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>> Mayor Knudson: Good evening, everyone. Welcome to the March 9, 2026 City Council meeting. Thank you for joining us this evening in this hybrid meeting format. Anyone wishing to access this meeting they can do so by watching the livestream, the broadcast on come past channel 21, or by following the access instructions listed on the city's public webcast and meetings materials webpage. Tonight's meeting includes a public comment period. If you have not done so, please fill out a request to speak form on the public webcast and meetings material webpage or at the back of the are room. We will accept cards until 7:30. Public comment period is limited to 90 minutes or conclude by just before 10:00 P.M. whichever occurs first.

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patio can also be used as needed. And with that, I now call the March 9, 2026 meeting of the Eugene City Council to order.

We will begin with the land acknowledgement. Since time immemorial, the Kalapuya people have been the Indigenous stewards to our region building dynamic communities, maintaining balance with wildlife, and enacting sustainable land practices. A land acknowledgement is a way of resisting the erasure of Indigenous histories and to honor Native communities by inviting truth and reconciliation. Following treaties between 1851 and 1855, Kalapuya people were dispossessed of their Indigenous homeland by the United States government and forcibly removed to the Coast Reservation in Western Oregon. As we consider the impacts of colonization, we also acknowledge the strength and resiliency of displaced Indigenous people. The City of Eugene is built within the traditional homelands known as Kalapuya Ilihi. Kalapuya descendants are citizens of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, they continue to make contributions in our communities here and across the lands. We express our respect for the inherent political sovereignty of all federally recognized Tribal Nations and Indigenous people who live in the State of Oregon and across the nation.

>> Mayor Knudson: First item on tonight's agenda is ceremonial matters. This month I have requested that six mayoral proclamations be prepared for the month of march 2026 and also for the end of February. Proclamations are ceremonial documents requested and signed by the Mayor and you can find them cached on the city of Eugene website if you are curious about all of the proclamations from my tenure of Mayor and into history. In March we recognize women's history month which included international women's day March 8 as well as women construction week first week of the month. We are celebrating the contributions of all women, acknowledging work and honoring the generations of university toward gender equality by women, girls, and allies.

We recognize multiple sclerosis awareness week March 8 through 1 to raise awareness about MS. To amplify the voices of those living with MS and recognize the resilience and strength and during this week the national MS society and local partners will be hosting educational opportunities and activities and I would encourage Eugenians to seek out moments and opportunities to learn more. We'll close the month of march by celebrating transgender day of visibility March 31, opportunity to lift up the progress that is being made to support our trans gender neighbors, actions like the first permanent LGBTQ+ community center in lane county at lavender network a few weeks ago along Willamette street. Also recognizing that we have much more work to do to protect our transgender neighbors and ensure they have all the access, rights, and safety that others enjoy much more freely.

Lastly I want to share a little bit of extended description of two other proclamations. Because I delivered copies of them in person to community partners and international leaders in Kathmandu, Nepal and India over past several days. Last week I completed a sister city trip to Kathmandu, our oldest city sister city relationship and we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Eugene-Kathmandu sister association from 1965. I met with

their Mayor, and toured multiple UNESCO sites with the city of Kathmandu finance, administrative staff.

During this trip I had the opportunity to meet with local NGO leaders working to support elementary reform in Kathmandu and Nepal and care about early literacy. And I had the opportunity to meet with Nepali citizens as part of the Eugene-Kathmandu association here in Eugene. Much more to share and there will be other opportunities to share more about this trip. But as a final note I want to offer before departing I had the good fortune of meeting with scientist in our community at the Zebra fish international resource if a sit here in Eugene. And at that meeting and before I learned about the critical role that Zebra fish have in understanding future alibi logical processes and pow important this area of work is to international genetics research and life sciences research.

So what do these tiny fish have to do with Kathmandu? Well, as was explained to me by one of our local brilliant biology professors about 70% of protein coating in human genes have counterparts in the Zebra fish genome, 84% of human disease association genes have a corresponding gene in the Zebra fish. This makes these little tiny fish incredibly useful as vertebrae model for studying all sorts of questions in the 21st Century about ourselves, and about science. I want inform especially thank our local community here for reaching out and sharing that incredible connection with me before departing on this trip. Eugene and the University of Oregon are the scientific home of the Zebra fish thanks to Dr. George Streisinger who found the connections to our genetic code several decades ago. Nepal I one of the new places where the fish live in the wild.

I look forward to future engagements and continuing to you are in relationships that support meaningful cultural exchange and learning and can nurture such remarkable connection between nature and science in our two skies. The other proclamation is that in -- in days before Kathmandu I was honored to have an audience with the fourth Dalai Lama where the Tibetan is in exile. Recognizing the many decades that his holiness has dedicated to human rights and nonviolence he is 91 years old, 92 on the Tibetan calendar. I presented a proclamation honoring his holiness with international leadership and human rights award.

And I was truly honored to have the opportunity to share our community's appreciation for Wong of the great moral leaders of the past 100 years particularly at a time very pointed moment in time when leadership and human rights, nonviolence, compassion, and global peace is so clearly and importantly the place for us to put our attention. I want to thank especially our sister city program which is dedicated to promoting peace, fostering friendship and encouraging cultural understanding and international cooperation through people to people diplomacy and thank our local Eugene Kathmandu sister city association and volunteers who support the relationships with South Carolina and Japan which are active as well. Thank you and that concludes our first agenda item this evening. Second agenda item tonight is committee reports and items of interest. I now open the floor for committee reports and items of interest from Council. Councilor groves.

>> Groves: I am the Council chair on the intergovernmental relations committee and I have a short report to provide and read into the record. Council you should have received a longer version of this in your e-mail. 2026 Oregon legislative short session ended on Friday, March 6. A summary report was included in e-mail from the IGR manager to Mayor and Councilors earlier today, please refer to that e-mail for more information as well as links to summary reporting from Oregon media outlets. Some Eugene specific highlights for the session include the clear make road industrial site readiness project allocated $5 million in lottery bond funding in addition, I want to extend thank you and gratitude to senator James Manning for his request and leadership and advocating to his legislative colleagues for this important investment in the southern Willamette valley economic future.

Additionally, speaker of the house representative Julie Fahey requested and secured a $1 million allocation to support the expansion of the Eugene airport. I want to extend our gratitude and appreciation to speaker Fahey as well as entire Eugene delegation including representative Nathanson, Harbick, Senator Hayden for supporting the funding requests. Lastly, the Eugene priority bills ended up passing include voluntary annexations of noncontiguous project of the UGB, regulations related to automated license plate readers, transient occupancy, changes to public meeting laws, a ban on entertainment ticket speculative practices, a new bill for battery recycling and clarity on electric bicycle definitions and laws. The IGR committee will meet the first week of April and the annual united front partners of lane county delegation to Washington D.C., for the week of April 20.

Staff is scheduled to provide a more in-depth overview of the legislative session in the united front trip to Council in late may. Let your committee members which include myself, Councilors Evans and Yeh, Mayor can Knudson, or IGR manager know if you have any input or questions and follow-up. Thank you, Mayor.

>> Mayor Knudson: Councilor Keating.

>> Keating: Thank you to the IGR team and Ethan Nelson, IGR director in particular. Wild to absorb that report, Councilor, of having lived it for the last five months. Yet even though session ended on Friday here I was late to the work session today as if I was in Salem. Thrilled there were big ticket items to benefit Eugene. Last Saturday, Councilor groves, Senators James Manning and Prozanski met with Eugene emergency physicians. You may be aware, our emergency department Docs at river bend and cottage grove, 41 members told essentially to reapply for their jobs. Why? A new out-of-state corporation is moving in. 41 of the most skilled well-trained professional Docs potentially sidelined for emergency room doctors or emergency department Docs coming from out of state or outside our community.

I expect that I am not alone, I'm appalled and I recognize and thank our Eugene emergency physician doctors for their solidarity, for their commitment to community and for their dogged determination. I would request of Council leadership and/or the Mayor

whether it's in the form of a proclamation or resolution for an actionable item when we come back from Council break. I'm happy to, I see Councilor groves nodding his head, I volunteer you Councilor, but will contribute to actionable statement that we can stand behind our 41 emergency room physicians in this time of crisis in our community. If I have 46 seconds left, I want to thank Councilor Kashinsky, she and I attended the kickoff for the Eugene library levy that will be on the ballot in may. An exciting energetic kickoff for the most critical component of the library success. If I could editorialize in the last 20 seconds, the levy represents around 25% of the library operating costs. Whether it's public or private, between now and May 19, you will hear me ad nauseum champion our public library. Thank you.

>> Mayor Knudson: Thank you Council that, concludes -- Councilor Clark has joined the queue.

>> Clark: I want to say quickly that I joined Councilor Keating and groves and what I suspect is most of my colleagues and their support of Eugene emergency physicians who have been doing the job for quite a long time. Some of them many decades of caring for people in the community. Many of those Docs are probably constituents of mine in north Eugene that don't live too far from the hospital. I would urge caution in actions and words. I agree that we want to be in support. And another reasons why it's important. It's my opinion Councilor Groves watched as an employee of the city, certainly before Councilor Zelenka and my time on this Council. It was a strong opinion, it is my opinion, it was the strong opinion and words that led to the decision to build their new hospitals in a different community. I just want to urge caution with the strength of -- and the tenor of the things that we produced to communicate with BCEL. Thank you.

>> Mayor Knudson: Thank you, Council. Councilor Groves?

>> Groves I just wanted to give Councilor Keating a chance to go first on the E.D. Docs I appreciate the words you said, it's something I'm greatly concerned with. I have had many years of service working with that physicians group and they're top notch. Most are long since retired but it's been a great group, a stable group, and one of those doctors is Eugene Springfield fire's supervising physician, very important, our paramedics operate under the license of that doctor. It is very important to our continuous quality improvement program back when I was in fire. It is something that I think we need to track very closely. Since our meeting last Saturday, I set up a meeting between the doctor's group and lane professional firefighters. I attended that meeting myself. We talked about that earlier. I met with one of the top representatives from the Oregon nursing association to find out what they're doing. It is important that any positions we take we do so with our eyes wide open. But, again, I certainly support this physician group and I worry about the larger corporate medicine taking over primary care. It is something that we need to be plugged in to and stay involved with, and make sure we have the best information possible. Thank you very much.

>> Mayor Knudson: Thank you Council. I will just add an additional note to the discussion that while there are some actions and certainly paying attention over time is

important, this issue is an incredibly urgent one and time dependent circumstance. Of course I share the observations from other Councilors. PCEL is a very important partner in our community. And equally important is us as a community having local invested high quality emergency room doctors serving our community. As a part of this community. That has been the circumstance with Eugene's group for a number of years. And my hope is that we are able to find a solution that keeps that access to those local doctors here and working in our community and serving our community in a reliable way. With healthcare outcomes for community members as the primary motivation.

This is certainly a challenging circumstance but is one that I am very engaged with. I spoke with our Governor yesterday about this situation. For those looking to be a part of this conversation or plug in locally, ONA, Oregon nurse's association, there are community events that are planned that will offer information and allow for people to be directly engaged. Very much appreciate Council raising this issue and highlight for the public this is not a 2, 6, 10 month conversation we are having, this is days and weeks in terms of the importance of this in our community. Thank you, Council, that now concludes our second agenda item this evening. Our third agenda item, to tonight's agenda, is consent calendar 1, interim appointment to the human rights commission, adoption of a resolution amending the Eugene City Council operating agreements and repealing resolution 5387. Approval of City Council minutes. And approval of City Council tentative agenda. If there are no questions I turn to the Council vice tonight put a motion forward.

>> Kashinsky: I move to approve items on consents calendar 1.

>> Second.

>> Mayor Knudson: Any discussion? Seeing none I'll now take a vote for this motion. Please lock in your votes on the tablet in front of you. Councilor Yeh and Councilor Leech in the affirmative, 8-0. That concludes our third agenda item. Now turn to the city manager to introduce the fourth agenda item, action on ordinance amending the WillaKenzie area plan text rezoning the property identified as and providing an effective date.

>> Matt Rodrigues: This is two land use applications. The first is zone change proposes changing the base zone CS commercial to C2 commercial for three properties on the east side of COBERT road. The second application refinement plan amendment is necessary to facilitate the requested zone change for the three properties, proposal would amend and clarify the text of the policy of the WillaKenzie land use. The City Council had a public hearing for these applications on February 17 of 2026.

>> Mayor Knudson: Thank you, city manager. If there are no questions from Council I'll turn to the Council Vice President to put a motion Ford.

>> Kashinsky: I move to approve the refinement amendments and adopt the proposed amendment in attachment A to the agenda item summary.

>> Second.

>> Mayor Knudson: Any discussion from Council. Seeing none, I will take a vote for this motion. Please lock in your votes on the tablets in front of you. Councilor Yeh and leech in the affirmative, motion passes with a vote of 8-0. Thank you. That concludes our fourth agenda item. I will now turn back to the city manager to introduce our fifth agenda item, which is an action on ordinance amending the fair mounted University of Oregon special area study text and diagram rezoning to remove the east overlay zone and providing an effective date.

>> Matt Rodrigues: On January 20 the Council held a public hearing on this package of land use applications submitted by the University of Oregon for the east campus area. After the hearing the City Council held the record open so interested parties could submit additional written testimony. With the last 7 days reserved for only the applicant as required by state law. During the time the record was open only to the applicant the university proposed to modify its application by removing several of the retirement plan and code amendments in the original application.

Even though the university proposed changes appear I have to been intended to address concerns raised by opponents, the city attorney's office is advising that the city should reopen the record to allow interested parties to submit evidence for the revised application. You were provided with a new motion that would immediately reopen the record to accept additional written evidence and arguments from all parties and would direct the city manager to schedule another public hearing April 20, 2026 to consider updated ordinance that reflects the changes requested by the applicant.

>> Mayor Knudson: Thank you. Councilor sell is that a question?

>> Zelenka: City Attorney, my question is why do it this way? In my 20 years on the Council I've never seen it happen before where an applicant so dramatically revised the proposal so it looks nothing like the original proposal. Applicant appears to have listened to objections of the opponents and removed some of the objectionable provisions not all. There are some objectionable things to the opponents, 85 foot tall build things the backyard of this some properties. Without setbacks like we did in residential neighborhoods, east 19th on the south sides of the campus did the same thing. Why can't the Council just send it back and have the parties negotiate outcome that's satisfactory to all the parties?

>> City Attorney: A few things. The reason that the Council can't just send it back and tell everybody to work together is that this is a quasi-judicial matter, it's not legislative in nature. It means that you're bound to analyze it by criteria and within certain timeframes. The applicant is entitled to an answer so you can't just say go out there and get back to work. I do -- the other reason that we have to do it this way is that -- I don't know if you recall capstone a few years ago, 2012, we had other situations, so it's not that uncommon toward the ends of a process where everyone sees the writing on the wall,

probably going to be a LUBA appeal, you see the conciliatory actions. We got a remand from LUBA during the capstone matter, at the last, within the last 14 days of the record being open in that case, the applicant pulled out part of what they had proposed instead of vacating one street or alley, they decided we'll -- instead of two they said we'll ask for one.

In that case, even though it wasn't new evidence that was submitted by the applicant, LUBA held that it had to be remanded back to the city. After the applicant made that change the interested parties weren't afforded an opportunity to provide evidence and argument on the application as revised. Or the proposal as now made. In this case I think there's, it's obvious this is controversial. It is likely this is going to LUBA regardless of what the City Council decides. So one of the best things that we can do is not only make a well-founded decision based on criteria but sure there aren't needless procedural errors. If the City Council can avowed one by reopening the record in this way we recommend that you do so. The other point I want to make is before there is much more discussion on this, the record is currently closed. Part of the motion that we prepared for you tonight is to reopen the record immediately. So if you feel the need to talk much more about this I might ask you to do things in a different order than usual and get that record reopened. My advice is to really just not have a lot of discussion on it tonight.

>> Zelenka: Motion to open the record and motion to act. This is unprecedented in terms of process not content. I previously said it's in everybody's interest to avoid this having to go to LUBA. The Council has to find it inconsistent with the criteria and vote no on the proposal. Then it could go back?

>> City attorney: If any criterion is not met the Council must deny. You don't have the authority to say go work together. The parties could choose to do that, the applicant could cheese to do that. But the applicant's choice, they don't need to do that.

>> Zelenka: If the Council denies the applicant based on criteria process starts over.
>> City attorney: Likely you see an appeal to LUBA -- assuming that LUBA affirmed the denial then the applicant would need to decide what's next. That could include working with the neighbors, a different type of application, but they're in control of that.

>> Zelenka: It's up to the applicant. If they're interested in getting something done they might negotiate. Thank you.

>> Mayor Knudson: I'll turn to the Council Vice President to put a motion forward.

>> Kashinsky: Move to immediately reopen the record for this matter to accept evidence and argument from all parties and direct the city manager to provide notice of a public hearing for April 20, 2026 on an ordinance incorporating the applicant's proposed modifications.

>> Second.

>> Mayor Knudson: Any discussion from Council? Seeing none I will take a vote for this motion, Council lock in your votes on the tablets in front of you and Councilor leech and Councilor Yeh voting in the affirmative. That motion passes with a vote of 8-0.

>> Mayor Knudson: That concludes the fifth agenda item. City manager, introduce the sixth Jane item, a, on ordinance concerning increased public health standards coordination and providing effective date.

>> Matt Rodrigues: In response to a June 2025 staff meeting staff developed land use code amendments to increase coordination with the public health regulatory partners. Eugene planning commission had extensive discussions and considered public input on multiple iterations. Ultimately voting the City Council approve version 4 of the proposed code. As proposed, the ordinance would require the city to provide notice to the environmental protection agency, Oregon Department of environmental quality, and lane regional air protection agency prior to building in the E2 mixed employment light medium and heavy industrial zones. Both versions 3 and 4 require the city to perform agency notifications. Version 3 includes a requirement for applicants to submit documentation of attestation form that lists the permits they will need and version 4 does not require applicants to submit an attestation.

>> Mayor Knudson: Thank you very much. If there are no questions from Council, I will turn to the Council Vice President to put a motion forward.

>> Kashinsky: I move to adopt an ordinance concerning increased public health standards coordination amending sections 9.2460, 9.2461 and 9.4165 of the Eugene code 1971, and providing an effective date, included as attachment A to this agenda item summary.

>> Second.

>> Mayor Knudson: Any discussion? Councilor Kashinsky.

>> Kashinsky: I have a motion that I'm going to make. So I'm going to move to substitute for the motion that I just made, to move to direct the city manager to draft an ordinance and schedule public hearing on version 3 of the public health standard code amendments included in the December 16, 2025 planning commission agenda packet. The ordinance drafted shall modify section 3 of version 3 to replace the phrase "scope of proposed work" with the phrase "a description of proposed work" and can I speak to this if I get a second.

>> Second.

>> Kashinsky: I believe version 3, that was presented to the planning commission, better captures the intent of this change which is not just to increase coordination between the city and regulatory agencies but increase coordination between the city,

regulatory agencies and the applicant. My understanding is that version 4 makes no changes to the process for the applicant themselves. Version 3 has the applicant included in their application a short form that indicates what if any environmental prints they may need for the project. That doesn't seem like an onerous request, given that hopefully an applicant who has gotten to this part of their business plan where they are applying for land use permits would be aware of what environmental permits they would eventually need for the project. And if there's any misunderstanding or confusion about what might be required, it is beneficial for everyone including the applicant for that to be caught sooner than later.

Of particular note to me is that LRAPA at the hearing, one of the parties involved in the process, felt that options or version 3 would be a more useful part of more useful process and more, lead to better coordination. To highlight the where there was a change from version 3, the request to change the word scope do description and the language was included in version 4 and recommended by staff to retain that change since the scope -- word scope is specifically connected to building code of decisions and description would be a better word to use there. Thank you.

>> Mayor Knudson: Thank you. I have Councilor Zelenka, gross, and Clark in the queue. You are peeking speaking to the substitution, right? Councilor Zelenka.

>> Zelenka: The comment that it is burdensome, it required people in version 3 was burdensome so opted for option 4. What permits they are supposed to get be getting and attestation. Asking them to submit something that they should be doing already. Figures out what the permits are to do a development. I suspect that people who were doing this thing should have been doing their homework enough if they hadn't, whoever they hired to do that should be fired. That's negligent work.

How is this burdensome to people saying what they're going to do. What is the requirement of option 3, what does it say. Maybe you can read that part of it, I know Councilor Kashinsky has the language. Documentation of the permits. Doesn't say you have to have the permits. It just says you have to have the list, basically. So clarifying that I think would be very helpful so that we understand what the legislative intent moving forward is. The documentation seems to be just a list of the things are you supposed to already do. Which doesn't seem to be very burdensome. If you are already going to do them. Can you clarify maybe.

>> Matt Rodrigues: We'll have someone speak to that.

>> Version 3, land use Supervisor with the permit services division. Version 3, it does differ in that it defines air, land, water permits, one difference there. But then when it comes to the requirement for applicant, the applicant shall submit documentation identifying all air, land, water permits required for the proposed development. The documentation shall include an attestation by the applicant that the listed air, land, water permits are the only air, land, water permits for the proposed development or

documentation attending no air, land, water permits are required for the proposed development.

>> Zelenka: To show your homework.

>> Reid Verner: If we pivot to version 3, we have been working on draft versions of what that form looks like, we will present that at that point.

>> Zelenka: The permit applicant needs to say these are the things I need to get. And doesn't require them to get the permits, because that can take a year or longer if there's public hearing or controversy. It's just the whole intent behind this was to prevent another Baxter. By having people go through and make sure that they understood the environmental air, land, water permits that are required for any development, so that before they start development, and just say I understand that these air, land, water permits are required and doesn't even say that you have to do it. You just have to say that they're required. I think option 3 is pretty darned clear, and not a burdensome thing to the applicants. They're already doing it. If they aren't doing it this will probably save a heck of a lot of time, effort, money. It's making them do something they would end up doing later that would cost them time, effort, and money.

>> Mayor Knudson: Councilor groves.

>> Groves: Thank you. Shouldn't we as a city, we're the professionals in our plans review, shouldn't we be the ones that help them determine when an employer applies for permit, understanding what they need to accomplish in erred to get their permits approved?

>> Reid Verner: As staff we're responsible for the Eugene code. Those are the standards we enforce with codified language or authority to have a requirement that they provide information about what permits are required by other regulatory agencies, not really any mechanism or language that would require the staff providing information about what those other regulations would be.
>> Groves: Working with the staff and the PIC center they're pretty darned knowledgeable, isn't that something we can help with when we try to encourage employers.

>> Mayor Knudson: Again, it's not this one point is over the top onerous. As I said in the work session about another issue, it just feels like sometimes in the city it's death by a thousand cuts. Groves: At some point we need to help people get to yes rather than playing battleship and they keep submitting stuff and we say it doesn't meet the requirements. We should be doing everything we can to make the whole process as easy as possible while also upholding the standards. So I guess I'm a little confused by this. Also I'll add that the fourth option is the one that came recommended to us by our planning commission. A group that we use to advise us on how we should operate as a city. Anyway, I appreciate your response to that. Don't we have an obligation to try and help people work through the process?

>> Reid Verner: What is in the Eugene code that's what we follow. That's why my understanding of what this code amendment was to take a look at our code and figure out if there's a better way to coordinate with public health regulatory partners and applicants. Then that's why we came back with different versions of the code amendments. Version 3, we have established, has the applicant involved and filling out the form attesting to the permits that are required. Version 4 just has the city provide the notice. Those are the notice.

>> Groves: I'm not being clear. Don't our staff, plans review folks know what is required? Even with another agency?

>> Reid Verner: We don't.

>> Groves: We don't, okay. That seems curious to me. Thinking back to my Fire Department experience, we knew what was required in other agencies that we applied. It is not just the city part we do. We also -- we're enforcing as staff does state regulations through the building code. There's a lot of things that transcend just city code. Hi, Jeff.

>> Jeff: Principal planner for the planning division. The discussion that's going on is very reflective of the deliberations at the planning commission precisely on this topic. I just want to say that it is very worthwhile discussion. These are regulations outside the scope of the city of Eugene jurisdiction. Those restrictions by DEQ, EPA and LRAPA are their rules to apply, we are in charge of our legal framework, the city of Eugene. While our staff tends to be knowledgeable, we don't have the role or responsibility for enforcing.

>> Groves: I understand the enforcement piece but we should be able to help with guidance.

>> Jeff: Our staff is knowledgeable and collaborative but it is I will possible for us to know everything.

>> Groves: Some of us up here think we do. Thank you very much. Thank you Mayor.

>> Mayor Knudson: Councilor Clark.

>> Clark: Reid stay right there. First of all I want to say a big thank you to the members of our planning commission who spend hours and hours and hours and hours going through these very same conversations. That's why they exist, I appreciate all of the volunteer time they spend. At least one former member is in the audience. If they had this discussion and said okay, we see the potential, the reasonably suggests that we should send an application for DEQ permit, EPA permit, and we send them but those agencies don't respond, here's my question. What do we do when those agencies don't respond?

>> Reid Verner: The requirement in version 3 of the code which comes back for an ordinance if that vote passes would require that identification of the permits and attestation that those are the permits needed. There's not any sort of evidentiary requirement. If the applicant contacts the agencies and don't get an answer and fill out the form and submit it they have met their obligation.

>> Clark: You said version 3 they don't have to --

>> Reid Verner: They have to fill out a form for the permitting offices for the regulatory agencies of the concern that was brought up at the planning commission that I think you're getting at, what if those agencies don't respond, what does that have to do with the permits. Evans: What do we do with the permit application if there's no response. We wait a month, hypothetically, the applicant is paying interest on the money they have borrowed to do this project, whatever it is. Is incurring costs along the way while they wait for a Federal or state permit agency that doesn't respond. What do we do, what is your staff response?

>> Reid Verner: Once they submit that form like I said, they will have the contact information, okay, this is when I contact that agency and I haven't heard back. They submit that form and satisfy the code requirements for identifying under version 3.

>> Evans: Version 3?

>> Reid Verner: If they don't know what is required they answer to that effect and we will take that information and second it back to the agencies. If the agencies aren't responsive then they're into the going to do anything with the information, but what it will do is trigger those initial contacts from the applicant to check with the agencies. We have received response from our partners at LRAPA and DEQ that they have permitting agents that are responsive to questions from applicants, preapplication about what the scoping is. The EPA is more challenging but the permits the EPA grant are narrow to hazardous materials, it's a situation where the applicants would know if they're going to need that EPA permit or not. Assurances with the regulatory partners this is useful and the permitting process and capture it at the early stages not later on when they don't have any knowledge of actually what is happening at the local level.

>> Evans: Version 4, what is the difference if you can between what the planning commission recommended in 4 and what you are suggesting is what we're discussing in version 3. What is the difference. I appreciate Reid's answer.

>> Reid Verner: The difference between two, they have that noticing requirement. Regardless of version 3 or 4 when applications come in for development in those subject zones the city sends information about those development proposals to the 3 regulatory agencies of the difference is with version 3 there is a requirement that the applicant do their due diligence, check with the agencies to see what is required, fill out the form identifying what is required and submit with the building permit applications.

>> Evans: I thought there was a document need.

>> Reid Verner: The form is the documentation.

>> Evans: They can fill out the form doesn't matter if it's true or not?

>> Reid Verner: There's no enforcement standards other than filling out the information attesting to what permits are required.

>> Evans: Is there a waiting period before someone can fill out such a thing, cost of time?

>> Reid Verner: A part of the permitting process when you do a big industrial development is pretty substantial requirement. This is a requirement at the time of submittal of the application if an application comes in without a this form our intake staff checks a check list to make sure it is included in the application. If it is not it is flagged to the applicant. If it is included we would check the box and then send the notice as required under either version.

>> Evans: I appreciate that. This presented an interesting reality for me. Two things, number one, I absolutely want to protect the people that live in west Eugene. All of Eugene. West Eugene specifically who have had to endure the nightmare of GH Baxter. And they were a very bad actor. I think that failure was a regulatory failure. I don't believe that was a land use planning failure. I believe it was a regulatory failure. So I'm hesitant to change land use code in a way that makes growing our economy more expensive and costs more money and less effective if we can be doing something to enhance and fix the actual regulatory problem. I'm going to ask that if this passes can we please get the members of the planning commission to come and give testimony so that we can understand their thinking about their recommendation. Thank you.
>> Mayor Knudson: Councilor Zelenka.

>> Zelenka: The planning commission was split on this, 4-3 vote. They took nearly unprecedented step of sending the Council a memo explaining the vote. That hasn't happened in my 20 years, very often, I can't remember if it has. I think the bottom line for me is that it's not our job to be responsible to tell a business all of the things they need to do to do a development. Outside of the things that we require. Again that should be and is the responsibility of the developer to do their homework, figure out what air, land, water permits they need. They don't need a permit, they don't need to hear back from anybody. Or even an application, they just need to have this attestation. They just need to say what air, land, water requirements there are. Takes ten minutes.

The difference between the two options is who is responsible for letting the people know. Would that be the city of Eugene's responsibility? Or should it be the responsibility of the developer. I think it should be the responsibility of the developer. If they don't know the answer to this question this will make them figure that out and save

everybody a lot of heartache down the road. I think this is very unburdensome, it'll take a couple of minutes if you know the answer. You should know the answer or you shouldn't be developing.

>> Mayor Knudson: Councilor Evans.

>> Evans I think I have some of my questions answered.

>> Mayor Knudson: Councilor Kashinsky.

>> Kashinsky: I've heard this as response to Baxter as a bad actor. And I think that was what made us talk about this. But the problem we're trying to solve is in 1959 Eugene participated in a comprehensive land use map that put heavy industrial next to low density city residential. We have been, that has produced a lot of problems in a lot of ways. Part of the purpose of land use is not to put uses that are going to be incompatible right next to each other. That's not an easy problem to solve. The people in the residential areas are justifiably saying we don't want heavy industrial next to our homes. The people in the heavy industrial areas are using this is where you told us to put heavy industrial.

This is not -- I see this as trying to correct in my opinion poor decision that was made 60 years ago, 70 years ago -- 60 years ago. And it's not an easy solution. It is going to take a lot of work and compromise between different parties to figure out how to navigate this. I see this as a very small piece of how do we navigate that very difficult problem that is in front of us. Because of those decisions that were made before any of us were at this table or involved in these conversations. I feel safe to say that. That's a little bit why I see this, I do think if we're going to tackle this land use problem created a long time ago we need to look at land use solutions and this seems to be a pretty small step to try and figure out how to navigate that situation. Hopefully it'll help.

>> Mayor Knudson: Thank you. I will now take a vote on this substitute motion read by Councilor Kashinsky and seconded by Councilor Zelenka. Councilor Clark? Clark an -- Clark: This is to bring it back with option 3? One at a time?

>> Kashinsky: The motion is to schedule a new hearing on an ordinance, we need another public hearing.

>> City attorney: This is whether or not you want to accept that as a substitute motion. If it passes you will still need to vote on it. If it doesn't we're back to the main motion.

>> Mayor Knudson: Thank you. Back to taking a vote on this motion to substitute Council please lock in your votes on the tablets in front of you. Councilor Yeh and leech in the affirmative. The vote passes with a vote of 8-0. Now returning to the substitute motion, to move forward, Council, any additional discussion. Seeing none take a vote

on this motion. Councilor Leech and Councilor Yeh voting in the affirmative, motion passes with a vote 8-0.

Thank you, Council, that concludes our sixth agenda item. Thank you, staff, for your clarifications. The next item on tonight's agenda 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 hearings official. Staff can you share a list and the number of speakers that signed up to speak by 7:35 P.M. and announce the first speakers.

>> Thank you, we have 15 speakers signed up. I will announce two at the time. When you are called to speak state your name and ward or neighborhood before beginning your comments. When you are announced as next speaker 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 F you have documents to give Council, please place them in the basket near the podium. You will have 2 1/2 minutes to speak. The timer will flash red when you have 15 seconds remaining to speak. Your microphone will be muted at the 2 1/2 minute mark. Please vote the use of profanity is not permitted. First speakers are Lin Woodrich followed by Charmaine Landing.

>> I'm Lin Woodrich, co-chair of the active Bethel community and Bethel resident over 30 years. I live in ward 8. Speaking today on behalf of the active Bethel community board. Everyone is invited to our hybrid ABC general meeting on at March 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at clear lake community center on Barger drive. We will discuss the Amazon distribution center and will bring all questions to the Amazon representative. Go to our website activeBethelcommunity.org for information and online link.

The following may sound familiar, as I say the squeaky wheel gets the grease. At the state of the city address Mayor can Knudson said we need to begin thinking differently about 99, future as a safer, greener, multi-modal boulevard. It needs to be reimagined, with so many other examples we can bring a new spirit of collaboration to the work. For Bethel this vision is a dream come through. Highway 99 is an eyesore and dangerous corridor for residents navigating heavy traffic and frequent crossings, near concentrated homeless services. We're eager to begin the reimagining and collaboration. I was told it's coming soon.

As part of that effort Bethel needs a police substation. It doesn't need to be fancy. The city created downtown incident commander to improve safety, cleanliness and rapid response. Bethel deserves the same level of commitment and coordination. Public health standards must be incorporated into the comprehensive plan so land use decisions generally protect people in neighborhoods not just meet minimum technical requirements. We think that the delay in the USD clean fields LUBA response may be waiting for a new city manager to be in place April 15. We hope it will be prioritized. Eugene can grow and protect its people. Together we can ensure development that's responsible and resilient and or think of the communities we serve. Thank you.

>> Thank you. Next speakers Charmaine Landing followed by Stan Taylor.

>> Good evening, I'm Charmaine Landing, lane county. City councilors you may think you have no say about whether or not an Amazon distribution center should be built in Eugene. If they meet all the zoning rules and codes they pass. However I'd like to remind you of the clear lake overlay which is a city code authored by Eugene citizens to guide and protect this light industrial zone. It ensures any development fulfills Eugene's desire for economic prosperity and increased employment opportunities along with other values such as climate protection and sustainability. It generates industries such as clean tech, biosciences and food processing.

The Eugene planning division states this green employment center would ensure 20 year supply of employment and increase the average wage. You heard the many concerns about the appropriateness of Amazon center, no long-term employment which could allow workers to buy homes, loss of existing union delivery jobs, the danger of allowing well over 2,000 daily vehicle trips on to a road that already has the highest vehicle crash rate in Eugene and gathers and shares information about I.C.E. upon demand. What Amazon offers is low wages, automated by 2030 and will pay under $300,000 annually in city taxes. Oregon very recently granted Eugene $6 million, I understand an additional $5 million to this clear lake area specifically to encourage light industrial development. Even though the site currently sits vacant, this added infrastructure may now encourage well suited community minded industries to apply. I urge you to use your powers of representatives of the people to stand behind the overlay. It's not too late to require a study to further evaluate the impacts of the Amazon distribution center.

My request is not to favor one business over another but evaluate how any proposed business measures up to the requirements Eugenians set forth. Please slow the process down so thoughtful consideration can be given to our future. Once Amazon center is built there's no going back. Thank you for your consideration.

>> Thank you. Our next speakers are Stan Taylor followed by Francis Starr O'Leary.

>> Well you have heard it all over and over again. Greg it's not going to bring good jobs to our community. It's not going to bring a large property tax bonanza to the community. Less than 1% on a budgets of $930 million, I mean, let's get real. It's really hard for us citizens to come to the City Council and be told over and over again that you don't have any power. That it's the city manager from the government that we hire professionals in our different areas and that there's a separation between the functions that somehow doesn't get crossed. The reality is you have learned the various facts about the Amazon proposal and are hard to fund out.

You have also been told that this proposal actually violates both state and city code, and I would like to turn to the attorney and say this to you, I'm also an attorney. There's something here that you need to take a serious look at. So that we get the message

down to the permit department so that they can do their job appropriately. You are professionals, high integrity. But there are things that need to be addressed that you are not getting addressed. Either as our Councilors or as our professional staff. I'm urging you all to take a step back and figure out how you can get this communication channel to happen so that the permit department actually applies the law correctly so that Amazon has to meet the requirements of the law before it can come into town. Thank you.

>> Thank you, Stan. Our next speakers are Francis Starr O'Leary followed by Carol Isaacson.

>> Hi, there, my message tonight on the Council actions regarding Federal immigration enforcement is similar to the messages I've been delivering on ALPRs, I'm glad you have done what you have, but it's not enough. I.C.E. and their cronies have a political and rhetorical aspect you have confronted in those realms. But they have a physical agenda which needs to be confronted physically.

That is to say what they're doing in the streets is abhorrent, what are you doing with the power you field in the streets to stop them. You have this massive well-funded tool at your disposal. The Police Department. Of course I'm not suggesting that the police arrest all of the I.C.E. agents, the Federal supremacy clause prevents that. If this is a humanitarian crisis as you acknowledge it's a good bet that someone is overstepping their mandate and breaking the law. There's increased police presence, police are known for trailing suspected criminals building a case. Police have done house calls to let activists know that they're building a file on them.

Al Capone went down for tax evasion, we can't get these guys for going into an employee only area, trading out the license plates on their cars. What I'm advocating is blind justice. If these thugs were part of any other gang the police would have a special task force to take them down. The police defend the gang clubhouse and time to reassess that arrangement. A quotation from famous abolitionist and martyr John brown. These men are all talk. What we need is action. Action. Thank you.

>> Thank you. Our next speakers are Carol Isaacson followed by Jane. Carol in the room? All right I'll call for Carol Isaacson one last time after our speaker Jane.

>> Hello, I'm here today to ask that the city not approve any permits to construct fence is a round the Federal building where I.C.E. operates out of. This is a clear attempt to silence protesters and I.C.E. to continue committing atrocities in greater secrecy. In fact one of our neighbors a young woman was abducted from that very building today. They know what they are doing is wrong. They're kidnapping our neighbors and violating their right to due process forcibly entering our neighbor's homes without warrants and violating our rights in the process. An I.C.E. whistle blower Ryan SCHWAND former chief counsel confirmed that I.C.E. agents are trained to violate the fourth amendment to break the law. It is those very I.C.E. agents operating out of the field I.C.E. office here in Eugene, the same ones that kidnapped a young woman today. I ask that you do not

permit any fence to be built. Denying a permit will allow Eugenians to continue practicing their first amendment rights at the building that we fund. It will prevent I.C.E. and DMS from hiding behind a fence for unconstitutional atrocities and prevent accessibility issues. We deserve the right to know what is happening in that building and deserve the right to speak out against it on the sidewalk, in the plaza and in the courtyard. Don't approve any permits for a fence. Defend the rights of your constituents and get I.C.E. out of Eugene. Thank you.

>> Thank you. One last call for Carol Isaacson. Our next speakers are Wynn man sell, followed by Glenn OH.

>> Council, city staff, Mayor, I'll start out by asking have we heard anything back from flock about the deletion of our data? Have they reached out to us at all? If they have, what proof have they provided that the data had been deleted? But kind of accidentally in the vein of what Jane just joke about, 404 media through a FOIA request found CBD had been using location they have bought from third party data vendors, advertisers, the locate people of vulnerable communities to opportunity them down. I.C.E. has been known to have similar data. And while I know legally we in the state have some protection against that, I'm a big proponent of acting when you know to act.

Also, someone I deeply respect said to me once one of the greatest gifts we can give is the gift of knowledge. I am going to share with you, one, a copy and this is available, but I made a guide that I have shared with my community before, being a member of a vulnerable community, how to deactivate your advertiser I.D. on both your android and your iphone, android user myself, respect to iphone users. Should be enough copies for all of you along with links to other resources on other privacy items that you can hand out. This is by no means going to be blanket super protection on your privacy but I figure I share with you, you share with others, do it for yourself, get practice, share it out further out, and do a little something to protect the members of our vulnerable communities. Thank you.

>> Thank you. Our next speakers are Glenn Oh followed by shelly divine.

>> Hi, thank you. So I'm here to speak about the fence that's going to be going around the Federal building recently. I think that there is a really strange contradiction between, like, what was it a month ago when there was a crisis called and funding was going towards the affected communities. Then now we're helping them build a fence around their building so they can do it in secret? And it seems contradictory. I think that the fact that we just got, we saw a young woman be abducted today, now I'm trying to think about how that would be seen with a fence up.

It is a really clear attempt at taking away our first amendment rights to protect that building. As well as obstruct any accountability from that building. I think that if -- the police said we're building this so that you know where and when you should be -- shouldn't be protesting, if you cross that line bad things may happen. That's a paraphrase. But either way, building a fence to articulate when and where we can

protest, and there's something so fundamentally wrong with that. There's also something wrong with saying that if you cross this line bad things are going to happen. The inside of that courtyard has been a place for protest for years and years since before I moved here. The Eugene itself, blocking off places that people have used as free speech plazas for so long. And the fact that they are just abhorrently afraid at all of the atrocities that they do in that building. To want to build a fence around it. Is a joke. Approving any permits and helping them get the materials down there and really just assisting them in any way is a really gross conflict with the crisis that you all voted. Thank you.

>> Thank you, Glenn. Our next speakers are shelly divine followed by Faye Ratchford.

>> Hi, ward 3. Just so everyone knows Amazon just fired another 16,000 people right after the 14,000 they fired in October. There's that. I'm wondering why the local EPD is showing up wearing face masks alongside CPB. That's a new one. I'm wondering what in the Cristo-fascist police force is going on. Since when and how are we normalizing concealed identity for our law enforcement officers? What is their current figures status and how does adopting the controversial accessory of identity concealment and looking like I.C.E. a little help them conduct their business of protecting and serving this community? In what dystopian hellscape do EPD officers wear and normalize the uniform of a lawless and unaccountable group of known violent domestic terrorists.

If you cruise around looking like a fascist collaborator, and a pillar of support for the crime syndicate regime, well, something about it walks like a duck. We've clocked a serious and disturbing responsibility of power place. The question I have, is where does it stop. Where does the buck stop? Who if anyone is actually in charge of anything? If the city's elected cannot manage or outright refuse to prevent ginormous monstrosities of fascist collaboration from setting up shop, what are we doing? We want cahoots back not Amazon. We want cahoots not licking boots. We want cahoots not giant space mirrors. Not a new and different company for mass surveillance. We want people over profits.

We want the well-being of everyone in the community and not the privileged few. Tell Amazon we'll take an equal profit share amongst residents of Eugene, see how that led balloon goes over. More often than not showing up and asking for what we need feels like begging for bread crumbs. Nobody wants crumbs, or even just a slice or entire loaf to hoard and devour. We want to make bread collaboratively, enough for everyone, it is possible.

>> Thank you. Our next speakers are Faye followed by Athena.

>> Good evening, I'm sure you know why I'm here, because I come every meeting and speak to the same issue. We really need to think about what we're doing here. I am really stunned at the lack of response to the public concerns about the proposed Amazon warehouse. Especially since Amazon plans to start constructing it soon. We've shown you where they have violated our laws and I think that it should be taken very

seriously, as stan pointed out tonight. We have reason for not wanting them here, so many, we keep going over the same things again and again. The pollution from the daily trips, just the fact that they support I.C.E. and don't support people in their jobs. The tax revenues are not going to be what were originally thought.

The employment is not going to be -- not 3,000 people which the state keeps giving us money to help with the infrastructure. Under the guise of 3,000 jobs that were proposed and stated by you all. We're going to be talking 300 until 2030, 2032, then it'll be down to the people maintaining the robots that are doing the job which will be 16 to 18 per warehouse. You know, how do we find out how each of you feel about this? Any suggests? Any suggestions? I'm not sure. I have tried to make an appointment with my ward person to find out how she feels about it. I guess there was a meeting Saturday where a couple of Council people that are being challenged for their jobs have, again, said it's the tax revenue, it's the employment. It's like, God, I wish you would get real.

>> Thank you, Faye. Our next speaker Athena followed by Chloe Longworth.

>> Hello, I'm speaking on behalf of Josh easter land director of equitable access Eugene asking you to decriminalize psychedelic plants and fun guy. He's out on paternity leave for the first birth of his first born, he looks forward to speaking at his next opportunity. Is it any wonder that laws prohibiting the use of psycho active drugs have been ignored? The monstrous ego or stupidity of a person or group of persons to believe that they or anyone else have the right or the jurisdiction to police the inside of my mind or my body. It is in fact so monstrous a wrong that were it not so sad indeed tragic, it might be humorous. All societies must it seems have a structure of laws of orderly rules and regulations. Only the most hardcore fanatical anarchist can ignore that. I as a responsible adult human being will never concede the power what I put in my body or where I go with my mind. From the skin inward is my jurisdiction. I choose what may or may not cross that border.

Here I am the customs agent. I am the coast guard. I am the sole legal and spiritual government of this territory and only the laws I choose to enact within myself are applicable. Now, were I to be guilty of invading or sabotaging that same territory and others, then the external law of the nation has every right, the responsibility to brought me in the agreed upon manner. But what I think where I focus awareness, what biochemical reactions I choose to cause within the territorial boundaries are not subject to the beliefs, morals, laws or references of any other person. I am a sovereign state and feel that my borders are far more sacred than the politically drawn boundaries of any country. For have thank you for letting me speak on behalf of Josh.

>> Thank you, next is Chloe Longworth followed by Erica Lyon.

>> Hi, I'm Chloe Longworth, she/they pronouns, and I'm under ward 7. Today I want to talk about the old Federal building and how DHS is planning on building a fence around that building. I bring it up here because DHS is either going to or has already asked for permits from the city of Eugene to help them construct the fence. And I would like to say

please city of Eugene do not give them permits to construct the fence. That is bad for a number of reasons. The first one is that it is DHS, bad, DHS bad.

Second one I don't think has been mentioned is the Federal building is right across the street from fifth street public market which is a pretty popular tourist spot here in Eugene. If are you looking to have a good time in downtown to do some shopping, good food, you are walking around downtown and you see this fortress across the street with this big giant fence and all that crap around it, that's not going to look very good. Just on that, it's like, this is not a good idea for Eugene to allow a fence even to help the construction of a fence like that. Just because it ruins the visual aspect of the city which is pretty strong in Eugene. Trees and all that. I'm sure that there won't be any trees on that fence. Yeah, so I would really like it if the city of Eugene would have a bit of a backbone and not obey in advance by approving permits that the DHS can ask for. Thank you.

>> Thank you, next is Erica Lyon followed by misty strawberry Bowman.

>> Erica Lyon, ward 8. I'm sure can you guess why I'm here today. Take a wild guess. Takers? You got it, I'm here to keep the pressure on keeping the Amazon warehouse out. And like so many others have said, we expounded on the reasons. If I did that right now I would be beating a dead horse. You guys know all of the reasons, we've already told you, it's up to you to actually stand up for constituent interest and keep the warehouse from being butte and use whatever power you have. The second thing is so I am currently circulating a petition to end at-will employment in Oregon.

If any of you have an opportunity afterwards to find me right now I'm collecting signatures, Oregon is an at-will state, can be fired for any reason with or without cause and with or without notice. It is a holdover from the slavery era when they had to appease the old slave owners in the wake of abolition because the slaves could leave the farm. They had to give them kind of a juicy carrot to hunch on so they won't oppose abolition, they can fire them without justification. Over 150 years later with the same law in all 50 states. We're trying to make that so that an employer has to have a just cause reason to terminate an employee and give them enough notice and severance so that somebody who's working like 9:00 to 5:00 job, paycheck to paycheck, will have some sort of notice or some sort of severance if they are -- severance if they are fired. Offer a cushion. Anyway, I'll be outside collecting signatures for that if anyone wants to take the opportunity and find me afterwards.

>> Thank you, Erica. Our next speakers are misty followed by David Eigel.

>> Good evening, I'm Misty Bowman, I live in ward 7, a dark sky Oregon advocate. It's my birthday today, I'm the birthday girl! Councilor Zelenka happy retirement. I know two things about you. You are a serious environmentalist. And two, evidently after I said artificial light at night or Allen is bad for the environment you got a little ribbing. I hope the jokes weren't too bad. In your coming retirement year, if you can take an our, 15

minutes, a positive note for your predecessor, talk about how dark sky lighting would be good for Oregon I would love that.

Councilor Keating I want to thank you, I want to thank all of the city councilors and anybody who sent a protest in comment to the FCC with reflects orbital giant space mirrors, very fun to say. I want to thank you by giving you this lovely copy of Vincent Van Gogh letters to his dear proper brother Theo. I got it at secondhand for $2, that is spice. That is nice. This adorable postcard of "starry night" as a thank you for whoever you may have persuaded to protest reflection orbital. Thank you to any other city councilors who did as well. Is Councilor leech on Zoom?

Councilor Leech, I want to thank you for meeting with me when I was a fresh 2-month-old starry-eyed dark sky Oregon advocate. I've been trying to understand light pollution for inform two years and greatly appreciate the chance to expand on the challenges on dark sky lighting. Councilor mike Clark, I would like a little bit time for you, maybe next time if there's not giant space mirrors to talk about, but I want to express to you for the same reason cold, unshielded lights are a danger and distraction to drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, they're a danger and distraction to our first responders. It is my birthday wish that the City Council will revise and even force the outdoor lighting ordinance with the new ordinance. Guided by dark sky international five principles of responsible outdoor lighting. Thank you for your time.

>> Thank you. Our next and final speaker is David Eigel.

>> David Eigel, ward 1. Over a year ago I documented that TALISHA brown was looking for charitable donations by making disrepresentations of fact to potential donors. Oregon law criminalizes making misrepresentation of facts soliciting donations. Ms. Brown has been giving a false narrative, claiming that residents are prohibited from living in Eugene because of their race. That their housing was destroyed because of the racism of the local whites.

According to Ms. Brown, in a recent appearance at city club, Eugene was a sun downtown even in the 1950s. She made assertions that indicated detachment from reality including God was directing her. The residents of the north bank one-third of whom are white obtained permission to reside on the land owned by lane county that was to be used as a site of the new ferry street bridge. At that time there was extremely acute housing shortage locally and across the nation. Because of this housing shortage and not race that a racially mixed group of individuals became residents of the north bank. They were displaced when the bridge was built.

Eugene has had black residents for over 130 years. Never were these residents required to leave their homes at sunset and return after day break. In 1957, the green book included a listing soliciting the visitors of black travelers buyer it upscale Eugene center motel. Then Mayor elect can Knudson was a participant in the 2024 festival promoting the proposed memorial. The Mayor is a recent head of city club. The version of the city club being that was recently aired on KLCC edited out my question

challenging the narrative. The listeners were not informed of any editing. Mayor Knudson, what actions will you take regarding this misrepresentation of history? What have you done? I can see you have supported this nonsense. What are you going to do about it? Thank you.

>> Thank you. Mayor, that was the final speaker.

>> Mayor Knudson: Thank you, I close the public comment period, any comments from City Council? Councilor Clark.

>> Clark: Thank you, Mayor, I want to say thanks for the comment misty. I would take you up on that. I have to tell you, you have in me more of a willing person to hear your pleas with regard to dark night sky than you know. I spend as any of my friends can tell you, a great deal of my summertime when it's warm outside at night out on fern ridge specifically because you can see the stars at night out there. And it is wonderful, I'm in love with that. I am very sympathetic to your cause. I just want you to know, thank you.

>> Mayor Knudson: Councilor Keating.

>> Keating: Thank you. Happy birthday, misty. Thank you for the thoughtful gestures and the kind words and the dogged determination and continued advocacy. It is impressive. I might not be floating on fern ridge in the summer to enjoy the night sky but from my backyard in Eugene we love to stay up late in the summer and stair lovingly. I trust that I'm clearly not alone. Thank you. Thank you again for your advocacy and energy and enthusiasm. Curiously, and I would editorialize disturbingly, as of march 2024 approximately 75% of Americans were subscribers to Amazon prime.
In a community of 177,000 persons strong approximately, that means a significant portion of our community members are likely prime supporters. Prime subscribers. Prime subscribers, customers. I am no fan of Amazon, Jeff Bezos or I.C.E. allies. I'm not so sure the city of Eugene is in a legal position to pick winners or losers. I will attend the Saturday march 14 community meeting with the active Bethel community. I thank Lin Goodrich for dogged determination and advocacy. I look forward to a larger conversation about the proposal though it is not the in my ward, Councilor, if you will have me I'll happy visit Bethel and learn a little bit more. I hope to see a significant swath of the community turn out for that community conversation as well.

>> Mayor Knudson: Councilor groves.

>> Groves: Happy birthday, misty. I will say that since we've been hearing from you when I have discussions with city staff about lighting I ask questions differently than I used to. I do understand where you are coming from and I, too, am a night sky enthusiast when I can get away from the lights. I get that piece. Thank you for your voice. For the City Attorney, my understanding going back to even when the Federal courthouse was built, is the Federal government doesn't follow any of our codes, permitting -- they operate under their own laws and codes, isn't that correct?

>> City Attorney: That's true if they stay on their property. We can't even apply our land use regulations to them. I don't know what they're proposing here, I'm not that well versed in what is going on. It's possible that they need or seeking something in the right-of-way. I don't know. I assume we can get back to you on that.

>> Groves: I would appreciate in if it is in the right-of-way. My understanding it is tenting, temporary fencing on Federal property of which we don't have a voice.

>> Matt Rodrigues: I believe staff is reviewing their proposal and encouraging them to not use the right-of-way, making sure we have our sidewalks and accessways open on the block.

>> Groves: When they built the current Federal courthouse I was still in the Fire Department at that point. It is very common, we go out and would look at buildings when they're under construction, it helps you understand how the construction industry is changing plus we're the ones that have to take walls apart to get to fires. You want to know what is in the walls and how they're constructed. There's a bunch of hoops we had to jump through to get permission to come inside the building under construction. That's Federal jurisdiction and we never really had a say in it. Our fire Marshall's office wasn't allowed onsite. They had no oversight for that. Most of the people raising that issue have left. I want to share that piece. That's always been my understanding. Thank you very much. Then the last piece, the only time I've ever seen local police wear masks was during the pandemic when we were all wearing masks. I'd be interested in knowing that as well. I haven't seen our officers -- one of the things when you see the Federal law enforcement they have different uniforms because they're from different agencies within the Federal government. I know on several occasions Eugene police have been accused of being somewhere, when we looked into it they weren't. It was the Feds. There's protective services, each agency has their own uniforms. Thank you, Mayor.

>> Mayor Knudson: Thank you. I want to briefly add myself to the queue to make a request of Misty Bowman and her birthday and residents. Misty, we first met I don't know if you remember at a meeting of our astronomy society, before I was the Mayor of Eugene. We were absolutely talking about dark skies with a group of community leaders concerned about making sure that everyone in our community maintains access to the night sky. About 10 months ago I noticed a one-month offset between some of your testimony and another notable seasonal event in our community, the very significant bird migration that happens in and above our community every spring and fall.

That dark skies as a component of supporting migration of birds seasonally is an important thing everyone in the community can support. Participate in by doing simple things like turning off outdoor lights at night when everyone has gone to sleep. Making sure there's not a lot of light pollution casting off of your home or property. So I wanted to make this request, that if we could be in touch regarding essentially a public awareness campaign related to dark skies and our annual spring migration, which will be under way with the next month of proclamations in April, I made a note about this ten months ago knowing that we would see each other here.

But it is an important opportunity to point out some simple actions and continue to see improvements as we have in significant ways with automatic off-lights in our new installations and public open spaces and city retrofit streets with lights that are well shaded and lots of steps with recent construction to control light pollution and make sure that illumination is directed down. We have a significant challenge with fixtures that are not designed to do that and to shade and send that light towards the surfaces that people are walking along and traveling along. Retrofitting those parts of the community are challenging. Large commercial parking lots built 30-plus years ago, rights of way that haven't had lights retrofitted. We have made a significant effort to retrofit to energy efficient light fixtures. It's another point to follow up. We will be in touch about the spring. Thank you Council. Public comment is closed. So we are moving on to the final agenda item for tonight, which is consent calendar 2, annexation of land in the city of Eugene located at 1773 PARNELL drive, and annexation of land in the city of Eugene located at 1810 firland boulevard. If there are no questions I will turn to the Council Vice President to put a motion forward.

>> Kashinsky: I move consent calendar 2.

>> Second.

>> Mayor Knudson: Any discussion? Seeing none I will take a vote for this motion, Councilors please lock in your votes on the tablets in front of you. Councilor Leech and Councilor Yeh I see you voting affirmative. The motions pass with a vote of 8-0. Thank you. That concludes our agenda for today. And I now close the March 9, 2026 City Council meeting. We are adjourned.