUT IN THE LAST BIENNIUM.

THE AUTHORS OF ALL THESE COMMUNICATIONS AND THE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM VALUE THE LIBRARY AS AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE. LITERACY IS THE FOUNDATIONAL SKILL OF A DEMOCRACY AND THEN WE REQUIRE THE KNOWLEDGE TO BECOME INFORMED.

LIBRARIES PROVIDE ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE THAT CAN BE USED TO FIND A JOB, TO START A BUSINESS, TO LEARN HISTORY, TO UNDERSTAND DEMOCRACY.

LIBRARIES ARE ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE, A THIRD SPACE, A PLACE OF COMMUNITY WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOMED AND VALUED EQUALLY.

FINALLY WE HAVE OUR EYES ON THE LEVY RENEWAL NEXT YEAR.

I'M CONFIDENT WE HAVE ENOUGH LIBRARY SUPPORT TO PASS A LEVY THAT GROWS NET REVENUE.

IN THE PAST WITH RESOUNDING MAJORITY OF 76.72% WE CAN INCREASE THE NET REVENUE ALLOTTED TO THE LIBRARY THROUGH OUR LEVY.

ALTHOUGH THEY ARE FAR FROM IDEAL EXPERIENCES THIS YEAR HIGHLIGHT THE VALUE IN A DEDICATED PROTECTED RESOURCE FOR CORE SERVICES.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

NEXT ARE DAVID VAN DER HAGGEN FOLLOWED BY BRETT.

>> GOOD EVENING.

I LIVE IN WARD 8.

I OVERSEE COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS FOR NORTHWEST NATURAL AND SIT ON THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COUNCIL.

OVER THE LAST YEAR I PAID CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE NUMEROUS WORK SESSIONS, BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE BIENNIAL BUDGET.

LIKE MOST MATTERS YOU HAVE ENGAGED IN A SUBSTANTIAL PROCESS WITH THE COMMUNITY LEADING UP TO THIS MOMENT.

BUT DESPITE THAT PROCESS AND ENGAGEMENT STRONG AND SHARP REACTIONS HAVE ABOUNDED.

TRUST AND RESPECT, THE VERY PRINCIPLES THAT A CITY EXECUTIVE ONCE STRESSED TO ME AS ESSENTIAL TO REPAIRING RELATIONSHIPS ARE NOW STRAINED.

OUR COMMUNITY'S RESOURCES ARE APPLIED LIMITED AND FINITE AND DESPITE YOUR BEST INTENTIONS QUESTIONS REGARDING TRANSPARENCY AND ETHICS HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED.

IT'S MY HOPE COUNCIL STAFF AND THE COMMUNITY WHO WEIGHED IN SO HEAVILY CAN DOUBLE DOWN ON A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO SUBSEQUENT BUDGET PROCESSES THAT EMPHASIZES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, A LONG TERM COMMITMENT TO ENGAGING PERSONNEL WITH PRACTICAL, REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE IN OPERATIONS AND FINANCE AS WELL AS THOSE WHO UNDERSTAND THE NUANCES IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HOUSING, JOB OPPORTUNITIES, CHILD CARE, TRANSPORTATION, EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH CARE AND THE ARTS TO NAME A FEW.

THE GOAL SHOULD BE A CRITICAL AND UNFILTERED ANALYSIS, A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY'S SUCCESS.

AS SOMEONE WHO HAS WORKED IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR, SOMEONE WHO USES PARKS AND POOLS WITH HIS CHILDREN REMAINS HOPEFUL THAT FOR EVERYONE HERE THE BEST IS YET TO COME, I URGE YOU TO SEE THE FOREST THROUGH THE TREES AND BUILD A SHARED VISION THAT LOOKS AT YOUR CONSTITUENTS AS YOUR NEIGHBORS, EMPLOYERS AND PARTNERS WHO WANT A RETURN IN TERMS OF SUSTAINABLE REVENUE, STRONG SERVICES AS WELL AS BUSINESSES AND PEOPLE WHO RUN THEM BEING AT THE TABLE TO IMPROVE OUR SHARED QUALITY OF LIFE.

A LIFE I BELIEVE IS WORTH LIVING.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, DAVID.

NEXT ARE BRETT FOLLOWED BY JACOB TRUE.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, CITY MANAGER, COUNCILORS AND TO THE STAFF HERE.

I APPRECIATE IT. I'M BRETT DEATON.

I SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF IFF, LOCAL 51, REPRESENTING FIREFIGHTERS AND EMS PROFESSIONALS.

WE BEGAN FACING THREATS OF DEEP CUTS TO FIRE AND EMS SERVICES THAT WERE MOSTLY WALKED BACK AS PART OF A TROUBLING AND FAMILIAR PATTERN.

I ASK YOU DIRECTLY CAN ANYONE ASSURE ME THAT WE WON'T FACE THE SAME SCENARIO IN THE NEXT BIENNIAL BUDGET?

JUST LAST WEEK SPRINGFIELD PASSED A BUDGET THAT INCLUDED 528 UNIT BROWN OUTS THAT WILL MOST CERTAINLY REQUIRE EUGENE RESOURCES TO FILL THE GAPS.

WE'RE ONE DEPARTMENT UNDER TWO CITIES, TWO BUDGETS, TWO TIMELINES AND TWO VERY DIFFERENT LEVELS OF POLITICAL WILL.

IN EVERY CYCLE WE BRACE FOR CUTS, THREATENED OR REALIZED DESPITE ALREADY RUNNING A BARE BONES OPERATION.

THERE'S NO LONG TERM PLANNING ONLY SHORT TERM FIXES.

IT'S OUR WORK FORCE AND OUR COMMUNITY THAT PAY THE PRICE FOR UNDERFUNDING AND INADEQUATE RESOURCES.

LET ME BE CLEAR.

THERE'S GOING BACK TO TWO SEPARATE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

THAT WOULD BE FINANCIALLY IRRESPONSIBLE FOR TAXPAYERS AND CREATE A FRAGMENTED LESS EFFECTIVE EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR PEOPLE WE SERVE.

WE MUST MOVE FORWARD.

THE ANSWER IS A UNIFIED FIRE DISTRICT ONE THAT PROVIDES STABLE FUNDING, CONSISTENT GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.

I DEEPLY RESPECT THE WORK YOU ALL DO AND RECOGNIZE THE COMPLEXITY OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES.

THE COMMUNITIES YOU SERVE AND THE PEOPLE WHO RESPOND TO THEIR EMERGENCIES EVERY DAY ARE COUNTING ON YOU TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP.

>> NEXT ARE JACOB TRUE FOLLOWED BY LEIA MCCOOLE.

>> HELLO, JACOB TRUE HERE, WARD 1.

CITY COUNCILORS, MAYOR.

I WOULD LIKE TO PETITION YOU ALL TO FULLY FUND ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE IN THE STYLE OF CAHOOTS.

SINCE 4/7/2025 WE HAVE SUFFERED FROM LACK OF CAHOOTS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

EUGENE HAS LOST A CRUCIAL PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE THAT DRAMATICALLY IMPROVED OUR QUALITY OF LIFE.

OVERNIGHT VULNERABLE POPULATIONS HAVE LOST ACCESS TO MOBILE CARE AND TRANSPORTATION IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND CONCERNED CITIZENS HAVE LOST ACCESS TO NONPOLICE OFFICERS TO CHECK IN ON LOVED ONES THAT MAY BE SHOWING SIGNS OF SELF-HARM.

I RECOMMEND THE CITY OF EUGENE I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE .5 MILLION TOWARDS THE RESPONSE IS A GOOD FIRST STEP BUT YOU SHOULD INCREASE THAT TO 2.2 MILLION AT LEAST IN ONE TIME FUNDS TO ENSURE IMMEDIATE FUNDING FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR OF CAHOOTS STYLE NONPOLICE ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE AND TO JUMP OFF THE AMENDMENT THAT WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, SORRY CITY BUDGET COMMITTEE TO CITY COUNCIL THAT THE CITY OF EUGENE WILL PLEDGE TO ESTABLISH CONTINUING ONGOING DEDICATED FUNDING FOR CAHOOTS STYLE NONPOLICE ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE FROM ALLOCATING PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR FROM NEW REVENUE SOURCES.

SO WE KEEP RUNNING UP AGAINST THIS GOING OFF OF THE LIBRARY SITUATION.

WHAT WE NEED ARE DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCES AND IN TIMES OF BUDGET CRISIS WHICH WE KEEP RUNNING INTO NOT HAVE THE PRIORITY BE TO CUT ESSENTIAL SERVICES LIKE LIBRARIES, ESSENTIAL SERVICES LIKE GREEN HILL WHICH KEEPS COMING UP OVER AND OVER AGAIN, AND CAHOOTS.

INSTEAD GO FOR PROGRAMS THAT AREN'T AS VITAL TO COMMUNITY SAFETY SUCH AS THE POLICE BUDGET, YOU KNOW, ALL THAT ENDED UP GOING BACK IN.

WE HAD OVER $1 MILLION IN ALREADY VACANT POLICE POSITIONS INSTEAD

OF GOING TOWARDS CAHOOTS WE'RE GOING TO LEAVE THOSE VACANT POSITIONS OPEN.

I FEEL THAT'S NOT THE BEST WAY TO ADDRESS PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS.

APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

CHEERS.

>> THANK YOU, JACOB.

NEXT ARE LEIA MCCOOLE FOLLOWED BY CHRIS EDWARDS.

>> HI, EVERYONE.

THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME.

I'M NAME IS LEIA AND I'M A LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER IN EUGENE.

MY HUSBAND IS ATTENDING LAW SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY.

WE LIVE IN WARD 3 AMONG MANY OTHER STUDENTS.

I'M ALSO HERE ON BEHALF OF THE EUGENE CHAMBER'S YOUNG PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL INVOLVED IN THIS ORGANIZATION BECAUSE WE'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT BUILDING A TRULY VIBRANT WELCOMING BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN EUGENE.

I ALSO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT WENT INTO INCREASING THE STORMWATER FEE WHICH HELPS AVOID PAIN.

BUDGET CUTS TO, FOR EXAMPLE, THE LIBRARY.

I REALIZED THIS YEAR'S DEBATE WAS NOT EASY.

THAT BEING SAID I HOPE THAT A CONTINUED INCREASE IS NOT A LONG-TERM SOLUTION.

FOR A LONGER TERM SOLUTION FOR IMPACTS THAT WILL LAST 10 TO 20 YEARS DOWN THE LINE AS AN ENTREPRENEUR AND YOUNG BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL I'M AMONG THOSE WHO WANT TO HELP.

WE HAVE OUR LONG LIVED EXPERIENCES, FRESH YESTERDAY AND A

PERSONAL STAKE IN EUGENE WORKING FOR ALL PEOPLE.

APPROPRIATE HOUSING IS DIRECTLY TIED TO A LONG-TERM SOLUTION.

LIKE MANY STUDENTS IN LAW SCHOOL MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE TAKEN OUT LOANS TO FUND HIS EDUCATION.

WE COULDN'T HAVE MADE IT WITHOUT THEM.

FROM MY PERSPECTIVE I BELIEVE THE AVERAGE COST OF RENT AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IS NOT REFLECTIVE BUT IS REFLECTIVE OF STUDENT LOAN INCOME OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM PARENTS.

EUGENE IS THE GREATEST EXPORTER OF TALENT, THEN THE STUDENTS MOVE ELSEWHERE TO START THEIR CAREER.

IN MY EYES A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO RULE OUR TAX BASE AND CITY REVENUE IS BY INCENTIVIZING MORE YOUNG PEOPLE TO WORK AND LIVE HERE THROUGH MORE ATTRACTIVE HOUSING AND A SAFE, THRIVING AND VIBRANT BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

I BELIEVE WE HAVE A PLACE IN SHAPING LONG TERM STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS AND WE'RE MORE THAN EAGER TO BE INVOLVED.

THEREFORE WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE INCLUDE THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN THESE DISCUSSIONS.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.

>> THANK YOU, LEIA.

NEXT ARE CHRIS EDWARDS FOLLOWED BY LAUREL.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

I'M CHRIS EDWARDS.

I LIVE IN WARD 5 BUT I WAS RAISED IN A FIGHTING SECOND.

I KIND OF HAVE SOUTH EUGENE ROOTS THAT KIND OF NEVER LEFT.

I'M HERE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO ADOPT THE COMPROMISE BUDGET BEFORE YOU.

STORMWATER FEES, TARGETED CUTS, BUT AS SOON AS YOU DO, ASSUMING

THAT YOU DO, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO GET STARTED RIGHT AWAY ON MOVING THROUGH A TRANSPARENT AND INCLUSIVE PROCESS THAT INCLUDES THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO DEVELOP LONG TERM SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS.

I THINK NOT ONLY HAVE SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS OWNERS AND ENTREPRENEURS AND MANAGERS BEEN THROUGH A LOT JUST TO MAINTAIN THEIR BUSINESSES, AND SO THEY HAVE A LOT OF PERSPECTIVE, MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVE, BUT THEY ALSO HAVE A WEALTH OF NETWORKS AND THOSE NETWORKS SOMETIMES DON'T JUST INFORM THE DECISIONS THAT ARE BEING MADE BUT HELPS CREATE SUPPORT FOR WHATEVER IT IS THAT COMES OUT OF THAT PROCESS.

IN 2013 I WAS CHAIRING THE NATURAL RESOURCES BUDGET COMMITTEE IN THE OREGON LEGISLATURE, AND MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY CAME TO ME AND SAID, WE'RE NOT REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THE DEQ BUDGET.

WE THINK THERE'S A LOT OF WASTE.

THEY DON'T NEED AS MUCH MONEY AS THEY ARE ASKING FOR.

I SAID LET'S GET EVERYBODY TOGETHER.

OVER THE COURSE OF THREE MEETINGS THESE REGULATED MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY SAT DOWN AND GOT A REAL DEEP DIVE INTO THE DEQ BUDGET AND CAME OUT THE OTHER END IN FULL SUPPORT AND CAME TO ME AND SAID WE'RE CONCERNED THEY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH RESOURCES TO GET EXPEDITED OR TO JUDICIOUSLY MOVE THROUGH THE PERMITTING PROCESS.

IT CAN WORK TO THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY TO INVOLVE THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

FINALLY, I HOPE THAT WHATEVER COMES AS A LONG-TERM SOLUTION ISN'T JUST A PACKAGE OF CUTS AND FEES BUT REAL CONSIDERATION OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING WITH THE MONEY.

WHAT PROGRAMS AND POLICIES OF THE CITY OF EUGENE ENCOURAGE BUSINESS GROWTH AND INVESTMENT AND WHAT POLICIES AND ACTIONS DISCOURAGE IT AND ACT AS A DRAG ON WIDESPREAD PROSPERITY.

>> THANK YOU, CHRIS.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE LAUREL FOLLOWED BY STEPHON STRECK.

>> GOOD EVENING, CITY COUNCIL, MAYOR.

HELLO CITY MANAGER.

I'M LAUREL.

I LIVE IN WARD 2.

I JUST WANTED TO EXPRESS SOME GRATITUDE TONIGHT.

IT'S JUST BEEN A REALLY AMAZING PROCESS TO GO THROUGH THIS BUDGET SEASON, AND IT'S BEEN REALLY MEANINGFUL TO GET TO PARTICIPATE AND CIVICALLY ENGAGED AND DO COMMUNITY BUILDING TOGETHER.

I HAVE BEEN SENDING THESE WEEKEND UPDATES TO OUR TEAM OF LATE OFTEN WORKING SINCE I WORKED MY LAST SHIFT IN EARLY APRIL.

I FOUND MYSELF ON WEEKEND UPDATE NUMBER 10.

I'M JUST AMAZED AT WHERE WE WERE, WHICH WAS NOWHERE ON THE BUDGET, TO TODAY.

THE SHARED EFFORTS OF ALL OF US INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND TO NAME A DEEPLY CRITICAL SHARED VALUE THAT WE HAVE AS A CITY.

THAT'S BEEN INCREDIBLY MEANINGFUL AND COOL.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY CRISIS CARE OR CAHOOTS 2.0 HAS ELECTED OUR BOARD AND HAD OUR FIRST MEETING BUILDING OUT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, FINDING THE BEST FIT FOR FISCAL SPONSORSHIP.

REAFFIRMED THE VALUE OF THIS MODEL FROM OUR COMMUNITY, GOT TO LOOK AT THIS INVESTMENT OF WHY IT'S SUCH A UNIQUE TYPE OF CARE WE HOPE TO RESTORE, CARE THAT GIVES PEOPLE AGENCY OVER THEIR BODIES AND THAT ALSO BEING WITH PEOPLE AND FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS AND EASING BURDENED SYSTEMS.

THIS FEELS MORE AND MORE IMPORTANT WITH EVERY DAY THAT PASSES IN OUR CURRENT SOCIAL CLIMATE.

I'M HOPING TO READ OUR MISSION AND VALUES QUICKLY.

WE CONNECT COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO AN ECO-SYSTEM TOWARDS STABILITY INCREASING RESILIENCY FOR INDIVIDUALS AND CAPACITY FOR

BURDENED SYSTEMS.

WE EDUCATE COMMUNITY LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY AROUND THE NECESSITY OF NONCOERCIVE TRAUMA INFORMED RESPONSE AND CONSULTING WITH NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS WE BUILD COLLECTIVE CAPACITY FOR SAFETY AND CARE, DESTABLIZE MENTAL HEALTH AND TEND TO THE WOUNDS OF STRUCTURAL INJUSTICE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

>> THANK YOU.

NEXT ARE STEPHON STRECK FOLLOWED BY SHERRI SCHAFFERS.

>> I APPRECIATE IT.

I'M STEPHON STRECK.

THANK YOU, EVERYBODY, FOR COMING AGAIN TO REVIEW THE BUDGET AND I UNDERSTAND IT'S BEEN A LOT TO PARSE THROUGH.

UNFORTUNATELY IT SEEMS NOBODY TOOK THE TIME TO DO SO BECAUSE WE HAVE A WILD SITUATION WHERE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TALKING, YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT WANTING TO RAISE THE TAX BASE, TAX REVENUE AND ATTRACT MORE PEOPLE TO TOWN.

THE IMMEDIATE SOLUTION WAS TO CLOSE THE POOL, CLOSE THE LIBRARY, CLOSE THE COMMUNITY CENTERS.

AND THAT HARDLY SEEMS LIKE A WAY TO ATTRACT A SUCCESSFUL FAMILY OR ANYONE IN GENERAL TO THE CITY FOR ANY REASON WHILE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE DRUNK, HALF NAKED, VERY DIRTY, PASSED OUT ON LITERALLY EVERY STREET CORNER.

IT'S HORRENDOUS.

SO TO RAISE FUNDING YOU WERE DENIED THE ORIGINAL PLAN OF A FIRE FEE AND THEN TURNED AROUND AND JUST RAISED THE STORMWATER FEE INSTEAD?

EVERYONE IS OKAY WITH THAT SOMEHOW?

WHICH THAT'S ASTOUNDING.

IT'S LIKE YOU'RE TAXING PEANUT BUTTER AND PEOPLE CAN'T AFFORD

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY SO YOU TAX THE JELLY INSTEAD.

I WISH I COULD SAY I EXPECTED MORE.

BUT TO GO FROM THERE AND HAVE NO ROAD PLAN FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS REALLY, JUST WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY WASTEFUL, RIDICULOUS EXPENSES GOING ON.

CURBS ARE BEING DONE UP WEST 11th, 24th AVENUE IS BEING REPAVED COMPLETELY NEEDLESSLY.

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS BEING BURNED FOR NO REASON WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY NECESSARY THINGS THAT SHOULD BE FUNDED.

AM I THE ONLY ADULT IN THIS ROOM NOW?

I'M HORRIFIED BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT IT FEELS LIKE.

IT IS SHOCKING.

ANYONE WHO IS BEING PAID FOR THESE RESULTS.

I WAS ASTOUNDED TO LEARN THAT WE HAVE A CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER IN THE CITY AND SHE ONLY TUNED IN FOR FOUR MINUTES FOR ONE OF THESE MEETINGS?

SO PLEASE, AUDIT THE BUDGET AND REASSESS PRIORITIES BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE IN NEED.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, STEPHON.

NEXT AND FINAL SPEAKER IS SHERRI SHAFFERS.

>> GOOD EVENING I AM SHERRI SHAFFERS.

I LIVE IN LANE COUNTY BUT OWN A SMALL OVER IN WARD 7.

I'M HERE TO ECHO THE THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK AROUND THE RECENT BUDGET PROCESS AND ENCOURAGE CONTINUED COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP WITH ALL STAKEHOLDERS.

TWO WORDS COME TO MIND WHEN I THINK ABOUT YOUR DIFFICULT JOB TO LEAD AND MAKE DECISIONS.

SYNERGY, WHICH MEANS THE WHOLE IS GREATER THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS, AND E POLICE DE CORPS, WHICH IS DEFINED AS A FEELING OF PRIDE AND LOYALTY SHARED BY THE MEMBERS OF A PARTICULAR GROUP OFTEN RESULTING IN A STRONG SENSE OF UNITY AND MUTUAL SUPPORT.

I BELIEVE THOSE CONCEPTS ARE PARTICULARLY RELEVANT AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR COMMUNITY'S LONG TERM BUDGET STABILIZATION EFFORTS.

THE CHALLENGES WE FACE WHETHER AN ECONOMIC RECOVERY, PUBLIC SAFETY OR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, CAN BE ADDRESSED WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER, BUSINESS OWNERS, CITY OFFICIALS AND RESIDENTS ALIKE.

BY FOSTERING A SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION AND MUTUAL RESPECT EACH FEELS EMPOWERED.

AS A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE NOT JUST ECONOMIC ENGINES THEY ARE THE HEART OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, PROVIDING JOBS, SERVICES AND A VIBRANT CULTURE.

WHEN WE WORK IN SYNERGY WITH THE CITY AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS WE ENHANCE OUR ABILITY TO THRIVE IN AN EVER CHANGING LANDSCAPE.

COUNSEL YOU TO CONTINUE ENGAGING WITH LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

YOUR WILLINGNESS TO INVOLVE US IN THE PROCESS BUILDS TRUST AND GOOD WILL.

TOGETHER WE CAN CREATE A STRONGER, MORE RESILIENT EUGENE THAT BENEFITS EVERYONE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY.

>> THANK YOU.

MAYOR, THAT WAS OUR FINAL SPEAKER FOR THIS HEARING.

MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU.

I NOW CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL?

SEEING NONE I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO PUT THE FIRST MOTION FORWARD.

COUNCILOR EVANS: MOVE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ELECTING TO RECEIVE STATE REVENUE SHARING FUNDS PURSUANT TO SECTION 221.770 OF OREGON REVISED STATUTES.

>> SECOND.

MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU.

ANY DISCUSSION FROM COUNCIL?

SEEING NONE I'LL TAKE A VOTE FOR THIS MOTION.

PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES OR RAISE YOUR HANDS REMOTELY.

THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

TURN TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO PUT THE NEXT MOTION FORWARD.

COUNCILOR EVANS: MOVE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT THE CITY OF EUGENE PROVIDES THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES REQUIRED BY OREGON REVISED STATUTE SECTION 221.760.

>> SECOND.

MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION FROM COUNCIL?

SEEING NONE, I'LL TAKE A VOTE FOR THIS MOTION.

COUNCILORS PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES.

THAT MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

PLEASE PUT THE NEXT MOTION FORWARD.

COUNCILOR EVANS: MOVE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION DETERMINING LEVYING AND CATEGORIZING THE ANNUAL AND VALARIAN PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF EUGENE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.

>> SECOND.

MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION FROM COUNCIL?

SEEING NONE I'LL TAKE A VOTE FOR THIS MOTION.

COUNCILORS PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES.

AND ONE MORE TIME.

THANK YOU.

AND THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT, PLEASE PUT THE NEXT MOTION FORWARD.

COUNCILOR EVANS: MOVE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF EUGENE FOR THE BIENNIUM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027.

>> SECOND.

MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION FROM COUNCIL?

SEEING NONE, I'LL TAKE A VOTE -- OH.

COUNCILOR CLARK?

COUNCILOR CLARK: I'M DONE.

MAYOR KNUDSON: PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES.

THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

THANK YOU.

THAT CONCLUDES THIS AGENDA ITEM.

COUNCILOR CLARK.

COUNCILOR CLARK: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

I WANT TO SAY QUICKLY BECAUSE THAT CONCLUDES OUR BUDGET PROCESS FOR THE YEAR AND IT WAS TOUGH TO GET THROUGH AND I WANT TO SAY

WITH OUR CITY MANAGER WHO IS RETIRING AT THE END OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR THAT WAS THE LAST TIME YOU HAVE TO DO THAT.

WELL DONE, MA'AM.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR KNUDSON: SOMETHING TELLS ME THERE WILL BE A LOT MORE MOMENTS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD OF APPRECIATION.

I WILL NOW CLOSE THIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND OPEN THE JUNE 23, 2025 MEETING OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY.

THE NEXT ITEM ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA IS A PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON THE RENEWAL AGENCY TO 25-27 BUDGET ADOPTION.

AGENCY DIRECTOR, PLEASE INTRODUCE THIS TOPIC.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR.

THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE AGENCY BOARD TO HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE AGENCY'S 2025-27 BIENNIAL BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

ENSURE TIMELY AND NECESSARY LEGAL APPROPRIATIONS.

AS ALWAYS CITY STAFF ARE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

THANKS.

MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU.

I NOW OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

STAFF, PLEASE SHARE A LIST OF THE SPEAKERS ON THE SCREEN AND ANNOUNCE THE FIRST SPEAKERS.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR.

WE HAVE TWO SPEAKERS FOR THIS TOPIC.

WHEN CALLED TO SPEAK STATE YOUR NAME AND WARD OR NEIGHBORHOOD IF KNOWN BEFORE BEGINNING YOUR COMMENTS.

YOU WILL HAVE TWO AND A HALF MINUTES TO SPEAK AND THE TIMER WILL

FLASH RED WHEN YOU HAVE 15 SECONDS LEFT.

YOUR MICROPHONE WILL BE MUTED AT THE 2.5 MINUTE MARK.

USE OF PROFANITY IS NOT ALLOWED.

OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS DANNY PATCH FOLLOWED BY STEPHON STRECK.

I SEE DANNY WAVING NO.

STEPHON YOU'RE UP.

>> THANK YOU, CITY COUNCIL.

I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME TO CONSIDER THE URBAN RENEWAL.

AS A TOPIC I'M STEPHON STRECK, HAPPY TO BE HERE.

CONSIDERING THE PREVIOUS MONTHS OF AGONIZING ANXIETY THAT SO MANY HAVE HAD ABOUT THEIR SERVICES POTENTIALLY BEING CUT, I THINK THIS IS A VERY VALUABLE TIME TO POINT OUT THAT URBAN RENEWAL AS A WHOLE CAN BE REALLY PINPOINTED AS THE REASON THAT THE CITY'S BEEN IN A DEFICIT AND NOT BEEN ABLE TO MEET THE BUDGET.

$40 MILLION BETWEEN DOWNTOWN AND THE RIVERFRONT TO SUBSIDIZE WEALTHY CORPORATE DEVELOPERS, THE RICHEST 1% BY FAR IN THE CITY, IT'S QUITE ASTOUNDING THAT NOBODY IS REALLY SAYING THAT, HEY, THESE PEOPLE CAN AFFORD TO PAY FOR THEIR OWN SHOES, SO TO SPEAK.

IT'S PRETTY SILLY TO KEEP THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY GOING WHEN THERE'S BEEN SO MANY DISASTROUS AND FAILED PROJECTS.

I BELIEVE THE STEAM PLANT WAS PART OF THAT, SELLING THAT FOR A DOLLAR WHEN WE'RE REALLY JUST LEFT WITH NOTHING TO SHOW FOR IT THERE'S AN EMPTY BUILDING WITH BROKEN WINDOWS SITTING THERE.

THEY GOT IT FOR FREE.

THAT'S KIND OF WILD.

FURTHERMORE, IT REALLY IMPACTS THE DEAL MAKING WHEN THE CITY'S JUST REALLY THROWING OUT VALUABLE PROPERTY AT A FIRE SALE TO REALLY JUST NOT PROVIDE A TANGIBLE BENEFIT FOR THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE GROWN UP HERE AND TRULY LOVE THIS CITY.

IT DOESN'T PROVIDE ANY BENEFIT FOR THE PEOPLE WHO PUT THEIR HEART AND SOUL INTO REALLY JUST LIVING THEIR BEST EUGENE LIFE, TO LOSE CITY PROPERTY FOR AN UNDER-VALUED OFFER.

PLEASE, ABANDON THE URBAN RENEWAL PROGRAM.

IT'S A TOTAL WASTE OF MONEY, IT'S A FARCE, IT'S A SCAM.

IT LEAVES THE ENTIRE POPULATION AS PEOPLE BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF.

THAT'S THAT.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, STEPHON.

MAYOR, THAT WAS OUR FINAL SPEAKER.

MAYOR KNUDSON: AND I NOW CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

ARE THERE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE AGENCY BOARD?

SEEING NONE I WILL TURN TO THE AGENCY PRESIDENT TO PUT THE FIRST MOTION FORWARD.

>> MOVE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF EUGENE DECLARING THE AMOUNT OF TAX TO BE CERTIFIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.

>> SECOND.

MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION FROM THE BOARD?

SEEING NONE, NOW TAKE A VOTE FOR THIS MOTION.

PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES, COUNCILORS.

THAT MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

TURN TO THE AGENCY PRESIDENT TO PUT FORWARD THE SECOND MOTION.

COUNCILOR EVANS: MOVE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF EUGENE ADOPTING THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND

ENDING JUNE 30, 2027.

>> SECOND.

MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION FROM THE BOARD?

SEEING NONE I'LL TAKE A VOTE FOR THIS MOTION.

PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES IN THE TABLETS IN FRONT OF YOU.

THAT MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

THANK YOU.

THAT CONCLUDES THIS AGENDA ITEM.

SO I WILL NOW CLOSE THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MEETING AND RECONVENE THE 2025 MEETING OF THE EUGENE CITY COUNCIL.

THE NEXT ITEM ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA IS AN ACTION RELATED TO THE PIONEER RESOURCES BUSINESS PARK VACATION.

PLEASE INTRODUCE THIS TOPIC.

>> TONIGHT THE CITY COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED TO POTENTIALLY TAKE ACTION ON A REQUEST TO VACATE IMPROVED CITY RIGHT OF WAY.

THE AREA INCLUDES A PORTION OF WEST 1ST AVENUE WITHIN THE PIONEER BUSINESS PARK IN WEST EUGENE.

THIS FACILITATES AN EXPANSION OF THE PREVIOUSLY VACATED AREA APPROVED LAST YEAR.

THE APPLICANT HAS REQUESTED A VACATION THEY PROPOSE A PUBLIC EASEMENT TO ENSURE FUTURE ACCESS FOR ANY EXISTING UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU.

ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?

SEEING NONE TURN TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

COUNCILOR EVANS: MOVE TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE VACATING 1st AVENUE WEST LOCATED WITHIN THE PIONEER RESOURCES BUSINESS PARK AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AS PROVIDED IN ATTACHMENT B TO THIS AIS.

>> SECOND.

MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION FROM COUNCIL?

SEEING NONE I'LL TAKE A VOTE FOR THIS MOTION.

COUNCILORS PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES.

THAT MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

THANK YOU.

THAT CONCLUDES THIS ITEM.

AND THE NEXT ITEM ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA IS AN ACTION ON THE MOSS ALLEY RIGHT OF WAY VACATION.

CITY MANAGER?

>> TONIGHT THE CITY COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED TO POTENTIALLY TAKE ACTION ON AN ACTION TO IMPROVE CITY RIGHT OF WAY INCLUDING A PORTION OF MOSS ALLEY SOUTH OF 17th AVENUE NEAR THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON CAMPUS.

PURPOSE IS TO CREATE A DEVELOPMENT SITE FOR FUTURE CONSTRUCTION OF A UNIVERSITY OF OREGON STUDENT RESIDENCE HALL.

APPLICANT IS ALSO PROPOSING A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT FOR REMAINING UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE VACATION AREA.

THANK YOU.

MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?

COUNCILOR ZELENKA.

COUNCILOR ZELENKA: A FEW QUESTIONS.

I HAD A QUESTION ABOUT THE DISCONTINUATION OF THE SITE REVIEW REQUIREMENT IN EXHIBIT C.

IN PARTICULAR THE ROUTE FOR DELIVERIES.

THE SITE REVIEW REQUIREMENTS WERE CONDITIONS PUT IN PLACE BY A HEARINGS OFFICIAL?

>> GOOD EVENING, THE SITE REVIEW FROM MY RECOLLECTION WAS PUT IN PLACE AS PART OF THE EAST CAMPUS PLANNING PROCESS, AND IN 2022 THEY WENT THROUGH A PROCESS TO REMOVE THE SITE REVIEW OVERLAY ZONE BECAUSE THE POLICY THAT PUT THAT IN PLACE WAS A CERTAIN PROPERTY THAT WAS PRIVATELY OPENED THAT HAD BEEN SINCE SO THEY PUT THE OVERLAY BECAUSE THAT WAS PRIVATELY OWNED.

THE UNIVERSITY OWNED EVERYTHING AROUND IT.

THAT PROPERTY WAS FINALLY GRANTED OVER TO THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON FOR OWNERSHIP AND SO THAT MADE THAT POLICY MOOT AND THEY REMOVED THE OVERLAY IN THAT AREA WHICH PREDICATED AND ALLOWED FOR THE DISCONTINUANCE.

>> IT WAS PUT IN PLACE BY A HEARINGS OFFICIAL?

>> PUT IN PLACE LIKELY DURING THE CITY COUNCIL PROCESS BUT THE SITE REVIEW REMOVAL OCCURRED THROUGH A HEARINGS OFFICIAL PROCESS.

COUNCILOR ZELENKA: IT WAS REMOVED BY A HEARING OFFICIAL?

>> RIGHT.

COUNCILOR ZELENKA: SO THE REASON I ASK IS BECAUSE PART OF THOSE RESTRICTIONS ON THAT SITE REVIEW RELATED TO THE ROUTE THAT VENDORS AND DELIVERY TRUCKS TAKE TO ACCESS THE KITCHEN OF THE U OF O, AND THE POINT OF ALL OF THAT AND THAT PROCESS THAT WE WENT THROUGH FOR YEARS WAS TO AVOID HAVING ALL THAT TRAFFIC IMPACT BEING PUSHED INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

AND SO WHEN THAT SITE REVIEW IS NO LONGER BEHOLDEN IT REMOVES THAT ROUTE RESTRICTION.

I SEE THAT IN EXHIBITS THAT THERE IS ANOTHER ROUTE THAT'S BEING PROPOSED, AND I'M WONDERING WHAT THE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM IS FOR THAT ROUTE

SHOULD DELIVERY VENDORS AND OTHERS DECIDE TO IGNORE THAT ROUTE.

>> THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION.

THE SITE REVIEW WAS THE TOOL PREVIOUSLY TO ENFORCE THOSE ROUTES.

WITH REMOVAL OF THAT SITE REVIEW THEY ARE OPEN TO USE DELIVERY MECHANISMS OF THEIR CHOOSING USING PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY THAT EXIST.

THAT'S A LONG WAY OF SAYING THAT THEY ARE ALLOWED TO USE THE STREETS AND PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY.

THERE'S NO ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM WE HAVE TO DICTATE THOSE DELIVERY ROUTES WITH REMOVAL AND DISCONTINUATION OF THE SITE REMOVAL.

COUNCILOR ZELENKA: WAS WHAT THE POINT OF THE TWO EXHIBITS?

THERE'S NO WAY TO ENFORCE THOSE ROUTES.

>> I APPRECIATE THE QUESTION.

THE APPLICANT IN THEIR WRITTEN MATERIALS EXPRESSED THROUGH THEIR LARGER PLANNING PROCESS THEY WANTED TO MAKE SURE THEY WERE DEMONSTRATING THEY WERE THINKING ABOUT THESE TYPES OF IMPACTS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN MOVING TOWARDS THIS ALLEY VACATION AND EVENTUALLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE RESIDENCE HALL.

I THINK THEY WERE TRYING TO PROVE THEY WEREN'T JUST DOING THIS WITHOUT CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE IMPACTS TO THE NEIGHBORS.

COUNCILOR ZELENKA: SO IF NEIGHBORS FIND THAT THE VENDORS ARE NOT COMPLYING WITH THAT AND ARE JUST GOING THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD INSTEAD, WHAT DO THEY DO?

THEY CALL THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, CALL YOU, CALL ME, WHICH THEY WILL?

>> THE APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT HERE TO SPEAK TONIGHT.

I WOULD THINK THE UNIVERSITY IS LIKELY NOT INTERESTED IN HAVING NEGATIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR PROPERTY OWNERS AS THEY TALKED ABOUT IN THEIR APPLICATION.

THEY DID A LOT OF OUTREACH AROUND THIS PROJECT.

I'M NOT HERE TO REPRESENT THEM.

THE ENFORCEMENT WOULD BE WITHIN IF THEY ARE IN ANY VIOLATION OF TRAFFIC LAWS OR ANYTHING OF THAT NATURE.

OTHERWISE THE CITY LAND USE CODE DOESN'T HAVE JURISDICTION THERE.

COUNCILOR ZELENKA: COUNCILORS ARE FACED WITH AS THE UNIVERSITY WANTS TO DEVELOP THAT PART OF THE FAIRMONT NEIGHBORHOOD, THEY ARE SO FAR BEING SUPER RELUCTANT TO HAVE ANY KIND OF RESTRICTIONS OR REQUIREMENTS PLACED ON THEM ABOUT PUSHING ALL OF THAT WORK FOR THE 800 BED DORMITORY BUILT HERE AND OTHER THINGS IN THAT AREA OUT INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

THEY SAY THAT BUT THEY ARE NOT WILLING TO PUT TOGETHER A VOLUNTARY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT OR ANY OTHER RESTRICTIONS.

IT'S SO FAR JUST RHETORIC AND PROMISES, BUT WE CAN CALL THEM AND SAY BUT YOU SAID EVEN THOUGH NONE OF THAT COULD HAPPEN.

I THINK IT'S UPON US IN THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN AND THAT THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE FAIRMONT NEIGHBORHOOD GETS MAINTAINED IN AN APPROPRIATE FASHION SO THAT THE U OF O KEEPS TO THEIR INITIAL REQUESTS AND PROMISES.

MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, STAFF.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?

WITH THAT I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

COUNCILOR EVANS: MOVE TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF MOSS ALLEY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AS PROVIDED IN ATTACHMENT B, TO THIS AIS.

>> SECOND.

MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION FROM COUNCIL?

SEEING NONE I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THIS MOTION.

COUNCILORS PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES.

THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

THANK YOU.

I'M SO SORRY.

THE LAST VOTE, 7-1.

APOLOGIES, COUNCILOR KEATING.

THAT CONCLUDES THAT ITEM.

THE LAST ITEM IS THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS TO SPEAK TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON ANY CITY RELATED ISSUES EXCEPT FOR THOSE ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN HEARD BY A HEARINGS OFFICIAL.

STAFF, CAN YOU PLEASE SHARE A LIST AND THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS WHO SIGNED UP THIS EVENING BY 7:35 P.M. AND ANNOUNCE THE FIRST SPEAKERS.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR.

WE HAVE 29 SPEAKERS SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

I WILL ANNOUNCE TWO SPEAKERS' NAMES AT A TIME.

WHEN CALLED TO SPEAK PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WARD OR NEIGHBORHOOD IF KNOWN BEFORE BEGINNING YOUR COMMENTS.

WHEN YOU'RE ANNOUNCED PLEASE MOVE TO THE SEAT IN THE FRONT ROW DESIGNATED FOR THE NEXT SPEAKER.

WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN YOU MAY COME TO THE PODIUM.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY BAGS YOU MAY HAVE WITH YOU AT YOUR SEAT.

IF YOU HAVE DOCUMENTS TO GIVE COUNCIL PLEASE PLACE THEM IN THE BASKET NEAR THE PODIUM.

YOU'LL HAVE TWO AND A HALF MINUTES TO SPEAK.

THE TIMER WILL FLASH RED WHEN YOU HAVE 15 SECONDS REMAINING.

YOUR MICROPHONES WILL BE MUTED AT THE 2.5 MINUTE MARK.

PLEASE NOTE USE OF PROFANITY IS PROHIBITED AND ANY INSTANCES OF

PROFANITY WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF SPEAKING PRIVILEGE.

OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS LIN WOODRICH FOLLOWED BY STAN TAYLOR.

>> I'M LIN WOODRICH, ACTIVE BETHEL COMMUNITY CO-CHAIR.

I LIVE IN WARD 8.

I'M SPEAKING FOR THE BOARD.

I LISTENED TO THE PRESENTATION ON THE RESULTS OF THE HEALTH STANDARDS ENGAGEMENT ON THE 18th.

IF THE PEOPLE WEREN'T FORCED TO REGISTER TO TAKE THE SURVEY YOU WOULD HAVE HEARD FROM MANY MORE OF THE CONCERNED RESIDENTS AND I BELIEVE THE SURVEY RESULTS WOULD HAVE BEEN QUITE DIFFERENT.

IN THE OPTION 1 VERSION APPROVED I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO DECIDES IF THE EL RAPA PERMITS ARE LIKELY TO BE APPROVED.

WILL PLANNERS ASK EL RAPA AND DEQ, OR WILL BUILDERS DECIDE?

WHAT IF THEY AREN'T APPROVED.

I CERTAINLY HOPE THE RISK ASSESSMENT BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN WILL SOMEHOW HAVE A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE.

WILL THEY BE COMING TO EUGENE OR ARE THEY GOING TO ANALYZE DATA?

IT WILL BE HARD TO GATHER DATA ABOUT THE HEALTH OF PEOPLE AS MANY MOVE AWAY FROM OUR AREA AND HEALTH RECORDS ARE PROTECTED.

I LIKE THE SUGGESTION COUNCILOR LEECH MADE OF NARROWING DESCRIPTIONS OF THE ZONE DESIGNATIONS.

THE REQUEST WOULD GIVE PLANNERS A WAY TO DENY THE MOST HAZARDOUS BUSINESSES THEN MAYBE WE COULD HAVE DENIED THE FUEL TANK IN THE TRAINSONG NEIGHBORHOOD.

THE CURRENT SYSTEM ALLOWS A FUEL TANK FARM AND TRANSFER STATION IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA.

THE J.H. BAXTER SITE WAS THERE PRIOR TO HOMES BEING BUILT ACROSS THE STREET BUT SHOWS THE HORRIFIC DAMAGE HAVING AN INDUSTRIAL

BUSINESS TOO CLOSE TO HOMES.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, LYNN.

NEXT ARE STAN TAYLOR FOLLOWED BY SUE.

>> I'M STAN TAYLOR.

I'M IN WARD 1.

I'M HERE TONIGHT TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT GETTING AVELO AIRLINES OUT OF EUGENE.

I'M ALSO HERE AS LEADER OF INDIVISIBLE EUGENE SPRINGFIELD.

IT'S ONE OF 18 ORGANIZATIONS THAT IS THE ACTIVIST COALITION OF EUGENE SPRINGFIELD THAT BROUGHT THE NO KINGS PROTEST TO EUGENE ON THE 14th.

WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT INDIVISIBLE NATIONAL AND INDIVISIBLE EUGENE SPRINGFIELD AS WELL AS NO NAMED ORGANIZATIONS IN THE 18 MEMBER ACTIVIST COALITION OF EUGENE SPRINGFIELD OPPOSE THE CONTINUED CONTRACT OF THE CITY OF EUGENE WITH AVELO AIRLINES.

IT WAS INTERESTING TO HEAR THE BILL OF RIGHTS PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT DEALT WITH INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND LIFE AND THE PORTIONS THAT DEAL WITH DUE PROCESS OF LAW.

I THOUGHT IT WAS ALSO INTERESTING TO HEAR THE AWARD GIVEN TO THE TRRANS ALLIANCE OF LANE COUNTY FOR THE WORK TO MAKE THIS COUNTY TO REAFFIRM ITS SANCTUARY STATUS AND I WOULD SUGGEST TO YOU THAT THE CITY OF EUGENE BY CONTINUING TO CONTINUE TO HAVE A CONTRACT WITH AVELO IS VIOLATING THAT PRINCIPLE OF SOLIDARITY OF SANCTUARY WITH IMMIGRANTS IN THIS STATE.

YOU MAY HAVE HEARD JUST RECENTLY A LINE MANAGER FROM THE NEWBERG AREA WAS PICKED UP BY ICE, TAKEN TO PORTLAND, AND THEN TO THE TACOMA AREA WITH ALL POTENTIAL FOR HIM TO BE SENT DOWN TO TEXAS WHERE AVELO COULD SHIP HIM OUT OF THE COUNTRY TO HIS COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OR TO A COUNTRY THAT IS SOMEWHERE ELSE.

THIS IS NOT DUE PROCESS OF LAW.

THIS IS NOT PROTECTING LIFE, LIBERTY HERE IN EUGENE.

THIS IS A VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF SANCTUARY TO WHICH THIS CITY IS COMMITTED.

WE NEED TO PROTECT IMMIGRANTS THAT ARE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, STAN.

NEXT ARE SUE FOLLOWED BY RICH LOCK.

>> I'M SUE, I LIVE IN WARD 6.

I WANT TO THANK THE COUNCIL FOR SETTING ASIDE TIME TONIGHT TO LISTEN TO WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY.

THANK YOU.

LET ME PUT MY REMARKS INTO THE FOLLOWING CONTEXT.

THE PUBLIC PRESSURE THAT'S ON ALL OF US AND YOU AS THE CITY COUNCIL ARE FEELING THAT YOU'RE FEELING NOW IS PRESSURES OF OLD SYSTEMS AND IT'S FELT WORLDWIDE AROUND THE ISSUES OF MIGRATION AND CAN BE DIRECTLY LINKED TO CLIMATE CRISIS AND IT'S ONLY GOING TO GET WORSE.

WITH THAT SAID I URGE THE CITY COUNCIL TO PASS A RESOLUTION THAT READS SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

SEEING THAT THE CITY OF EUGENE IS A SANCTUARY CITY IN THE STATE OF OREGON THAT IS A SANCTUARY STATE THE CITY OF EUGENE RESOLVES TO OPPOSE THE DEPORTATION OF OUR MIGRANT COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITHOUT DUE PROCESS OF LAW INCLUDING THE SEPARATION OF PARENTS FROM THEIR CHILDREN, HUSBANDS FROM THEIR WIVES, INDIVIDUALS SEEKING ASYLUM IN THE LEGAL PROCESS TO LEGALIZE IMMIGRATION, AND DEPORTING THEM UNDER UNSAFE CONDITIONS.

I'M SURE SOMEONE LATER WILL TOUCH UPON THAT.

THE CITY OF EUGENE THEREBY RESOLVES TO OPPOSED AFOREMENTIONED TREATMENT AS MUCH AS IS WITHIN THEIR POWER TO DO SO.

IN CONCLUSION, AS THE CITY COUNCIL I DON'T KNOW THAT ALL YOU CAN DO TO STOP DETENTIONS AND DEPORTATIONS AND THOSE WHO PROFIT OFF

THEM AVELO, BUT I KNOW YOU CAN DO SOMETHING.

TAKE SOME ACTION TO ADDRESS THE CRUEL INHUMANE TREATMENT OF INTERNATIONALS HERE.

A RECENT EXAMPLE IS WHEN DODGERS STADIUM REFUSED TO ALLOW ICE TO PROCESS PEOPLE THEY DETAINED IN THE STADIUM PARKING LOT.

SIMILARLY, THE CITY COUNCIL VIEW OF EUGENE MIGHT REFUSE TO ALLOW ICU CITY PROPERTY AS REQUESTED.

I URGE YOU TO ACT AT YOUR EVERY OPPORTUNITY.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> THANK YOU, SUE.

NEXT ARE CHRIS AND JACOB TRUE.

SORRY.

RICH LOCK FOLLOWED BY CHRIS TOPAZ.

>> MAYOR, COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER, THANKS FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK HERE THIS EVENING.

I'M RICH LOCK, A WARD 7 BUSINESS AND THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE EUGENE BUSINESS ALLIANCE.

MAYOR, I WANT TO JUST LOOK YOU IN THE EYE AND SAY EUGENE IS NOT SAFE.

WE'RE HAVING A REAL SAFETY PROBLEM HERE.

I WAS VERY SURPRISED TO GET FORWARDED A MESSAGE FROM SUMMIT BANK PRINCIPLES THAT ONE OF THEIR EMPLOYEES WAS ASSAULTED IN FRONT OF PALACE BAKERY AND ALL OF THAT.

I HAVE A HARD TIME BELIEVING THAT PEOPLE CAN'T FEEL SECURE IN COMING TO WORK DOWNTOWN EUGENE AND BEING ABLE TO WALK AWAY FROM THEIR BUSINESS ONE BLOCK TO GET A CUP OF COFFEE OR WHATEVER

AND GET ASSAULTED.

SO ONE OF THE THINGS I WANTED TO SAY WAS YEARS AGO CITY MANAGER

MEDERI AND I TALKED, RICH, GO BUY THE BOOK, START WITH WHY.

I DID THAT I READ IT SEVERAL TIMES, I LISTENED TO IT.

I'M GOING TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS NOW THAT I HAVE MOVED TOWARDS SEVEN, ONE OF THE MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FROM BUSINESSES CALLING ME SAYING, WHY IS IT THAT WHEN THEY CALL OR EMAIL MISS LEECH THEY DON'T GET ANY ANSWER?

WHY IS IT THAT WE HAVE GARBAGE, GARBAGE IS A FETISH OF MINE BECAUSE I ALWAYS SEEM TO BRING IT UP, WHY IS IT THAT WE HAVE SUCH PROBLEMS WITH IT?

I HAVE ANSWERED THAT QUESTION.

IT'S ABUNDANT SERVICES AND A LACK OF PUBLIC POLICIES AND ENFORCEMENT.

WE HAVE WHAT I WANTED TO BRING OUT HERE IS THIS WHY IS NOT THE CUSTOMERS OF ALL OF THE NONPROFITS THAT ARE SUPPORTING THESE FOLKS HAVING TO PAY THE BILL TO CLEAN UP AFTER THEM?

WHY DO WE HAVE TO LIVE WITH IT IN OUR BUSINESSES AND IN OUR HOMES?

THANKS.

>> THANK YOU, RICH.

NEXT ARE CHRIS FOLLOWED BY JACOB TRUE.

>> HI.

I'M CHRIS TOPAZ AND THIS IS MY FIRST TIME HERE.

I LIVE AND WORK IN WARD 4.

I APPEAL TO YOU ON MORAL GROUNDS TO TAKE ACTION FOR JUSTICE AGAINST AVELO AIRLINES.

GRASP THE SITUATION PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED DUE PROCESS ARE FLOWN IN AIRPLANES IN SHACKLES.

THIS HAS BEEN VERIFIED BY THE FLIGHT ATTENDANTS.

WE MUST REMOVE AVELO AIRLINE FROM OUR CITY.

IT'S A COMMERCIAL COMPANY THAT TAKES OUR TAX DOLLARS VIA ICE TO DEPORT PEOPLE.

IT'S WRONG.

TO ACCEPT THIS MEANS TO CONDONE THIS.

>> THANK YOU, CHRIS.

NEXT ARE JACOB TRUE FOLLOWED BY SUE CRAIG.

>> HELLO, JACOB TRUE AGAIN.

I'M SURE YOU'RE SICK OF HEARING FROM ME BY NOW BUT I WANT TO TOUCH BRIEFLY ON MY SUPPORT FOR FOLKS TRYING TO STOP AVELO AIRLINES.

I ALSO WANT TO TOUCH ON THE FLOCK CAMERA ISSUE.

RECENTLY THE CITY INSTALLED A WHOLE BUNCH OF FLOCK CAMERAS.

THE WAY THAT PRIVATE COMPANY IS SET UP WHERE IT COLLECTS DATA FROM THE CAMERAS, THE LICENSE PLATE READING CAMERAS, THAT INFORMATION IS THEN SOLD TO WHOEVER PAYS A FEE TO THAT SERVICE.

WHILE YOU ALL DID GET A GRANT TO INSTALL THE CAMERAS THAT DOES NOT COVER ONGOING FEES AND IT'S LIKE THEY SAY WITH A LOT OF SOFTWARE IF YOU'RE NOT PAYING FOR IT YOU'RE THE CUSTOMER.

IN THIS CASE THOSE CAMERAS ARE USED TO TRACK MOVEMENTS OF FOLKS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ICE TO THEN DEPORT THEM.

WE CURRENTLY HAVE A REQUEST IN TO FIND OUT THE LOCATION OF ALL 57 OF THOSE PAID FOR UNDER THE CONTRACT.

BUT I ENCOURAGE ANYONE WATCHING THIS TO GO TO DEFLOCK.ME AND REPORT THE LOCATIONS OF THESE CAMERAS SO WE CAN FIGURE OUT WHERE THEY ARE AT AND HOW THEY ARE MONITORING AND DECREASING THE SAFETY OF FOLKS LIVING IN OUR COMMUNITY.

THAT'S DEFLOCK.ME.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

CHEERS.

>> THANK YOU, JACOB.

NEXT ARE SUE CRAIG FOLLOWED BY SARAH BOOM.

>> MY NAME IS SUE CRAIG, IN WARD 6, HERE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF INTERFAITH EARTH KEEPERS EUGENE SPRINGFIELD AND A STATE ORGANIZATION OREGON UNITARIAN UNIVERSAL VOICES FOR JUSTICE.

I AM ASKING YOU BECAUSE TO DO SOMETHING REALLY WONDERFUL TO DISCOURAGE US FROM SUPPORTING THEM IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM.

AS YOU KNOW, THEY ARE DOING ICE'S WORK.

MY TAX DOLLARS ARE PAYING FOR IT WHICH I FIND APPALLING.

THEY ARE REALLY EVIL PEOPLE.

I'M SORRY BUT THEY ARE.

THIS IS EVIL WORK PUSHED BY MR. MILLER, WHO IS I NEVER BELIEVED IN EVILNESS UNTIL I CAME ON THIS PERSON AND WHAT HE IS DOING TO OTHER HUMAN BEINGS.

IT'S WRONG.

I ASK YOU TO FIND A VERY MORAL WAY TO DEAL WITH THIS AND TO MAKE SOME STATEMENTS AND MAYBE EVEN THINK ABOUT SUING THEM FOR NOT FOLLOWING THE LAW, WHICH THEY ARE NOT DOING.

THEY ARE HELPING ICE NOT FOLLOW THE LAW.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

THANKS FOR LISTENING TO US.

>> THANK YOU, SUE.

NEXT ARE SARAH BOOM FOLLOWED BY DAVID IDLE.

>> HELLO, CITY COUNCIL.

I'M SARAH BOOM, A RESIDENT OF WARD 7.

IF YOU ASK ME THE TELLTALE SIGN OF AUTHORITARIANISM IS I WOULD SAY

THE STATE WATCHING EVERY MOVE.

CAMERAS IN PARKS, CAMERAS IN PARKING LOTS, DOWNTOWN.

EVEN A CAMERA OVER THE RAILROAD TRACKS WHERE NO ONE GOES BUT THE TRAIN OPERATORS.

THERE ARE CAMERAS ON DRONES THAT CAN FLY AROUND TOWN EVEN OVER PRIVATE HOMES.

EVEN OVER YOUR PRIVATE HOME.

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO TRY TO SEE WHAT'S IN THE MASSIVE DATABASES EPD IS GATHERING ON ALL OF US.

IF THIS DATA WERE TO GET INTO THE HANDS OF A BAD ACTOR IT COULD BE USED TO VERY DANGEROUS ENDS.

IF YOU CAN'T CUT THEIR BUDGET FOR SUCH DEVICES AT LEAST MAKE LAWS AS TO WHERE THEY CAN USE THEM.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

NEXT ARE DAVID FOLLOWED BY WILLIAM O'BRIEN.

>> DAVID IDLE, WARD 1.

THERE ARE SOME MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH THE LANE COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM.

ON JANUARY 13th CITY CLUB MEETING DIRECTOR KEITH LOWE STATED THERE WERE NO PLANS TO CORRECT THE MANY LIES.

LIES SPREAD ABOUT MANY BLAMELESS CITIZENS, MANY FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DEEPLY HURT.

I ASK EVERYONE CONTACT THE DIRECTOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO ASK FOR CORRECTIVE INFORMATION.

IN ADDITION TO THE LANE COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM MISREPRESENTING IT AS DOCUMENTED HISTORY THERE'S BEEN A GREAT DEAL OF MISCONDUCT IN THE OPERATION OF THE MUSEUM.

BOB HARRIS CANCELED A MEETING WITH ME BECAUSE MY RESEARCH WAS A FRAUD.

I WAS UNLAWFULLY EXCLUDED BECAUSE I HAD ASKED AN IMPROPER QUESTION.

WHEN JENNIFER WAS THE DIRECTOR AND BART AIKEN WAS CHAIRMAN OF BOARD I WAS REFUSED ACCESS TO THE RECORDS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING AS OREGON LAW REQUIRES SO I CAN CONTACT THEM AND DISCUSS ISSUES.

THIS PAST YEAR ALTHOUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBER I RECEIVED NO INVITE TO THE ANNUAL MEETING.

MR. HART AND BART ARE ON THE ADVISORY BOARD.

TWO OF OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LORI AND HEATHER, HAVE BOTH BEEN PROMOTING FAKE LOCAL HISTORY, THE NORTH BANK MEMORIAL.

UNFORTUNATELY BOTH ALSO MADE THE RIDICULOUS PUBLIC ACCUSATION THAT I'M A WHITE SUPREMACIST AND ANTI-SEMITE.

THOSE TWO FAULTS ARE NOT AMONG MY MANY FAULTS.

FOR THOSE JUST ANYBODY WHO DOESN'T KNOW THE STORY ALREADY PROFESSOR DUNN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE KLAN CONSISTED OF FROM JANUARY 1922 FOR ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS IN THAT PERIOD AT SOME TIME THE KLAN MEMBERS CROOKED SALESMEN WERE LYING TO PROSPECTS AND TELLING PEOPLE THAT HE WAS THE HEAD OF THEIR ORGANIZATION SO THEY COULD CHEAT THEM OUT OF $10 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP.

THAT WAS HIS RELATIONSHIP.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU, DAVID.

NEXT ARE WILLIAM O'BRIEN FOLLOWED BY SHERRI SCHAFFERS.

>> WILLIAM O'BRIEN.

I BELIEVE I'M IN WARD 3 CITY COUNCILOR MS. LEECH.

CAN I HAND THIS PIECE OF PAPER TO SOMEONE?

>> THE BASKET, WILLIAM.

>> WONDERFUL.

WELL, YOU KNOW, I MISSED YOUR LAST ITEM OF DISCUSSION, ABSENCE OF GIVING MOSS ALLEY PARTITIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON.

WHEN I DEAL WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A DOG OR THE TAIL.

YOU KNOW?

I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THE TAIL IS NIKE OR THE HEAD IS NIKE OR THE TAIL OR THE HEAD IS UNIVERSITY OF OREGON.

SO I GET REALLY CONFUSED.

ONE THING I DO KNOW I THINK IS YOU'RE GOING TO BUILD A TEN STORY BUILDING.

THAT'S A GIVEN.

JUST LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A PROJECT THAT'S GOING TO TAKE OVER FRANKLIN BOULEVARD, GENERATE A LOT OF MONEY.

WHO KNOWS.

IT'S ENDLESS GROWTH.

MAYBE YOU'LL GET A FEDERAL GRANT.

I DON'T KNOW.

I DON'T WANT THAT EITHER.

I DON'T WANT A TEN STORY BUILDING.

OKAY?

WHAT I DO WANT TO SAY IS SOMETHING POSITIVE, LAST SUNDAY I WENT TO THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CONCERNED ABOUT MY HEALTH.

I SAID, MY GOD, I'M NOT FEELING TOO GOOD THESE DAYS.

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT.

IF I WANT TO GO TO A DOCTOR'S OFFICE I GOT TO GET THERE, MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, GIVE THEM MY HEALTH CARE CARD.

THEY SAID, YOU, YOU CAN SPEAK TO US.

I SAID WONDERFUL.

I'M GOING TO TALK TO YOU.

I'M WORRIED ABOUT MY LIVER.

I THINK I GOT CANCER.

THE NURSE SAYS -- THE PERSON SAYS -- YOU DON'T HAVE CANCER.

YOU'RE FINE.

MAYBE TOMORROW YOU'LL DIE, NOT TODAY.

I LOVE WHAT THEY ARE DOING, YOU KNOW?

I'M IGNORANT.

THAT GOES WITH THE 2.2 MILLION DOLLARS THAT YOU APPROVED OF I BELIEVE, I THINK YOU DID, FOR CAHOOTS.

CAHOOTS IN PLACE.

THEY WERE LAID OFF, TERMINATED.

THEY WERE DOING WONDERFUL STUFF.

GREAT STUFF.

I'M SO GLAD THIS IS GOING TO HAPPEN THE 2.2 BILLION --

>> THANK YOU, WILLIAM.

YOUR TIME HAS CONCLUDED.

NEXT ARE SHERRI FOLLOWED BY NICK BOWL.

ALL RIGHT.

NOT SEEING SHERRI COME UP.

NICK BOWL WILL SPEAK NEXT THEN CALL FOR SHERRI ONE MORE TIME.

>> I'M NICK BOWL FROM WARD 2.

I WANT TO SHOW MY SUPPORT FOR WILLAMETTE VALLEY CRISIS CARE AND REFLECT ON WHAT I HAVE SEEN.

I DO BELIEVE MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO FIND FUNDING FOR OUR CRISIS WORKERS.

THANK THOSE OF YOU WORKING HARD.

I HAVE TO SAY THAT EVEN IF THIS PASSES I DON'T THINK THAT IT'S BEEN ENOUGH.

THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY EARLY ON AND THE SLOW BUSINESS AS USUAL APPROACH YOU'VE TAKEN HAS PROBABLY ALREADY COST LIVES AND IT'S BEEN MANY MONTHS AND ESSENTIAL SERVICE EMERGENCY SERVICE HAS HAD THE PHONE OFF THE HOOK.

THIS COUNCIL HAS NOT BEHAVED AS IF IT WAS AN EMERGENCY.

ON MAY 28 YOU HEARD DIRECTLY FROM CRISIS WORKERS, PROVIDING THEIR MASSIVE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY.

MATT, YOU RAN ON SUPPORT OF THEIR PROGRAM BUT YOU STATED YOU DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT THEY PROVIDE.

YOU CALLED UP THE POLICE CHIEF TO GIVE ANECDOTE IN DEFENSE OF THEIR PLAN TO EXPAND A DRONE PROGRAM FOR HALF A MILLION DOLLARS WHICH THEY HAVE THE AUDACITY TO BRAND AS ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE.

HE GUESSED THE CURRENT DRONE PROGRAM LED TO SOMETHING LIKE 30 ARRESTS SO FAR THAT YEAR.

THAT WAS ENOUGH FOR YOU TO DISMISS OUT OF HAND A MOTION THAT TAKES LESS THAN 1% OF THEIR ENORMOUS BUDGET TO FOLKS THAT RESPONDED TO 18% OF THEIR EMERGENCY CALLS.

I WANT TO KNOW WHY YOU DIDN'T MAKE THE COMPARISON WITH THE DATA THAT THEY RESPONDED TO OVER 40 EMERGENCIES A DAY.

RESPONDING TO 40 EMERGENCIES IN A DAY, AIDING TO 30 ARRESTS OVER

SIX-MONTHS.

I THINK THAT WAS A CLEAR DEMONSTRATION OF THE VALUES AND I WOULD LIKE THAT RECORDED.

THE MATH BETWEEN CAHOOTS AND WORKERS NOW WORKING OUT OF A PARKING LOT WITHOUT PAY BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE HEART TO QUIT COLD TURKEY ON THEIR COMMUNITY, IS 980 CASES OF BASIC NEEDS PROVIDED EVERY WEEK.

THAT AMOUNTS TO THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUAL NEEDS BASIC NEEDS GOING UNMET EVERY MONTH.

EVERY MONTH.

EUGENE RESIDENTS HAVE PAID FOR THOSE SERVICES.

REPORTEDLY 90% OF US SUPPORT THEIR PROGRAMS AND THEY HAVE PROVED EFFECTIVE.

THERE'S BEEN A CASUAL PACE AND RELUCTANCE TO FUND WHAT'S NEEDED AND DESERVED.

IT'S BEEN A BIG DISAPPOINTMENT TO WITNESS.

>> THANK YOU, NICK.

YOUR TIME HAS CONCLUDED.

THIS IS THE LAST CALL FOR SHERRI SCHAFFERS.

MOVING TO ATHENA FOLLOWED BY PETE.

>> MAYOR, COUNCILORS, I'M ATHENA I'M A RESIDENT OF WARD 5.

PLEASE PLACE A CHANGE IN THE TOXICS BOARD MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS ON TO THE CITY CHARTER FOR THIS FALL.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE'RE RESERVING THREE SPOTS FOR PEOPLE MAKING THE TOXICS.

WHO WANTS TO BE ON THE BOARD BE ON THE BOARD.

YOU KNOW WHO COULD BE THERE?

ROXANA, DAVID, COUNCILOR GROVES NOMINATED, AND FROM MY OWN WARD MICHAEL GALLAGHER.

YOU HAVE THE EXACT NUMBER OF APPLICANTS BUT INSTEAD THE CITY'S CHARTER RESTRICTS BOARD MEMBERSHIP TO BE AGAIN LITERALLY THE PEOPLE CREATING THE PROBLEM THAT THE BOARD IS MEANT TO MONITOR.

ON JULY 8 THE BOARD IS HAVING A CLOSED WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE THEY PLAN TO PRESENT TO YOU GUYS.

I SUGGEST YOU ADOPT IT.

FOR THOSE OF YOU ON MY SIDE ADDING A SECOND ITEM FURTHER JUSTIFIES THE COST OF A SPECIAL ELECTION WHICH WE HAVE TO KEEP THE FIRE FEE ON THE BALLOT.

IF YOU TAKE IT OFF YOU'RE NOT GIVING US A CHANCE TO FIGHT FOR THE YES.

WHERE WILL YOU FIND THAT 2.2 TO BRING CAHOOTS IN-HOUSE?

THANKS FOR LISTENING.

KEEP ME IN MIND FOR THE COMMITTEE.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT COUNCILOR EVANS REWARD ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO DECIDES TO READ THE ENTIRE MINUTES FOR THIS LONG MEETING FOR PUBLIC RECORD AFTER THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

>> THANK YOU.

NEXT SPEAKERS ARE PETE FOLLOWED BY MARK.

IS THERE A PETE GOLDLUST?

I'LL CALL ONE MORE TIME.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MARK.

>> I'M MARK, I LIVE IN THE SECOND WARD WHERE MY WIFE AND I ARE VERY HAPPILY ENSCONCED IN A HOUSE THERE.

I'M A U.S. CITIZEN, A RESIDENT OF EUGENE HERE TO VOICE MY OPPOSITION TO AVELO AIRLINES.

THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE DEPORTATION OF IMMIGRANTS.

THIS INHUMANE DEPORTATION CRIMINALIZES AND DEHUMANIZES IMMIGRANTS.

THESE GO SPECIFICALLY AGAINST CITY COUNCIL 2.495 WHICH STATES CITY RESOURCES INCLUDING MONEY, EQUIPMENT OR PERSONNEL SHALL NOT BE USED TO DETECT OR APPREHEND INDIVIDUALS WHOSE ONLY VIOLATION IS BEING PRESENT IN THE U.S. WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION.

TRACK AN ORGANIZATION THAT FOLLOWS ICE POSTED ICE'S OWN FINDINGS THAT THE ONLY VIOLATION OF 67% OF DEPORTED IMMIGRANTS IN '23, '24 WAS BEING IN THE U.S. WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION.

THE AIRLINES DOES NOT YET OPERATE AIRPORT DEPORTATION FLIGHTS OUT OF EUGENE, NOT YET, BUT THEY DO IN OTHER CITIES AND ARE A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE CORPORATION THAT DOES.

I RESPECTFULLY CALL ON MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO CONDEMN THIS PRACTICE AND TO CALL ON THE AIRLINES TO STOP DEPORTATIONS IMMEDIATELY.

WE EUGENIANS, OREGONIANS AND CITIZENS ARE BETTER THAN THIS.

LET'S TAKE A STAND AND GET ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY.

I HAVE JUST ONE THOUGHT ON HOW THIS MIGHT BE DONE INSTEAD OF JUST PUTTING IT OUT THERE.

LET'S CREATE AND PASS A RESOLUTION USING EXISTING CITY CODE LANGUAGE THAT STATES FORCED DEPORTATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHOSE ONLY VIOLATION IS BEING PRESENT IN THE U.S. WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION, BY ANY CORPORATION THAT DOES BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF EUGENE IS A VIOLATION OF CITY CODE AND MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF A CONTRACT TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE CITY.

THIS TYPE OF VIOLATION AND ACTION IS INCLUDED IN THE CITY AGREEMENT WITH THE AIRLINES AND COMPLIANCE SECTION.

IF THE COMPANY IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE THEIR AGREEMENT CAN BE TERMINATED.

THIS IS WRITTEN OUT IN THE NONDISCRIMINATION SECTION OF THE AGREEMENT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> THANK YOU, MARK.

ONE LAST CALL FOR PETE GOLDLUST.

OUR NEXT ARE ETHAN SMITH FOLLOWED BY NEIL PENN.

>> MAYOR, COUNCILORS, I'M HERE BECAUSE I'M VERY INTERESTED IN HOUSING AND I KNOW I'M ONE OF THE NOT INSIGNIFICANT NUMBER PAYING FAR TOO MUCH IN RENT IN THE CITY OF EUGENE.

I WANTED TO COME TO THE WORK SESSION TO HEAR ABOUT THE PLANS THE CITY IS WORKING ON AND IT'S FANTASTIC TO SEE YOU'RE TAKING SERIOUSLY THE NEED FOR MORE HOUSING TO ENSURE WE'RE MAKING IT MORE AFFORDABLE TO LIVE IN EUGENE.

AS A RESULT OF THAT I ALSO HEARD YOU TALKING ABOUT THE POTENTIAL CHANGES TO THE R1 ZONING WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY SINGLE HOME ZONING.

WHILE THERE ARE EXEMPTIONS TO THAT FOR DUPLEXES, TRIPLEXES, FOURPLEXES, TOWNHOMES AND COTTAGES YOU SHOULD TRY TO REMOVE THOSE LIMITATIONS ON THOSE PROPERTIES.

TRADITIONALLY SINGLE FAMILY ZONING WAS CREATED TO VANTAGE A VERY RACIST STRUCTURE TO ENSURE CERTAIN COMMUNITIES COULDN'T LIVE AMONG OTHER PEOPLE.

IT COULD HELP ALLOW MORE HOUSING, ALLOW MORE PEOPLE TO BECOME PROPERTY OWNERS, AND WOULD ALLOW US TO HAVE A BASICALLY COSTLESS WAY THAT WE CAN BEGIN INCREASING INCLUSIVITY OF EUGENE, BUILDING MORE HOUSING AND WORKING TO CREATE A BETTER COMMUNITY.

WITH THAT I JUST ASK YOU TO CONSIDER THAT WHENEVER YOU LOOK AT THE R1 ZONING CHANGES.

I HOPE YOU'LL CONSIDER REMOVING THE ONEROUS RESTRICTIONS ESPECIALLY IN THAT ZONE, THAT WE TRY TO MAKE EUGENE MORE AFFORDABLE.

THANK YOU.

>> NEXT ARE NEIL FOLLOWED BY STEVE GILBERT.

>> CITY MANAGER, MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, THIS IS MY FIRST TIME HERE.

I WAS DEEPLY MOVED BY THE STARTING OF A LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT RECOGNIZING THAT THE NO KINGS DAY EVENT WAS A PATRIOTIC NONVIOLENT RESPONSE TO THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN WHAT OUR GOVERNMENT IS SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT AS DISCUSSED IN THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND CONSTITUTION AND SOME OF THE BLATANT INFRACTIONS.

I AM RELATIVELY NEW TO EUGENE, I'M A FAMILY THERAPIST.

I'M TRAUMA INFORMED.

I SPENT MOST OF MY CAREER WORKING IN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH WHERE I HAVE WITNESSED AND WORKED WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO DUE TO SOCIAL STRESSES, SENSE OF UNLEVEL PLAYING FIELDS AND MISTREATMENT EXPERIENCED A WIDE RANGE OF PSYCHIATRIC RESPONSES WHICH INCLUDE TRAUMA, SLEEP DISTURBANCES, PANIC DISORDERS AND VARIOUS SYMPTOMS OF CLINICAL DEPRESSION.

IT DOESN'T REQUIRE ELABORATION ON THE INSIDIOUS THINGS THAT THE ICE IS DOING WITH OUR TAX DOLLARS, AND THE IMPACT IT HAS ON INDIVIDUALS.

IN RESPONSE TO THAT, THE AVELO AIRLINES IS SIMPLY WITH DOLLARS IN THEIR EYES WILLING TRANSPORTERS OF THESE INDIVIDUALS APPREHENDED BY ICE, IF THEY HAD LIVED A FEW CENTURIES EARLIER THEY PROBABLY WOULD HAVE SENT SHIPS ACROSS THE MIDDLE PASSAGE OF ENSLAVED INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT REGARD FOR THE LACK OF HUMANITY THAT THEIR ACTIONS ARE TAKING.

I DON'T KNOW HOW STRONG THIS LEGAL ARGUMENT IS, BUT IT'S BEEN WELL DOCUMENTED THAT ON THESE PLANES THE PEOPLE ARE SHACKLED.

I THINK THAT'S IN VIOLATION OF SOME KIND OF AIRLINE SAFETY LAWS, AND WHILE MY MAIN POINT IS IT'S IMMORAL AND CRUEL, PERHAPS THE LEGAL ARGUMENT IS THEY ARE IN VIOLATION.

>> THANK YOU, NEIL.

NEXT ARE STEVE FOLLOWED BY MISTY BOWMAN.

IS THERE A STEVE GILBERT IN THE ROOM?

MISTY BOWMAN, WE WILL CALL FOR STEVE ONE MORE TIME.

>> GOOD EVENING.

I'M MISTY BOWMAN.

I LIVED IN WARD 7.

I'M A DARK SKY INTERNATIONAL ADVOCATE.

I LOVE LESBIANS.

I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT LIGHT POLLUTION.

LEARNING AND TALKING ABOUT LIGHT POLLUTION FOR ABOUT AN HOUR.

I HAVE TALKED AT LENGTH ABOUT HOW IT COSTS US MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, MILLIONS WE COULD USE.

HOW IT'S ENVIRONMENTALLY UNSOUND AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS AGREE DARK SKY LIGHTING IS NOT A HINDRANCE TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

I'M ALSO CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING THE WAYS OUR EXCESSIVE LIGHTING COULD BE A BOON TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

ROAD GLARE AND CLUTTER CAUSES ACCIDENTS ON OUR ROADS.

I WANT TO FIND OUT.

I WOULD LIKE TO NAME SPECIFIC LIGHTS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO EUGENE BEING THE WORST LIGHT POLLUTER IN OREGON.

ONE LIGHT IS THE LIGHT THAT DARK SKY MENTIONED 25 YEARS AGO WHEN WE TRIED TO DO THIS.

THE THREE PRONGED FISH BOWL LIGHTS IN DOWNTOWN EUGENE.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES RECENTLY MADE THESE LIGHTS GET BRIGHTER AS THE NIGHT GOES ON REACHING THEIR ZENITH AT 2:00 A.M.

I CANNOT IMAGINE PAYING $2,000 FOR A DOWNTOWN APARTMENT AND REALIZING I NEED BLACKOUT CURTAINS NOT FOR THE CLOUDY DAYS BUT FOR THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.

WOULD YOU WANT AN APARTMENT THAT YOU COULDN'T LOOK OUT OF THE WINDOW WITHOUT DISRUPTING YOUR CIRCADIAN RHYTHM?

GOOD INTENTIONS OF INCREASING SAFETY.

SETTING ASIDE WHETHER THESE BRIGHT LIGHTS ACHIEVE THIS GOAL IT'S NOT NECESSARY TO DO WITH WITH OLD OUTDATED LIGHTING FIXTURES AND HAVING THE POLE PARTIALLY BLOCK THE LIGHT THAT IS MEANT TO GO DOWN ON THE GROUND.

I QUOTE SUSTAINABLE URBAN DESIGN HANDBOOK.

MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BUT OFTEN REDUCES LONG TERM OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS.

CITY COUNCIL TEAR DOWN THOSE LIGHTS AND REPLACE THEM. WE HAVE EFFICIENT DARK SKY FRIENDLY LIGHT THAT EUGENE DESERVES.

DARK SKY LOVERS WILL THANK YOU.

BOYCOTT OF AVELO AIRLINES.

>> ONE LAST CALL FOR STEVE GILBERT.

NEXT ARE STEPHON STRECK FOLLOWED BY DANNY PATCH.

>> STEPHON STRECK.

BACK AGAIN.

I DO APPRECIATE THE TIME TO SPEAK AT THESE MEETINGS.

TEN MINUTES REALLY IS ENOUGH TIME TO MAKE A GOOD POINT ABOUT A FEW THINGS AND REALLY ADDRESS MORE THAN JUST ONE ISSUE IN FULL.

I WOULD LIKE TO ADVOCATE TO RAISE THE TIME FOR SPEAKING FOR OTHER PEOPLE SO THAT I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE TO BLESSED WITH THIS OPPORTUNITY.

I REALLY THINK THAT THE CITY WOULD BENEFIT FROM HEARING MORE INFORMATION FROM MORE PEOPLE WITH MORE LEFT EXPERIENCE WHO REALLY MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO SPIT OUT EVERYTHING THAT'S ON THEIR MINDS IN JUST TWO AND A HALF MINUTES.

REALLY THERE'S A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE THAT THIS COMMUNITY HAS TO OFFER AND I THINK THAT DESERVES A LITTLE BIT OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT EVEN GIVING PEOPLE AN ANNUAL OPPORTUNITY OF JUST ONCE PER YEAR TO HAVE TEN MINUTES I THINK WOULD GIVE US ALL A VERY DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ON WHAT THIS COMMUNITY REALLY HAS GOING FOR IT.

NOW IT'S REALLY TOO BAD THAT THIS CITY SEEMS TO BE SLEEPWALKING INTO A TERRIBLE DYSTOPIAN SITUATION OF REALLY OVERREACH, SPENDING MONEY WHERE IT'S NOT MEANT TO BE SPENT, AND TAKING IT FROM PEOPLE WHO CAN'T AFFORD TO GIVE MORE THAN THEY HAVE GOT.

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT A GRAPH WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR IF YOU GUYS ALLOWED GRAPHS AND POSTERS AS PART OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT FREEDOM OF SPEECH THAT WE SPOKE OF AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS MEETING.

IN THE BILL OF RIGHTS IT'S NUMBER ONE.

WHAT PEOPLE CAN AFFORD FOR HOUSING IS GOING DOWN STEADILY.

THE COST OF RENT IS GOING UP STEADILY.

SO WHEN THOSE TWO LINES CROSS TOGETHER, WE'RE FACED WITH A SITUATION WHERE THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE LIVING HERE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE WHERE THEY ARE LIVING.

THAT'S SOMETHING TO ACTUALLY MITIGATE BEFORE IT HAPPENS INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR IT TO HAPPEN BECAUSE MILLIONAIRES ARE BEING QUITE GREEDY.

THINK ABOUT THAT.

>> THANK YOU, STEPHON.

NEXT ARE DANNY PATCH FOLLOWED BY CAMERON STRINGFIELD.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO SAY I CERTAINLY SUPPORT THE IDEA OF GETTING RID OF THIS AIRLINE.

I KNOW THE HEAT WOULD COME DOWN ON THE CITY OF EUGENE PARTICULARLY THE CITY MAYOR LIKE YOU WOULD NEVER SEE.

WE HAVE A VERY VINDICTIVE ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON.

IT'S VERY OBVIOUS.

WE HAVE BECOME NATIONAL NEWS FOR SURE.

I WANT TO POINT OUT SOMETHING ELSE THAT'S DIFFERENT.

WE HAVE BEEN HIJACKED FOR THE LAST DECADE BY THE PSYCHOPATHS WHO THINK THAT SOMEHOW THEY DESERVE MORE THAN THEY DO.

THEY ARE STEALING OUR STREETS, OUR TRAVEL LANES.

WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO BROADWAY RIGHT NOW IS ABSOLUTELY PSYCHOPATHICALLY CRAZY.

THERE ARE SEVEN LANES OF TRAFFIC THAT ARE GOING TO BE FUNNELED INTO TWO LANES AND ONE OF THOSE LANES IS MANDATORY TURN SOUTH.

THE MAIN CORRIDOR EAST AND WEST IN THIS TOWN IS NOW GOING TO BE FUNNELED INTO 1.5 LANES.

ARE YOU JUST ABSOLUTELY BAT CRAZY?

HOW DO YOU EXPECT ANYBODY TO NEGOTIATE THAT?

SPORTING EVENTS, BY THE CLOCK TRAFFIC THAT STARTS AT 3:30.

JUST BUSY DAYS.

HOW IN THE HECK IS ANY EMERGENCY VEHICLE EVER GOING TO GET THROUGH THERE WHEN THERE'S NOWHERE TO TURN OFF THE SIDE BECAUSE SOME STUPID IDIOT FROM NEW YORK COMES IN THINKS HE CAN HIJACK OUR STREETS.

WE BUILT THE STREETS TO DRIVE ON.

STOP STEALING OUR REAL ESTATE!

IT'S A SAFETY ISSUE AT THIS POINT.

YOU'RE LITERALLY FUNNELING SEVEN LANES OF TRAFFIC DOWN TO 1.5 LANES.

HOW DO YOU DO THE MATH?

IT IS GOING TO BE THE BIGGEST DEBACLE.

WHY DON'T YOU JUST BUILD A MALL DOWNTOWN?

THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE.

WHEN THIS HITS THE FINAL POINT AND YOU SEE A BASKETBALL GAME OR

TRACK MEET OR JUST TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC, YOU'RE GOING TO REALIZE WHAT A STUPID, IDIOT MISTAKE YOU DID.

THIS IS HUGE.

THEY ARE OUR STREETS TOO.

WE HAVE A RIGHT TO GET THERE.

COSTER OF BUSINESS --

>> THANK YOU, DANNY.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE CAMERON FOLLOWED BY ROB SHELDON.

>> I'M CAMERON STRINGFIELD FROM WARD 7 WITH THE PARTY FOR SOCIALISM AND LIBERATION.

I WOULD REQUEST WE LET THE PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION GO ALL THE WAY THROUGH.

THERE'S ONLY SEVEN MORE SPEAKERS.

THIS IS A CHANCE FOR DEMOCRACY.

LAST MEETING I CAME TO YOU IN THE MIDST OF THE STILL ONGOING FEDERAL SIEGE OF LOS ANGELES BY THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO RAISE CONCERNS ABOUT THE NEW CAMERAS AND THEIR VULNERABILITY TO ICE AND OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES.

I ASKED YOU TO ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT NOT ALLOWING THE CITY'S RESOURCES TO NOT GO TO ICE EFFORTS.

I HEARD SILENCE.

I ASKED AGAIN IN THE EUGENE WEEKLY RIGHT HERE.

SILENCE.

SINCE WE'RE IN PRIDE MONTH IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THE PHRASE FROM THE AIDS CRISIS.

SILENCE EQUALS DEATH.

THAT PHRASE REALLY APPLIES TO SILENCE ON ANY INJUSTICE.

YOUR COMPLICITY AIDS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ITS ATROCITIES.

SPEAK UP.

SOME FOLKS HERE ARE HERE TO TALK ABOUT AVELO AIRLINE.

THE MAYOR OF NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT, SPOKE UP AGAINST THEM.

HE SAID THE AIRLINE'S DECISION TO CHARTER DEPORTATION FLIGHTS FROM ARIZONA IS DEEPLY DISAPPOINTING AND DISTURBING FOR A COMPANY THAT CHAMPIONS THEMSELVES AS THE HOMETOWN AIRLINE THIS IS ANTITHETICAL TO TRAVEL SHOULD BE ABOUT BRINGING FAMILIES TOGETHER NOT TEARING THEM APART.

MADAM MAYOR, WILL YOU SPEAK UP CLEARLY AGAINST THE AIRLINES AND ILLEGAL AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACTIONS WE'RE SEEING FROM ICE AND THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION OR WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED AS HAVING BEEN SILENCE.

REMEMBER, SILENCE EQUALS DEATH.

CITY MANAGER, COUNCIL STAFF YOU HAVE THE ABILITY AND PLATFORM TO DO WHAT YOU CAN TO STOP THESE ATROCITIES AGAINST IMMIGRANTS FROM HAPPENING IN EUGENE.

WHY DON'T YOU USE IT?

WHAT IF YOUR FAMILY WERE BEING TORN APART?

OPEN AN INVESTIGATION INTO WHETHER AVELO'S ICE CONTRACT VIOLATES THE SANCTUARY LAWS.

I CHALLENGE YOU ALL TO SAY SOMETHING.

TO SAY IT HERE TONIGHT.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE STOIC AND SILENT.

YOU CAN SPEAK UP.

YOU CAN GIVE YOUR OWN LINE.

I CHALLENGE YOU TO BE BOLD.

IF THE CITY OF EUGENE IS ACTUALLY A SANCTUARY CITY THEN ACTUALLY ACT LIKE ONE.

>> THANK YOU, CAMERON.

MAYOR, I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT'S A FEW MOMENTS TO 10:00.

I HAD CALLED ROB'S NAME.

>> WE'LL HEAR FROM THE NEXT SPEAKER ANNOUNCED.

WE'RE AT OUR 10:00 END OF PUBLIC COMMENT UNLESS THERE'S A MOTION FROM COUNCIL TO EXTEND AND WE'LL NEED A BREAK BECAUSE SEVERAL OF OUR STAFF HAVE BEEN AT WORK FOR MUCH LONGER THAN WHAT WOULD BE A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME.

WE'LL TAKE A 15 MINUTE BREAK.

UNLESS THERE'S A MOTION TO EXTEND WE'LL CONCLUDE PUBLIC COMMENT AT 10:00 P.M.

>> OUR NEXT AND POSSIBLY FINAL SPEAKER ROB SHELDON.

>> GOOD EVENING, FIRST TIME SPEAKING HERE.

I'M HERE TO OPPOSE DEPLOYMENT OF FLOCK CAMERAS IN EUGENE.

I HAVE BEEN A SOFTWARE PROFESSIONAL FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS.

I'M A SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT.

I WAS FAMILIAR WITH FLOCK BEFORE I LEARNED RECENTLY THE EPD HAD CONTRACTED WITH THEM FOR CAMERAS IN PUBLIC PLACES.

THE PROBLEM IS THE CAPABILITIES OF THEIR SOFTWARE AND THE DATA THEY COLLECT.

THE SOFTWARE IS MORE ADVANCED THAN ANYTHING THAT MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS HAD ACCESS TO.

THESE ARE RIPE FOR ABUSE AND ARE ALREADY BEING ABUSED.

A JOURNALIST REVEALED THE DATA IS CONSUMER BEING ABUSED FOR ICE PURPOSES.

THESE HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED.

THREE DAYS AGO A STUDY FOUND THAT 65% OF PEOPLE ABDUCTED BY ICE HAD NO PRYOR CONVICTIONS AND 90% NO VIOLENT CONVICTIONS.

COLLECTION OF THE DATA FORCES THE CITY TO COOPERATE WITH A PROGRAM THAT IS NOT BEING RUN FOR PURPOSES OF KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE BUT FOR POLITICAL INTIMIDATION.

LESS THAN A MONTH AGO A TEXAS SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT USED THE COLLECTION TO SEARCH AROUND THE NATION FOR A WOMAN WHO HAD LEFT THE STATE TO SEEK AN ABORTION.

THIRD PARTY DOCTRINE MEANS NONE OF THIS IS PRIVATE IN THE LEGAL SENSE DESPITE THEIR ASSURANCES EPD IS NOT ABLE TO OFFER ANY ASSURANCE THAT IT WILL BE ABUSED.

THEY NOW RARELY GET ATTENTION IN TECH NEWS.

EPD HAS NEITHER THE LEGAL STANDING NOR THE TECHNICAL GUARANTEE FOR THE DATA.

CITY COUNCILORS THIS IMPACTS YOU.

IT WILL BE TRIVIAL FOR ANYONE WITH ACCESS TO THIS SYSTEM TO FOLLOW YOUR MOVEMENTS AT ANY TIME WITHOUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND WITHOUT LOCAL REVIEW.

SOME OF YOU WILL LIKE SAY YOU HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE.

HOPEFULLY OTHERS WILL JUST QUICKLY UNDERSTAND THE CASUAL SURVEILLANCE GIVES AGENCIES AN EXPANSE OF NEW POLITICAL POWER.

THIS IS NOT A COMPANY THAT HAS ITS ORIGINS IN PUBLIC SAFETY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME.

>> THANK YOU.

MAYOR?

MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN WITH US TO GIVE PUBLIC

COMMENT.

I NOW CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND WILL ASK ARE THERE ANY COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL.

COUNCILOR KEATING.

COUNCILOR KEATING: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

I THANK EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

LAUREL AND NICK FROM WARD 2 IN PARTICULAR IN REGARDS TO CAHOOTS AND THE PROSPECTS FOR WILLAMETTE VALLEY CRISIS CARE. LIKE YOU I MOURN FOR THE LOSS OF CAHOOTS AS WE KNEW IT, A COMPASSIONATE CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT WHICH DID SO MUCH GOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY FOR DECADES.

I AM HOPEFUL WE WILL SEE A NEW CAHOOTS STYLE 2.0 WILLAMETTE VALLEY CRISIS CARE TEAM PARTNER WITH A RESPONSIBLE NONFOR PROFIT ENTITY TO PROPERLY KEEP THE VITAL PUBLIC RECORDS THAT ARE NEEDED TO SECURE MEDICAID FUNDING TO OPERATE EFFECTIVELY AND PAY A LIVING WAGE TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN THEIR DEDICATED HIGHLY SKILLED WORK FORCE.

THAT'S MY 2 CENTS ON CAHOOTS.

I REMAIN A CONSISTENT SUPPORTER FOR FINDING A NEW WAY FORWARD.

I WANT TO SHIFT FOCUS TO AVELO AIRLINES.

HOWEVER WE SAY IT, ARE YOU PREPARED TO COMMENT ON THE CITY'S RELATIONSHIP OR LACK THEREOF IN REGARDS TO CONTRACTING OR OPERATING WITH THIS PARTICULAR AIRLINE?

>> I COULD JUST SHARE A LITTLE BIT OF INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY SHARED BY THE AIRPORT DIRECTOR.

THIS IS JUST MY BEST UNDERSTANDING.

I'M NOT THE AIRPORT DIRECTOR.

EUGENE AIRPORT IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PUBLIC AIRPORT AND WE FALL UNDER REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE FAA, AND WE'RE NOT ACTUALLY ALLOWED UNDER THOSE RULES TO BAN CERTIFIED AIR CARRIERS FOR OPERATING AT OUR FACILITY.

SO DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR CERTIFICATION, SAFETY, ABILITY TO OPERATE ARE ALL THE PURVIEW OF THE DOT, AND THE FAA.

MY UNDERSTANDING IS WE HAVE NO ABILITY TO EXCLUDE THEM AT THIS TIME.

WE'LL CONTINUE TO LOOK AT THAT.

I BELIEVE THE PERSON IS CORRECT I HAVE NOT HEARD OF ANY DEPORTATION FLIGHTS HAPPENING OUT OF EUGENE.

COUNCILOR KEATING: THANK YOU, CITY MANAGER.

MAYOR KNUDSON: COUNCILOR EVANS.

COUNCILOR EVANS: FOR THE RECORD I LOVE MY LESBIAN DAUGHTER.

SO THERE YOU GO.

[APPLAUSE]

MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?

COUNCILOR YEH.

COUNCILOR YEH: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

I AM STILL GETTING OVER COVID.

I JUST WANTED TO QUICKLY RESPOND TO SOME FOLKS WHO HAD COMMENTED ABOUT THE CAMERAS THAT WE SPOKE ABOUT AT OUR LAST POLICE COMMISSION MEETING.

WE WILL BE RECEIVING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THAT.

I DON'T KNOW WHICH MEETING IT WILL COME TO BUT IF FOLKS ARE INTERESTED IN THAT TOPIC I WOULD TRACK THE POLICE COMMISSION AGENDAS FOR WHEN THAT IS COMING UP OR IF YOU SEND ME AN EMAIL I WILL MAKE A LIST AND LET YOU KNOW WHEN IT GETS ON OUR AGENDA.

THE POLICE COMMISSION MEMBERS WERE ALL REALLY INTERESTED TO HEAR MORE DETAILS AND ALSO DIG INTO POLICY WHICH IS THEIR PURVIEW.

HOW THEY WOULD BE USED AND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DATA.

SOME OF THEM ARE ALSO A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE SYSTEM, BUT WANTING TO LEARN MORE.

I JUST WANT TO SHARE THAT RESOURCE AS WELL.

MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, COUNCILOR YEH.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO JOINED US THIS EVENING, WHO IS STILL WITH US REMOTELY.

WITH THAT I WILL NOW CLOSE THE JUNE 23, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND WE'RE ADJOURNED.