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>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE, WELCOME TO THE JUNE 8TH 2,026 EUGENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TONIGHT IN THIS HYBRID MEETING FORMAT FOR ANYONE WISHING TO ACCESS THE MEETING REMOTELY CAN DO SO BY WATCHING THE LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE. THE BROADCAST ON COMCAST CHANNEL 21.

OR BY FOLLOWING THE ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS LISTED ON THE CITY'S PUBLIC WEBCAST AND MEETINGS MATERIALS.

TONIGHT'S MEETING WILL INCLUDE A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK, PLEASE FILL OUT A REQUEST TO SPEAK FORM ON OUR PUBLIC WEBCAST AND MEETINGS MATERIALS WEBPAGE OR AT THE WELCOME TO THE JUNE 8TH, 2026, EUGENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN THIS HYBRID MEETING FORMAT. ENTRANCE TO THE ROOM. WE WILL ACCEPT REQUEST FORMS UNTIL

7:35 PM. THESE FORMS WILL BE USED TO GENERATE THE ORDER OF SPEAKERS AND ACCURATELY ENTER SPEAKERS NAMES INTO THE RECORD.

THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD WILL BE LIMITED TO 90 MINUTES OR CONCLUDE BY 9:50 PM, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME TO ADDRESS ALL AGENDA ITEMS ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA. IF THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS EXCEEDS THE TIME WE HAVE ALLOTTED WE ENCOURAGE SPEAKERS TO CONSIDER ABBREVIATING THE REMARKS SO THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SPEAKERS CAN BE HEARD. FOR THOSE JOINING THE MEETING REMOTELY YOU ARE WELCOME TO EMAIL YOUR COMMENTS TO CITY COUNCIL AND THAT IS TRUE OF ANYONE WHO IS HERE IN PERSON .

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

PLEASE KEEP THE ROOM QUIET AND RESPECTFUL FOR ALL SPEAKERS AND YOU ARE WELCOME TO WAVE YOUR HANDS IN SILENT SUPPORT.

WE ENCOURAGE ALL THOSE THAT ARE ILL TO JOIN OUR MEETING REMOTELY RATHER THAN IN PERSON AND WE HAVE MASKS AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY IF YOU NEED ONE. IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR, AN AED, IS LOCATED ON THE COUNTER BEHIND STAFF ON THE WEST SIDE OF THIS ROOM. THE EMERGENCY EXITS ARE THROUGH THE DOUBLE DOORS LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE ROOM AND THE DOUBLE DOORS NEAR THE FRONT OF THE ROOM AND THE DOORS TO THE PATIO CAN BE USED AS NEEDED. WITH THAT, I CALL THE JUNE 8TH, 2026, MEETING OF THE EUGENE CITY COUNCIL TO ORDER.

TO BEGIN WITH THE LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

SINCE TIME AND MEMORIAL, THE KALAPUYA PEOPLE HAVE BEEN THE INDIGENOUS STEWARDS TO OUR REGION. BUILDING DYNAMIC COMMUNITIES, MAINTAINING BALANCE WITH WILDLIFE AND ENACTING SUSTAINABLE LAND PRACTICES.

THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT IS A WAY OF RESISTING THE ERASURE OF INDIGENOUS HISTORIES AND HONOR NATIVE COMMUNITIES BY INVITING TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION.

FOLLOWING TREATIES BETWEEN 1,851 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 ACKNOWLEDGE THE STRENGTH AND RESILIENCY OF DISPLACED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE.

THE CITY OF EUGENE IS BUILT WITHIN THE TRADITIONAL HOMELANDS KNOWN AS KALAPUYA ILIHI, KALAPUYA DESCENDENTS ARE CITIZENS OF THE CONFEDERATE TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON.

AND THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SELECT INDIANS OF OREGON AND 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. OUR FIRST ITEM ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA IS THE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND RECOGNITION OF FLAG DAY SO WE WILL OPEN TONIGHT'S MEETING WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

AND TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE WE ARE JOINED BY A GRADUATING SENIOR FROM SOUTH EUGENE HIGH SCHOOL, TWO YEAR MEMBER OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL.

THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL KNOWN AS THE YAC GIVES EUGENE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS A CHANCE TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD BY THE CITY OF EUGENE AND BROADER COMMUNITY BY CREATING A SPACE FOR STUDENT PERSPECTIVES TO INFLUENCE AND INITIATE AND PARTICIPATE IN POLICY AT THE CITY GOVERNMENT LEVEL.

WE WILL BE LED IN THE PLEDGE AND 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: THANK YOU.

OUR SECOND ITEM ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA IS CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE SEVEN PROCLAMATIONS I HAVE ASKED THE CITY OF EUGENE TO PREPARE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2,026.

PROCLAMATIONS ARE CEREMONIAL DOCUMENTS REQUESTED AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR AND YOU CAN FIND ALL OF THESE PROCLAMATIONS AT THE CITY OF EUGENE WEBSITE.

THIS MONTH WE ARE CELEBRATING EUGENE LGBTQ PLUS PRIDE MONTH FOR JUNE. CULMINATING WITH AN ALL DAY PRIDE FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, JUNE PONY SEVENTH. AND I HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU THERE.

THIS PAST WEEK WE HAVE RECOGNIZED NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY ON JUNE 5TH, AND NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY, YESTERDAY, JUNE 7TH.

EVERY YEAR MORE THAN 44,000 AMERICANS DIE FROM GUN VIOLENCE, 120 AMERICANS EVERY DAY.

THERE ARE OVER 18.6 MILLION CANCER SURVIVORS LIVING IN OUR COUNTRY, THE UNITED STATES.

THIS WEEK WE ARE COLLECTIVELY CELEBRATING THE GRADUATIONS AND LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR OUR LOCAL BETHEL AND FOR JAY AND COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS ON FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADUATES FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SECONDARY EDUCATION AND BEYOND IN OUR COMMUNITY AS WELL AS TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES, TEACHERS, COACHES AND MENTORS WHO HAVE BEEN PART OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THESE EDUCATIONAL JOURNEYS.

WELCOME TO SUMMER, EVERYONE, WE ARE HERE.

FOLLOWING FRIDAY, NEXT WEEK WE CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH, ON JUNE 19TH AND WE WILL GATHER IN DOWNTOWN EUGENE FROM -- FOR A FAMILY-FRIENDLY CELEBRATION HONORING THE HISTORY OF RESILIENCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND COMMEMORATE THE END OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES.

I WANT TO THANK OUR PARTNERS AT BLACK YOUTH INC., THE DOWNTOWN PROGRAM FUND GRANTS AND COMMITTEE SPONSORS FOR SUPPORTING THIS EVENT AT MARKET PAVILLION AND I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO JOIN US ON JUNETEENTH.

AND TO CONCLUDE THIS MONTH WE WILL CELEBRATE THE SUMMER SOLSTICE, THE LONGEST AND BRIGHTEST DAY OF THE YEAR COMING UP SHORTLY ON JUNE 21ST.

AND THE DAY BEFORE WE WILL RECOGNIZE WORLD REFUGEE DAY IN THE CITY OF EUGENE. IN CLOSING I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK OUR INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY PARTNERS WITH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT SERVICES PROGRAM AND WITH PACIFIC REFUGEE SUPPORT FOR THEIR TIRELESS WORK TO SUPPORT OUR REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

THE GRATITUDE IS EXTENDED TO ALL THE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS, ORGANIZATIONS, SPONSORS AND PARTNERS WORKING EVERY DAY TO CONNECT OUR COMMUNITY TO LIFT UP OUR SHARED HISTORY AND FUTURE AND CELEBRATE EACH AND EVERY EUGENE MEMBER FOR BEING WHO THEY ARE, LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING AND RECOGNIZING ALL OF THE PROCLAMATIONS WITH YOU THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JUNE.

ALSO, AS ONE OF OUR MATTERS THIS EVENING, WE WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCILS ANNUAL REPORT.

SO SHORTLY WE WILL RECEIVE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FULL TEXT WILL BE SENT TO COUNCIL AND WAS SENT WITH LAST WEEK'S PACKETS. BEFORE WE BEGIN I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL WHO ARE GRADUATING THIS YEAR AND ENDING SERVICE ON THE COUNCIL.

MANY OF WHOM ARE HERE WITH US THIS EVENING.

SENIORS INCLUDE JP BARNHART, ANYA FELD OFF, LOGAN GREEN, ELLA KILLINGSWORTH, CO-CHAIR OF THE YAC, LAYLA SHRUB, FLORA STEWART, SECRETARY AND LILY ZHAO, I WANT TO THANK YOU, FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK AND FOR MAKING STUDENT VOICES HEARD IN CITY GOVERNMENT AND PARTICIPATING, SO ENTHUSIASTICALLY AND ROBUSTLY IN MANY CONVERSATIONS OVER THIS PAST YEAR.

AND NOW I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE CO-CHAIR TO THE PODIUM TO DELIVER THE ANNUAL REPORT.

>> I WILL KEEP THIS RELATIVELY SHORT, GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCILORS.

I AM A SENIOR AT SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL AND THIS PAST YEAR I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS CO-CHAIR OF THE MAYOR ADVISORY COUNCIL.

JUST SOME BACKGROUND, SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN 20 TOMMY THEY WORK TO AMPLIFY YOUTH VOICES ACROSS EUGENE IN THE BETHEL

FOR JAY SCHOOL DISTRICT AREAS AND PROVIDE MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AT THE MUNICIPAL LEVEL. THIS YEAR WE CONTINUED THE MISSION THROUGH A VARIETY OF PROJECTS ON POLICY, OUTREACH, CIVIC EDUCATION.

ONE HIGHLIGHT WAS OUR CONTINUED COLLABORATION WITH THE URBAN GROWTH STRATEGIES WHICH YOU HAVE HEARD MUCH ABOUT. WE PROVIDED FEEDBACK ON HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE CITY'S EQUITY OUTLETS.

GIVING MEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HOW YOUTH PERSPECTIVES CAN DIRECTLY INFORM POLICY DISCUSSIONS AND PLANNING EFFORTS.

WE ALSO FOCUSED ON STRENGTHENING THE FUTURE OF THE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE YOU THREW REPRESENT WE BEGAN DEVELOPING A CITYWIDE YOUTH SURVEY AND CONDUCTED DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH WITHIN OUR OWN COUNCIL.

THE EFFORTS WILL HELP FUTURE MEMBERS BETTER ENGAGE WITH AND REPRESENT EUGENE'S DIVERSE YOUTH POPULATIONS THAT WE ARE SO LUCKY TO BE ABLE TO REPRESENT.

IN ADDITION WE EXPANDED OUR OUTREACH THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA BY LAUNCHING MONTHLY UPDATES ON OUR WORK AND COUNCIL ACTIONS.

THE EFFORTS CONTRIBUTE INTO A RECORD OF 30+ APPLICATIONS WHICH HAD A LOT OF MY FRIENDS APPLY TO, NOT ALL WERE ABLE TO MAKE IT THIS YEAR.

30+ APPLICATIONS IS ONE OF THE GREATEST TURNOUTS WE HAVE EVER HAD FOR THE MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL. I HOPE THAT CONTINUES ONWARD.

THE COUNCIL PRIORITIZE CIVIC AND EDUCATION, MEMBERS ATTENDED AND REPORTED ON CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND OTHER CITY RELATED COUNCILS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

AND IN APRIL WE HOSTED OUR THIRD ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING.

THIS HANDS ON EXPERIENCE ALLOWED MEMBERS TO LEARN THE PROCESS OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY, EDUCATION, CIVIC PROCESSES, DELIBERATION AND LOCAL DECISION-MAKING.

BEHALF OF THE YAC I WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE, CITY STAFF THAT WAS ABLE TO FACILITATE OUR MEETINGS AND YAC INTERN EMMA SO WE ARE PROUD OF WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED AND EQUALLY EXCITED BY THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT LIE AHEAD OF US AND THE FOUNDATION WE HAVE BUILT WILL HELP POSITION FUTURE YAC MEMBERS FOR SUCCESS TO TAKE ON GREATER CHALLENGES THROUGHOUT THE FUTURE YEARS TO COME AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING THE NEXT BOARD AS THEY CONTINUE THIS WORK. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU.

I WILL NOT READ THE ABBREVIATED BUT STILL EXTENSIVE LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE GRADUATING MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL.

IS AN EXTRAORDINARY CROSS-SECTION OF STUDENTS FROM ALL ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY.

AND I CANNOT WAIT TO SEE WHAT IS NEXT IN THEIR FUTURES AND JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE ONE MORE TIME WHAT A PRIVILEGE IT WAS TO ATTEND OUR YAC MEETINGS EACH MONTH AND SPEND THAT TIME TOGETHER, A LATE EVENING IN THIS VERY ROOM ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AND THE AMOUNT OF ENGAGEMENT BUT ALSO THE MODELING OF LEADERSHIP AND UNITY SUPPORT OFFERED BY THE YAC I FOUND VERY INSPIRING. AND I JUST WISH THE ENTIRE YAC THE BEST OF LOCK INTO THE FUTURE AND CERTAINLY TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS, A LOT OF APPRECIATION AND LOOK FORWARD TO STAYING IN TOUCH.

THANK YOU, ALL AND THANK YOU FOR THAT REPORT AND THAT CONCLUDES OUR SECOND AGENDA ITEM THIS EVENING.

OUR THIRD ITEM ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA IS COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST.

I NOW OPEN THE FLOOR FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS OR ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCIL.

AND COUNCILOR GROVES.

>> GROVES: MY NAME IS RANDY GROVES, I AM THE COUNCILOR FOR WARD, SOUTHWEST, WEST EUGENE AND THE CHAIR OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS MEETING AND I HAVE A SHORT REPORT FROM OUR LAST MEETING, THE IGR COMMITTEE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD, DEBRIEFED THE MAY 27TH COUNCIL WORK SESSION ON IGR ACTIVITIES. DISCUSSED THE PROCESS AND SCHEDULE FOR DEVELOPING THE 2,027 PRIORITIES AND STARTED DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO SPECIFIC TOPICS THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION INTO THE PRIORITIES AND POLICY DOCUMENTS.

AS IS THE PRACTICE FOR THESE GUIDING DOCUMENTS, THE IGR COMMITTEE PROVIDES INPUT AND GUIDANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENTAL

DRAFT DOCUMENTS, APPROVING THEM BEFORE BRINGING THEM TO THE FULL COUNCIL FOR REVIEW.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION LATER THIS FALL.

AT THE MAY 27 IGR WORK SESSION STAFF GAVE A BRIEF SUMMARY BEFORE DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL WAS GIVEN TO COME BACK TO COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE FOR A MORE IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION RELATED TO THE 2,027 PRIORITIES.

THIS WORK SESSION IS BEING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 22ND OR JULY 8TH, PLEASE LET YOUR I GR COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHICH INCLUDE MYSELF, COUNCILOR EVANS AND COUNCILOR YEH, THE MAYOR SERVES AS A MEMBER AND CITY MANAGER, FOR THE MANAGER, LET THEM KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR INPUT TO FOLLOW UP ON. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: COUNCILOR CLARK AND THEN COUNCILOR YEH, COUNCILOR ZELENKA AND CITY MANAGER IN THE QUEUE.

>> CLARK: I JUST WANT TO SAY WE, ALL COUNCILORS GOT AN EMAIL FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE FOR THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SEVERAL DAYS AGO, WE CAN GO AND GAVE US ALL NOTICE OF A POTENTIAL FEE INCREASE THE MANAGER WAS GOING TO DECIDE ON SOON.

WE ARE NOW IN THE MIDST OF THE TWO-WEEK COMMENT PERIOD SO I THOUGHT I WOULD TAKE MY COUPLE MOMENTS HERE TONIGHT TO MAKE A COMMENT TO THE MANAGER BECAUSE SHE HAS THE COMPLETE AUTHORITY FOR MAKING THAT DECISION.

I THOUGHT ABOUT MAKING A MOTION AT COUNCIL BUT AS IS PROPER THIS IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE AND THE MANAGER'S DECISION TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUEST THAT WAS MADE.

THIS PARTICULAR EMAIL RECOMMENDED A 2.7% INCREASE IN BUILDING PERMIT FEES.

WHICH IS ON TOP OF AN A PERCENT INCREASE THAT HAPPENED LAST JULY.

WHICH IS STANDARD BECAUSE THERE IS INFLATION AND EVERYTHING ELSE SORT OF THING TO HAPPEN.

BUT I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT IT MADE ME A LITTLE, MADE ME STOP AND THINK ABOUT IT AND WANT TO TALK ABOUT THIS LITTLE BIT BECAUSE THAT IS ALMOST AN 11% INCREASE IN THE COST OF BUYING A BUILDING PERMIT IN THE MIDDLE OF A HOUSING CRISIS.

IN LESS THAN A YEAR.

IN MY OPINION WE SHOULD BE DISCOUNTING WHAT BUILDING PERMIT COSTS FROM THE CITY AT THIS POINT.

20% A YEAR, WHATEVER WE CAN TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF HOUSING THAT GETS BILLED.

THIS ISN'T SOMEONE IS MEAN OR SOMETHING, THEY ARE NOT TRYING TO DO A BAD THING.

THIS IS A STANDARD SORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE THING WE DO.

I WANT US TO THINK ABOUT THE IMPACT IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF LAST YEAR WE HAD 59 BUILDING PERMITS TAKEN FOR SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES IN OUR COMMUNITY, THE STATE OF OREGON HAS SAID WE NEED 1,600 A YEAR FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS.

UNITS, NOT JUST SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES.

BUT THIS YEAR FROM JANUARY TO MAY, THE NUMBER OF PERMITS TAKEN IS 38.

WE ARE HEADING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION IN THE MIDDLE OF A HOUSING CRISIS, THE NUMBER OF NEW HOMES BEING BUILT IS DECREASING STEADILY.

AND I THINK, I KNOW WE ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT INCENTIVES HERE IN A COUPLE WEEKS BUT I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE MANAGER TO CONSIDER MAYBE DISCOUNTING THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE INSTEAD, THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: COUNCILOR YEH.

>> YEH: THANK YOU, MAYOR. I WANTED TO SHARE A COUPLE POSITIVE INTERACTIONS I HAVE HAD AROUND OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, RECENTLY WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF DISCOURAGING NEWS IN THE AREA SO THE FIRST ONE IS A TOUR, THE MAYOR AND I AND STAFF WERE ABLE TO GO ON FOR THE WELLNESS CENTER ON RIVER ROAD AN INTEGRATIVE FACILITY THAT DOES PRIMARY CARE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM AND I WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY THE WAY THEY HAVE SUCH AN INNOVATIVE CARE SYSTEM THAT HOLISTICALLY COMBINES ALL THE DIFFERENT THINGS THEY DO FOR THEIR PATIENTS.

I LEARNED SOMETHING NEW, I THOUGHT THE WELLNESS CENTER SERVED MAINLY BY TRIBAL MEMBERS AND OTHER AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVES BUT THEY DO NOT, THEY ALSO SERVE THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THEY HAVE QUITE A FEW PATIENTS THAT ARE NOT TRIBAL MEMBERS AND THEY ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS.

IT WAS A VERY EXCITING TO HEAR AND I LEARNED A LOT.

THE OTHER WAS A GIRDER SIGNING, I ATTENDED AND SPOKE AT FOR SLOCUM ORTHOPEDICS.

I AM SURE MANY OF YOU RECOGNIZE THE NAME SLOCUM, THEY HAVE BEEN A TRUSTED PARTNER IN OUR COMMITTEE FOR GENERATIONS AND THEY HAVE A NEW AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER ON CHAD DRIVE THAT IS BEING CONSTRUCTED.

WHICH IS GOING TO BE THIS AMAZING FACILITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY THAT IS GOING TO BRING IN HIGH QUALITY ORTHOPEDIC CARE, IT IS GOING TO REDUCE WAIT TIMES FOR FOLKS, LOWER COSTS AND SOMETHING WE CAN DO HERE RATHER THAN HAVING TO GO A LONG DISTANCE TO REACH THIS KIND OF CARE AND WHAT I REALLY ENJOYED ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR FACILITY, THEY ARE INVESTING QUITE A BIT OF MONEY AND TIME INTO THIS PROJECT AND IT REALLY SHOWS EUGENE IS A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE WANT TO BUILD, WHERE PROFESSIONALS WANT TO PRACTICE, MANY OF THE DOCTORS ARE INVESTED IN THE PROJECT THEMSELVES AND FAMILIES WANT TO BE ABLE TO PUT DOWN ROOTS AND BE HERE FOR A WHILE.

I THOUGHT THAT WAS A REALLY EXCITING HEALTHCARE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

AND LASTLY, I WANTED TO GIVE A QUICK UPDATE FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, OUR CHAIR COMMISSIONER HAS, IS STEPPING DOWN FOR FAMILY REASONS AND I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK HIM FOR ALL THE YEARS HE HAS SPENT ON THE HRC. I WAS ABLE TO SERVE WITH HIM BOTH ON THE POLICE COMMISSION AND ON THE HRC AND I WANT TO THANK HIM FOR SHARING HIS EXPERIENCE AND INSIGHT ON SO MANY COMMUNITY ISSUES AND WHILE HE IS HAVING TO STEP BACK I KNOW HE WILL BE BACK WHEN HE HAS THE CAPACITY, HE IS VERY COMMITTED TO THIS COMMUNITY AND IT'S UNFORTUNATE HE HAS TO STEP BACK BUT FAMILY IS IMPORTANT AND I AM GLAD HE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: COUNCILOR ZELENKA.

>> ZELENKA: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

SEEING THIS IS THE FIRST MEETING AFTER THE ELECTION, I WANTED TO CONGRATULATE GREG EVANS ON HIS REELECTION. I WOULD ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE MY SUCCESSOR, COUNCILOR ELECT JENNIFER SMITH IN THE FRONT ROW.

AND WHO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENDORSED AND SUPPORTED AND I WANTED TO THANK JOHN FOR RUNNING A GOOD AND EFFECTIVE, CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

AND ALSO LIKE TO THANK OR LIKE TO CONGRATULATE LEXI MILLER ON HIS APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION TO THE BOARD.

I WOULD POINT OUT THAT JENNIFER WON THE SEAT BY OVER 15 POINTS.

I WILL ALSO POINT OUT NO CHAMBER CANDIDATE HAS REPRESENTED THE WARD, WARD 3, IN WELL OVER 30 YEARS.

IN FACT, THE CHAMBER ONLY WENT 1-4 EUGENE ELECTIONS THIS GO-ROUND AND I THINK THAT MAYBE HAS SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THE MESSAGING.

SINCE JENNIFER SMITH IS CURRENTLY IN A CLASS OF ONE AS COUNCILOR ELECT AND WE ARE HAVING AN IMPORTANT FINANCIAL LONG-TERM FINANCIAL RETREAT ON THE 30TH AND FIRST, I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO INVITE HER TO BE AN OBSERVER AND PERSON AT OUR JUNE 30TH, JULY 1ST WORKSHOP SO SHE WILL BE AT THE TABLE IN 2,027 MAKING THE DECISIONS WITH THE WALL SO I THINK THAT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO INVITE HER.

THANKS.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: CITY MANAGER?

>> NO COMMENT OTHER THAN I APPRECIATE THE WORDS FROM COUNCILOR EVANS AND WILL TAKE THAT UNDER ADVISEMENT.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, THAT CONCLUDES OUR THIRD AGENDA ITEM THIS EVENING.

THE FOURTH ITEM ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA IS CONSENT CALENDAR NUMBER 1 WHICH INCLUDES CITY COUNCIL MINUTES AND THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL'S TENTATIVE AGENDA, ANY QUESTIONS.

>> KASHINSKY: I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST WE PULL THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 27TH WORK SESSION FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR WHEN I WAS READING OVER THEM THIS WEEK AND I NOTICED A COMMENT THAT WAS MISINTERPRETED.

WOULD LIKE TO GIVE STAFF A CHANCE TO LOOK OVER THAT BEFORE WE APPROVE IT.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, WE WILL PULLED APRIL 27TH MEETING MINUTES FROM CONSENT CALENDAR ONE AND SEEING NO OTHER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILOR LEECH I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO APPROVE.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: MOVED TO APPROVE ON CALENDAR ONE.

I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION, PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES ON YOUR TABLET IN FRONT OF YOU.

OR RAISE YOUR HANDS IF YOU ARE REMOTE AND THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0, THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES OUR FOURTH AGENDA ITEM.

I WILL TURN TO THE CITY MANAGER TO INTRODUCE OUR FIFTH AGENDA ITEM, AN ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR, EVERY YEAR THE CITY HOLDS A RECRUITMENT PROCESS TO INDIVIDUALS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, APPLICATIONS WERE ACCEPTED JANUARY 1ST THROUGH 31ST OF THIS YEAR AFTER THE APPLICATION PERIOD COUNCIL INVITED CERTAIN APPLICANTS TO PROVIDE THREE-MINUTE STATEMENTS AND THE MAYOR HELD INTERVIEWS FOR THE SEATS FOR WHICH SHE NOMINATES.

TONIGHT YOU WILL VOTE ON SUGGESTED MOTIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS THAT STAFF PREPARED BASED ON THE NOMINATIONS MADE BY COUNCILORS AND THE MAYOR, THE NOMINATION TOTALS WERE PROVIDED IN YOUR AGENDA SUMMARIES AND OUR ATTACHMENTS ARE A AND B.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, CITY MANAGER, I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO PUT THE FIRST MOTION FORWARD.

>> LEECH: MOVED TO APPOINT EMILY YATES FOR FOUR YEAR TERM BEGINNING JULY 1ST, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2030.

>> SECOND.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY QUESTIONS?

TAKING A VOTE, PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES ON THE TABLETS IN FRONT OF YOU.

MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO WITH THE NEXT MOTION FORWARD.

>> MOVED TO APPOINT DJ KELLY-QUATTROCCHI AND ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2030.

>> SECOND.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION FROM COUNCIL?

>> ZELENKA: I MOVE TO SUBSTITUTE TIM BLACK.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: I DO NOT HEAR A SECOND.

WE WILL CONTINUE WITH THE MOTION ON THE TABLE.

COUNCILORS, PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES FOR THIS MOTION AND THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

THANK YOU.

TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO PUT THE NEXT MOTION FORWARD FOR THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD.

>> MOVED TOREAPPOINT ELISE JOSEPHSON FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JULY 1ST, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2029.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION FROM COUNCIL?

SEEING NONE I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES.

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

I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR A SECOND MOTION IN THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD.

>> LEECH: MOVE TO APPOINT AMANDA WALKUP TO THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM JULY 1ST, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2029.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION?

SEEING NONE. TAKE A VOTE FOR THIS MOTION, PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES.

THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR A THIRD CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD MOTION.

>> LEECH MOVE TO APPOINT KIMBERLY VOORHEES FOR A PARTIAL TERM BEGINNING JULY 1ST, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2027.

>> SECOND.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION?

SEEING NONE I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION, COUNCILORS PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES.

MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR ANOTHER MOTION RELATED TO THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD.

>> LEECH: MOVE TO APPOINT CHRISTINE SILVER FOR PARTIAL TERM.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION FROM COUNCIL?

SEEING NONE I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION, PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES ON THE TABLETS IN FRONT OF YOU.

THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR A FIRST MOTION RELATED TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

>> LEECH: MOVED TO APPOINT SARAH CONNORS FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM AND ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2029.

>> SECOND.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION FROM COUNCIL?

I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES.

THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR A SECOND MOTION FOR THE HUMANS RIGHT COMMISSION.

>> LEECH: MOVE TO APPOINT MAHINDRA KUMAR FOR A SECOND TERM.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION?

SEEING NONE I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

OUR SCREENS BLANKED FOR A SECOND BUT THE VOTES ARE COMING IN.

IT IS UNANIMOUS, THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0. THANK YOU, I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR THE NEXT MOTION.

>> LEECH: MOVED TO APPOINT LEON VOTE FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM.

>> SECOND.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: DISCUSSION?

SEEING NONE I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES ON THE TABLETS IN FRONT OF YOU AND THIS PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0, THANK YOU.

MOVING ON TO OUR PLANNING COMMISSION, I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO WITH THEM NEXT MOTION FORWARD.

>> LEECH: MOVED TO APPOINT TIFFANY EDWARDS FOR FOUR YEAR TERM.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION FROM COUNCIL?

SEEING NONE I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION, PLEASE LOCK IN THE VOTES ON THE TABLETS IN FRONT OF YOU.

THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR A SECOND MOTION.

>> LEECH: MOVED TO APPOINT FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2030.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION?

>> ZELENKA: MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE THOMAS SHURA.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: I DO NOT HEAR A SECOND, WE WILL CONTINUE WITH THE MOTION ON THE TABLE.

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

7 FOR, ONE AGAINST.

MOTION PASSES. THANK YOU.

NOW FOR OUR TAXES BOARD TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT BUT THE NEXT MOTION FORWARD.

>> LEECH: MOVE TO APPOINT FRANCESCA NEGRI FOR A THREE-YEAR ADVOCACY REPRESENTATIVE TERM BEGINNING JULY 1ST, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2029.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION?

SEEING NONE I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE AND PASSES WITH 8-0.

NOW FOR THE HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

>> LEECH: MOVE TO APPOINT SORREL ARENDS FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION?

SEEING NONE I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION. PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES.

SIX IN AFFIRMATIVE AND COULD YOU CLARIFY VOTING FOR?

THANK YOU.

I BELIEVE THE VOTE IS UNANIMOUS, 8-0.

TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR A SECOND HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD MOTION.

>> LEECH: MOVE TO APPOINT STEPHANIE HERRO FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2030.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION?

SEEING NONE I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION, PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES AND THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

WE MOVE ON TO OUR POLICE COMMISSION, I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO PUT THE NEXT MOTION FORWARD.

>> LEECH: MOVE TO APPOINT EMILY SANDERFORD TO THE POLICE COMMISSION FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION?

SEEING NONE I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES.

PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

NOW THE CITIZEN PLANNING COMMITTEE, I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO PUT THE MOTION FORWARD.

>> LEECH: MOVE TO APPOINT NICK HAILE TO THE CITIZEN PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR A PARTIAL TERM ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2029.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: DISCUSSION?

SEEING NONE I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES. THE MOTION, SEVEN IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

EIGHT VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

THANK YOU, THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO PUT THE NEXT MOTION FORWARD.

>> LEECH: MOVE TO APPOINT THOMAS HOLSER TO THE CITIZEN PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION?

SEEING NONE I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES ON YOUR TABLETS.

THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

THERE IS A THIRD CITIZEN MINING COMMITTEE MOTION FORWARD.

>> LEECH: MOVE TO APPOINT MARCO LONGORIA TO THE CITIZEN PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2029.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION?

SEEING NONE I WILL TAKE A VOTE.

AND PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

WE ARE NOW TO THE LANE COUNTY REGIONAL AIR PROTECTION AGENCY.

>> LEECH: MOVE TO REAPPOINT MICHAEL JOHNSTON TO THE LANE COUNTY AIR PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2029.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION?

THANK YOU.

>> KEATING: I WILL BE BRIEF, AS THE CHAIR OF THE AGENCY I WANT TO VOICE MY ENTHUSIASM FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL JOHNSTON. HE HAS BEEN AN ENGAGED, HANDS-ON, ENERGETIC AND COLLABORATIVE PARTNER ON THE BOARD AND I URGE AND I VOTE.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY OTHER DISCUSSION?

SEEING NONE I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION, PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES.

THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO PUT THE NEXT MOTION FORWARD.

>> LEECH: DYLAN PLUMMER MOVE TO REAPPOINT TO THE AIR PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2029.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION?

>> KEATING: I WILL BE BRIEF, DYLAN PLUMMER HAS BEEN A BREATH OF FRESH AIR.

DYLAN BRINGS A WELCOME PERSPECTIVE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CREDIT AS AN ORGANIZER IN THE COMMUNITY ON A WHOLE HOST OF ENVIRONMENTAL REFORMS, I URGE AND VOTE FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY OTHER DISCUSSION?

I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES.

THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

I AM SORRY.

WHO DID I MISS?

I AM SORRY.

I ONLY HAVE SIGNS OF VOTING, NOT DIRECTIONS. CAN I HAVE A CLARIFICATION FROM STAFF?

THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR ZELENKA, YOU VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, THANK YOU.

THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 6-2.

THANK YOU.

TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO PUT A NEXT MOTION FORWARD.

>> LEECH: MOVE TO APPOINT NICOLE NGO TO THE AIR PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION?

>> KEATING: AS I UNDERSTAND IT, SHE WOULD FILL THE ROLE FROM THE PAST OR THE SERVICE OF PAST CHAIR, TERMED OFF OF THE BOARD.

AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN DISABILITY STUDIES AND THE PROGRAM AT THE UO, EARNING A PHD IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY WITH EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PUBLIC HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND URBAN SUSTAINABILITY.

A WELCOME VOICE ON THE BOARD AND URGE AND I VOTE.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY OTHER DISCUSSION?

SEEING NONE I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES.

THANK YOU THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0 AND WE TURN TO THE RIVERFRONT URBAN RENEWAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE RIVER GUIDES. I TURNED TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO PUT THE NEXT MOTION FORWARD.

>> LEECH: MOVE TO APPOINT DAN CARROLL TO THE RIVERFRONT URBAN RENEWAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2028.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION?

I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES ON YOUR TABLETS. THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR A SECOND MOTION.

>> LEECH: MOVE TO APPOINT PHIL FARRINGTON TO THE URBAN RENEWAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION?

SEEING NONE I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION, PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES ON THE TABLETS IN FRONT OF YOU.

MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0. THANK YOU.

I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR THE NEXT MOTION.

>> LEECH: MOVE JOE MOLL TO APPOINT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JULY 1ST, 2026, ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2028.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION?

SEEING NONE I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION. PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES ON THE TABLETS IN FRONT OF YOU.

THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0.

I WILL TURN TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR THE FINAL RIVER GUIDES MOTION.

>> LEECH: MOVE TO APPOINT DANA SIEBERT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION?

I WILL TAKE A VOTE FOR THE MOTION, PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES.

THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 8-0, THANK YOU

FOR THE PUBLIC FOLLOWING ALONG, THIS IS THE CONCLUSION OF A PROCESS THAT BEGAN BACK IN JANUARY WITH HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE APPLYING TO SERVE ON THE CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES COMMISSIONS.

MANY OF YOU PARTICIPATED OR WATCHED AS THE FINALISTS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL, I INTERVIEWED 18 DIFFERENT COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR I THINK EIGHT AVAILABLE POSITIONS ACROSS THE POLICE COMMISSION, THE CITIZEN PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE RIVER GUIDES AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR ENGAGEMENT WITH THE WORK AND WISH OUR NEW FLEET OF COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS THE VERY BEST OF LUCK IN THEIR WORK. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CITIES WORK.

THAT CONCLUDES OUR FIFTH AGENDA ITEM THIS EVENING AND I WILL TURN TO THE CITY MANAGER TO INTRODUCE OUR SIXTH -- DID I MISS SOMETHING?

>> KEATING: I HAVE A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE, I WANTED TO ECHO THE CONGRATULATIONS YOU SHARED BUT ALSO I WANT TO POINT OUT WHILE WE HAD A WHOLE HOST OF APPLICANTS STEP UP TO VOLUNTEER, FROM MY VANTAGE POINT THERE WAS A DEARTH OF APPLICANTS WHO MADE IT TO THE FINAL IN PERSON INTERVIEW ROUND.

THE PRESENTATION ROUND IN FRONT OF US HERE.

IT TAKES FOUR OF US, FOR COUNCILORS TO VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE TO ADVANCE A CANDIDATE TO THE IN PERSON PRESENTATION ROUND.

WE ARE ONLY VOTING AT THAT POINT ON WRITTEN MATERIALS, NOT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT HOW DYNAMIC AN APPLICANT CAN BE WITH PRESENTING IN PERSON.

AS SUCH I RECOMMEND PERHAPS TO COUNCIL LEADERSHIP TO PARTNER WITH CITY MANAGER AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE WHEN WE DO THIS AGAIN NEXT YEAR, I WOULD LOVE FOR THIS BODY TO ADVANCE, INSTEAD OF CANDIDATES WHO RECEIVED FOUR VOTES, DROP IT TO THREE VOTES FOR THE IN PERSON ROUND, WHICH I TRUST WILL EXPAND THE POOL OF APPLICANTS IN FRONT OF US AND PROVIDE FOR A MORE DIVERSE ARRAY OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES WHO ARE STEPPING UP TO SERVE.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU.

WE ARE MOVING ON TO OUR SIXTH AGENDA ITEM, PLEASE INTRODUCE AN ACTION RELATED TO AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 9.0500, 9.2460, 9.2461 AND 9.4165 OF THE EUGENE CODE 1971 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

>> THANK YOU, THIS ITEM IS FOR DELIBERATIONS AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING INCREASE PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS ORDINATION, THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO A MOTION PASSED IN JUNE OF 2025 BY THE COUNCIL DIRECTED STAFF TO

DEVELOP LAND USE CODE TO INCREASE ORDINATION WITH THE CITY'S PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATORY PARTNERS.

AS PROPOSED THE ORDINANCE WOULD REQUIRE THE CITY TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, THE LANE REGIONAL AIR PROTECTION AGENCY PRIOR TO ISSUING A BUILDING PERMIT FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE E2, I2 AND I3 ZONES.

THIS ALSO REQUIRES AN APPLICANT TO ATTEST TO ANY PERMITS THEY ARE REQUIRED TO RECEIVE FROM THE THREE PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, CITY MANAGER.

IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS, I WILL MOVE TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO MOVE IT FORWARD.

>> LEECH: MOVE TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 9.05 00, 9.2460, 9.4165 OF THE EUGENE CODE 1971 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE INCLUDED AS ATTACHMENT EIGHT TO THE AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY DISCUSSION FROM COUNCIL?

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, PLEASE USE YOUR TABLETS AS POSSIBLE.

>> EVANS: GOING BACK TO PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON THIS, I BELIEVE THE RECOMMENDATION WE DISCUSSED COMING FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION WAS FOR VERSION 4. I LIKE TO MOVE TO SUBSTITUTE IN THIS MOTION FROM VERSION 3 TO VERSION 4.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: SECOND.

ANY DISCUSSION?

I WILL TAKE A VOTE -- I AM SORRY.

>> GROVES: THANK YOU, MAYOR. I WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL MAKERS OF THIS MOTION WAY BACK WHEN THE COUNSELOR WAS STILL HERE, WE DID THIS JOINTLY AND IT WAS IN RESPONSE TO THE JH BAXTER POLLUTION AND THE PROBLEMS WE WERE HAVING IN WEST EUGENE.

AT THAT TIME WE WERE FOCUSED ON HEAVY INDUSTRY THAT USED DANGEROUS CHEMICALS.

SINCE THAT TIME THIS HAS EXPANDED OUT MUCH FURTHER AND I KEEP HEARING COLLEAGUES SAY THE PEOPLE THAT WOULD NEED TO FILL OUT THE PAPERWORK FOR THIS ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCESSES.

AT THE SAME TIME, WHEN I READ THROUGH THE LIST OF OCCUPANCIES, IT INCLUDES BARS AND TAVERNS, DELICATESSENS, RESTAURANTS, SPECIALTY FOOD AND BEVERAGES, EXAMPLES INCLUDE BAGEL SHOPS, CANDY SHOPS, COFFEE SHOPS, THAT WE WANT IN BETHEL, DONUTS, ICE CREAM STORES, PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED ON SITE AT COMPLY WITH MANUFACTURING ALLOWANCES FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE.

IT ALSO INCLUDES ART GALLERIES, STUDIOS, BALLET DANCE, MARTIAL ARTS, GYMNASTIC SCHOOLS, THIS THING GOES WELL BEYOND HEAVY INDUSTRY. THIS GOES WAY BEYOND WHAT WE SOUGHT TO CORRECT.

VERSION 4 STILL GETS THE INFORMATION.

BUT IT'S NOT PUTTING THE ONUS ON THE PERSON TRYING TO DEVELOP THE SITE.

IT PUTS IT BACK ON THE CITY THAT HAS THIS INFORMATION.

AND THOSE TWO DIRECTED.

I SUPPORT GOING WITH VERSION 4 OVER VERSION 3, I THINK WE ARE CREATING ONE MORE REQUIREMENT THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO GO THROUGH TO ESTABLISH SMALL BUSINESSES HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

IT IS NOT THAT ANYONE OF THESE THINGS AS ONEROUS BUT COLLECTIVELY IT IS A DEATH BY A THOUSAND CUTS.

I AM GOING TO SUPPORT VERSION 4. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: COUNCILOR CLARK?

>> CLARK: I HAVE A STRONG DESIRE TO WANT TO BE IN FAVOR OF PROTECTING THE RESIDENTS OF THIS AREA.

I WAS PERSUADED THAT VERSION 4 DOES A DECENT JOB OF THAT AND THAT VERSION 3, I HAD SOME CONCERNS.

GOES TOO FAR IN THE SENSE IT IS UNBALANCED AND THAT IS WHY I THINK WE GOT THE RECOMMENDATION WE DID FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

I THOUGHT COUNCILOR ZELENKA MADE A REASONABLE ARGUMENTS A COUPLE DIFFERENT TIMES WHERE HE SAID WE ARE ASKING THEM TO SIGN OFF ON THIS, CHECK A BOX AND SIGN OFF SO I LOOKED INTO THE PAPERWORK THAT THE CITY'S DEPARTMENT REQUIRES IN THIS AND IT'S NOT AT ALL CHECK A BOX AND SIGN A FORM. IT REQUIRES SEARCHING THROUGH WEBSITES ON DEPARTMENTS I WOULD BE UNFAMILIAR WITH AND WOULDN'T HAVE A CLUE AS TO WHO I SHOULD TALK TO AND WHEN AND HOW.

AND CREATES A BURDEN, SOMEBODY WANTS TO OPEN A COFFEE SHOP SHOULDN'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH.

SO AGAIN I THOUGHT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT OR THE PLANNING COMMISSION GOT THIS RIGHT IN RECOMMENDING THE BALANCE FEEL, ONE THAT DOESN'T CREATE TOO BIG OF A BURDEN ON THE SMALL BUSINESS THAT WANTS TO OPEN IN THE AREA BUT ABSOLUTELY PROTECTS THE NEIGHBORS FROM POTENTIAL INDUSTRIAL USES IN THE AREA SO I WANT TO POINT IN FAVOR AND I URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO THE VOTE.

>> I WANT TO CLARIFY THE MOTION.

TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY KNOWS, SINCE VERSION 3 IS NOT IN YOUR PACKET IS IT A DIRECTION TO RETURN TO COUNCIL BECAUSE THAT IS NOT IN FRONT OF YOU TO VOTE ON AND WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE THOSE CHANGES ON THE FLY.

>> VERSION 4.

>> I APOLOGIZE. THAT IS NOT IN YOUR PACKET.

IS IT A DIRECTION FOR STAFF TO RETURN WITH VERSION 4 A VOTE?

THAT IS JUST A CLARIFICATION TO EVERYONE. YOU ARE NOT VOTING, IF IN FACT THE MOTION PASSES, WE WOULD RETURN WITHOUT ALTERNATIVE VERSION FOR YOU TO ACT ON AT A LATER DATE.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, CITY ATTORNEY.

COUNCILOR KEATING AND COUNCILOR EVANS.

>> KEATING: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

I WANT TO READ INTO THE RECORD A LETTER THAT COUNCIL RECEIVED FROM THE AIR PROTECTION AGENCY.

THE AIR PROTECTION AGENCY'S RIGHTS TO REAFFIRM OUR SUPPORT FOR VERSION 3 OF THE PROPOSED PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS LAND USE CODE AMENDMENTS, IT SUPPLEMENTS THE PRIOR COMMENTS SUBMITTED DURING THE PLANNING COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS AND PROVIDES A FINAL STATEMENT FOR THE CITY COUNCILS PUBLIC HEARING RECORD.

ENGAGED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORDINANCE SINCE THE CITY INITIATED COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN 2025 AND THROUGH THE ENGAGEMENT THE AGENCY HAS IDENTIFIED A FUNDAMENTAL, PROCEDURAL CONFLICT IN EARLIER VERSIONS, THE CITY STAFF DEVELOPED A WORKABLE SOLUTION TO PROVIDE DETAILED TECHNICAL CONTEXT AND THE SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS OF AIR QUALITY PERMITTING.

VERSION 3 IS THE PRODUCT OF THE COLLABORATIVE PROCESS.

WE BELIEVE IT REPRESENTS A SOUND AND LEGALLY COMPLIANT COORDINATION MECHANISM.

VERSION 3 ACHIEVES THE CITY PUBLIC HEALTH COORDINATION GOALS WHILE MAINTAINING COMPLIANCE WITH STATE PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS.

THE POINT IN THIS LETTER WHERE VERSION 4 IS REFERENCED DIRECTLY, I WILL FIND IT FOR YOU.

NOTING THE COUNCIL DIRECTED STAFF TO BRING VERSION 3 FORWARD FOR ADOPTION RATHER THAN THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDED VERSION FOUR WHICH WOULD HAVE INCLUDED THE NOTIFICATION PROVISION BUT OMITTED THE APPLICANT ATTESTATION REQUIREMENT.

WE SUPPORT THE DECISION, THE ATTESTATION COMPONENT PROVIDES MEANINGFUL TRANSPARENCY AND CREATES A DOCUMENTED BASIS FOR REGULATORY FOLLOW-UP THAT NOTIFICATION ALONE DOES NOT, IT IMPOSES A MINIMAL BURDEN ON APPLICANT REQUIRING ONLY THAT THEY COMPLETE A FORM AND PROVIDE A LIST OF APPLICABLE PERMITS. I RECOGNIZE IT IS NOT PERFECT.

I ALSO RECOGNIZE THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO IT.

I RECOGNIZE THE VERY AGENCY IN WHICH I SERVE AS CHAIR, THE AGENCY DIRECTOR HAS AFFIRMED OUR AGENCY SUPPORT AND I WILL URGE COLLEAGUES TO VOTE NO TO THE AMENDED MOTION AND ADVANCE VERSION 3, WHILE IMPERFECT, NOT LETTING PERFECT BE THE ENEMY OF THE GOOD. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: COUNCILOR EVANS.

COUNCILOR KASHINSKY.

>> KASHINSKY: YES, THANK YOU FOR THE COMMENTS.

I WOULD AGREE THAT THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY THINGS THAT ARE NEVER GOING TO HAVE A PERFECT SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

I DO THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER IF IT FOCUSED MORE ON USE AS OPPOSED TO ZONE BUT WITH THAT SAID FOR MANY OF THE USES, I FEEL LIKE PEOPLE CAN FAIRLY EASILY FIND OUT THEY DON'T NEED AIR QUALITY PERMIT FOR A DANCE CLUB.

OR A DANCE STUDIO. AND I THINK THERE ARE SOME PLACES WHERE IT CAN BE SURPRISING THAT YOU NEED AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT, I DID NOT REALIZE COFFEE ROASTERS NEEDED A PERMIT. UNTIL I STARTED WORKING ON THE PROJECT.

I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS ATTESTATION DOES IS HELP MAKE SURE SOME FOLKS WHO MAY BE SURPRISED THEY WOULD NEED AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT ART GETTING THAT INFORMATION OR WATER QUALITY PERMIT OR GETTING THAT INFORMATION EARLY AND ARE NOT GETTING TO THE END OF THE PROCESS AND REALIZING WAIT, I THOUGHT I WAS

DOING A COFFEE SHOP BUT I AM RESTING ON SITE AND I NEED THIS PERMIT AND I DIDN'T KNOW I NEEDED IT. THAT CAN HELP WITH THE COORDINATION ALL THE WAY THROUGH EVEN IF LOOKING AT THE LIST, SOME SEEM LIKE FAIRLY OBVIOUS WHERE YOU WOULD LAND.

I AM GOING TO BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION IN THE PACKET AND NOT THE SUBSTITUTION.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ZELENKA?

>> ZELENKA: I ACTUALLY THINK OPTION THREE IS GOING TO BE A HELP TO BUSINESSES RATHER THAN A HINDRANCE OR BURDEN AS SOME WOULD THINK.

THE REASON I SAY THAT IS NOT IF YOU ARE GOING TO DEVELOP A NEW BUSINESS, WORK SPAN OR DO SOMETHING THAT REQUIRES CONSTRUCTION AND YOU ARE GOING DOWN THAT ROAD, ALL AT THE END OF IT YOU REALIZE THAT TOWARDS THE END OF IT YOU REALIZE DARN, I NEED THESE PERMITS AND I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

A LITTLE BIT OF HOMEWORK AT THE FRONT END, A LITTLE BIT OF NOTICE AT THE FRONT END AT THE ATTESTATION DOES SAY YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET THE PERMIT, YOU JUST HAVE TO SAY THAT YOU LOOKED INTO IT. THIS IS GOING TO ACTUALLY HELP PEOPLE DEVELOP PROJECTS.

AND AS TO BARBERSHOPS, DON'T NEED PERMITS, DANCE STUDIOS DON'T NEED PERMITS SO THAT WAS A RED HERRING.

FOR THOSE THAT DO NEED PERMITS, IT IS PRETTY EASY AND IT'S THEIR RESPONSE ABILITY FOR DOING A GOOD JOB OF DEVELOPING PROJECTS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE HECK THEY NEED TO DO TO MAKE THE PROJECT WORK AND SUCCESSFULLY GO THROUGH THE

PROCESS AND NOT GET BOGGED DOWN AT THE END BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT.

THAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERSON DOING THE DEVELOPMENT. NOT THE CITY OF EUGENE STAFF.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: COUNCILOR GROVES.

>> GROVES: THANK YOU, I HELD UP THIS LIST OF OCCUPANCIES AND USES THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE PROCESS, I DIDN'T JUST MAKE THAT UP. THIS IS FROM THE CITY OF EUGENE.

RIGHT HERE.

I WOULD BE HAPPY TO SHARE THAT. OF COURSE IT IS AVAILABLE TO YOU IF YOU TAKE THE TIME TO RESEARCH IT.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: WE WILL NOW TAKE -- SEEING NO OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS I WILL TAKE A VOTE ON THE MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE, WHICH WOULD MEAN NOT SUBSTITUTE BUT RETURN TO ANOTHER CONVERSATION REGARDING PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS ENTIRELY.

THIS IS THE VOTE ON THE MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE, PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES ON YOUR TABLETS IN FRONT OF YOU.

THREE VOTES FAVOR, I BELIEVE COUNCILOR EVANS VOTED NO, AND THE MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE FAILS AND WE RETURNED TO THE MAIN MOTION.

ANY ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MAIN MOTION?

SEEING NONE, I WILL TURN TO COUNCIL FOR A VOTE, PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES ON THE TABLETS IN FRONT OF YOU.

CAN'T SEE THE VOTES.

THANK YOU.

SEVEN IN FAVOR AND ONE VOTING AGAINST AND THE MOTION PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 7-1.

THANK YOU, COUNCIL.

WE NOW MOVE TO THE LAST AGENDA ITEM ON THIS EVENING'S AGENDA, THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS IN THE 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.

SPEAKERS SHOULD DIRECT COMMENT TO CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMING UP AUDIENCE.

AND STAFF, PLEASE ENSURE THE LIST AND NUMBERS OF SPEAKERS THAT SIGN UP TO SPEAK BY 7:35 AND ANNOUNCE THE FOR SPEAKERS.

>> WE HAVE 24 SPEAKERS.

I WILL ANNOUNCE TWO AT A TIME, WHEN YOU ARE CALLED TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND YOUR WARD OR NEIGHBORHOOD IF KNOWN BEFORE BEGINNING COMMENTS.

WHEN YOU ARE ANNOUNCED AS THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE MOVE TO THE SEAT IN THE FRONT ROW DESIGNATED FOR THE NEXT BIGGER.

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

PLEASE LEAVE ANY BAGS AT YOUR SEAT.

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

YOU WILL HAVE TWO AND HALF MINUTES TO SPEAK.

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

YOUR MICROPHONE WILL BE MUTED AT THE TWO AND HALF MINUTE MARK.

PLEASE NOTE USE OF PROFANITY IS NOT PERMITTED.

OUR FIRST SPEAKERS ARE LYNN FOLLOWED BY JIM.

>> MY NAME IS LINE, THE CO-CHAIR OF THE ACTIVE BETHEL COMMUNITY AND BETHEL RESIDENT FOR OVER 30 YEARS.

I LIVE IN WARD 8 AND HAVE BEEN SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF OUR BOARD FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS.

ON APRIL 22ND, 2020, THE CITY OF EUGENE PRESENTED BETHEL REDEVELOPMENT TO THIS COUNSEL.

YOU PASSED A MOTION 7-1 TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING STRATEGY TO ACHIEVE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND BETHEL.

THE FIRST STRATEGY WAS CONTINUED NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING.

WE DID OUR PART, OUR EMAIL NEWSLETTER LIST HAS GROWN FROM 300 TO 1263 WITH A 50% OPEN RATE.

WE WON A NATIONAL AWARD AND THE COMMUNITY SHOWED UP, WE NEED THE CITY TO SHOW UP.

THERE IS A DRAFT SITTING ON THE BETHEL PLANNING WEBSITE AND I WAS TOLD STAFF IS BEING REVIEWED FOR GAPS, THE LAST BUILDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEST TEAM REPORT WAS PUBLISHED IN JUNE OF 2015.

THE ACTION PLAN WAS SUPPOSED TO BE COMPLETE BY 2020.

VERY FEW TASKS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

ONE WAS TO REBRAND THE AREA TO ALIGN WITH ITS POSITIVE TRAJECTORY.

THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN.

TONIGHT WE ARE ASKING THE CITY MANAGER TO FOLLOW THROUGH TO DEVELOP A FUNDED, COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY FOR BETHEL'S FUTURE NOT ANOTHER VISION DOCUMENT, NOT ANOTHER GAP ANALYSIS, ACTION.

BETHEL HAS BEEN PATIENT, IT IS TIME, THANK YOU.

>> OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE JIM FOLLOWED BY JENNIFER.

>> MAYOR, COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER, MY NAME IS JIM, I LIVE IN WARD 7. THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT HOLDING A CLIPBOARD PEOPLE VIEW AS HAVING THE PLAGUE.

HE WANTS ME TO GET -- GATHERING SIGNATURES OF WHAT VOLUNTEERS ARE DOING UNTIL THE END OF JULY TO GET A PROPOSED CITY OF EUGENE MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT.

IF PAST THE CLEAN ENERGY FUND WOULD PLACE A SURCHARGE OF 2% ON THE GROSS PROFITS OF LOCAL BIG-BOX STORES THAT MAKE MORE THAN 1 MILLION NATIONALLY AND $500,000 LOCALLY BUT WOULD EXCLUDE BASIC GROCERIES, MEDICINES, GARBAGE, RECYCLING AND HEALTHCARE SERVICES.

THE ESTIMATED 15 MILLION A YEAR FROM THIS FUND WOULD HELP THE CITY MEET ITS GOALS OF THE CLAIMANT RECOVERY ORDINANCE BY INVESTING BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH FOUR GRANT AREAS. 60% INTO RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS FOR HOUSEHOLDS, 25% INTO CREATING CLEAN ENERGY JOBS, 10% INTO GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND 5% INTO FUTURE INNOVATIONS.

EUGENE CLEAN ENERGY WOULD ASSIST RENTERS AND HOMEOWNERS IN IMPROVEMENTS, WINDOW REPLACEMENTS, DUCTING FOR HEATING AND COOLING, MAKING ENERGY BILLS MORE AFFORDABLE, FOR UTILITY CUSTOMERS AND LIGHTNING THE ENERGY LOADS DURING TIMES OF PEAK DEMAND.

THE FUND WOULD CREATE TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR ELECTRICIANS, HVAC, HEAT PUMP INSTALLERS, BUILDING ENERGY AUDITORS, SOLAR, BATTERY AND ELECTRIC MAINTENANCE. MOST IMPORTANTLY THE CLEAN ENERGY FUND WOULD START THE PROCESS AND REDUCE THE CITY BUILDING CARBON FOOTPRINT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND AN EQUITABLE, SOCIAL PROCESS WHILE TRANSITIONING OFF FOSSIL FUELS.

PORTLAND CLEAN ENERGY PAST THE SAME MEASURE SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. I URGE THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL TO PUBLICLY SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND THINK THE COUNCILOR FOR HIS SUPPORT.

LISTEN TO WHAT THE FOLKS WITH THE CLIPBOARDS HAVE TO SAY AND SIGN THE PETITION.

AND MAYBE ONE OF THE EASIEST AND BEST THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE JENNIFER FOLLOWED BY LINDA.

>> MY NAME IS JENNIFER, WARD 2. I AM AN UNDERGRADUATE DATA SCIENCE STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON AND I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THE RESULTS OF SOME RESEARCH I DID. THE RESEARCH LOOKED AT THE EFFECTS OF THE CLOSURE ON WELFARE CHECK CALLS AND I BELIEVE THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE WELFARE CHECK CALLS ARE A WAY OUR COMMUNITY SHOWS CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

HISTORICALLY THE EUGENE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANSWERED HALF OF THESE CALLS AND CAHOOTS ANSWERED THE OTHER HALF. THAT IS ALSO TRUE IN SPRINGFIELD BUT THE CRISIS SERVICE DOESN'T DO WELFARE CHECK CALLS SO I WANTED TO SEE IF THERE IS AN IMPACT.

USING SPRINGFIELD AS A CONTROL GROUP I ANALYZE POPULATION ADJUSTED CHANGES TO CALL VOLUMES AND RESPONSE RATE POST CAHOOTS AND I FOUND WHILE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INCOMING CALLS HAS NOT CHANGED, POPULATION ADJUSTED COMPARED TO SPRINGFIELD, THE NUMBER OF INCOMING WELFARE CHECK CALLS HAS DECREASED.

I FOUND WHILE THE CALLS THAT CAME IN, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS NOT ANSWERING MORE THAN THEY WERE BUT THE NUMBER OF

WELFARE CHECK CALLS COMING IN THAT RESULT IN NO DISPATCH HAS INCREASED.

I THINK TAKEN TOGETHER THESE INDICATE FEWER CALLS ARE COMING IN AND THE CALLS THAT COME IN FEWER ARE BEING ANSWERED AND THIS REPRESENTS A GAP LEFT BY THE CAHOOTS CLOSURE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE LINDA FOLLOWED BY ROBERT.

>> GOOD EVENING, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

MY NAME IS LINDA, I LIVE IN WARD 4, AND FOR A FEW MORE DAYS I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS AT THE EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

I WAS A MEMBER OF THE VOTE YES FOR THE LIBRARY LEVY COMMITTEE AND I AM HERE TO SPEAK ON THEIR BEHALF.

WE WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE COUNCIL FOR THE LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR THE LIBRARY IN THE LAST ELECTION.

YOUR DECISION TO CHOOSE THE LEVY THAT NOT ONLY CONTINUED THE CURRENT SERVICES OF THE LIBRARY ALSO ENSURES ROBUST

DIGITAL ACCESS, PROVIDES THE RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL NEEDED TO HAVE AN EFFECT ON EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY AND EXPLORES EXPANSION OF THE LIBRARY SERVICES THROUGH THE USE OF KIOSKS.

IT WAS INSPIRING.

I TRUST YOUR DECISIONS IN THE FUTURE WILL PRESERVE THIS WISE AND WORTHY EFFORT.

I ALSO WANT TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICLY THANK THE PEOPLE OF EUGENE WHO VOICED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE LIBRARY WITH THEIR VOTES.

JUST LIKE THE MILLIONS OF POSTCARDS WE SENT OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, OUR VOTES TRULY ARE OUR VOICES AND WE NEED TO PRACTICE AND PRESERVE OUR RIGHT TO USE THAT VOICE.

THE LAST COUNT I PUT SUPPORT FOR THE LEVY AT 65%.

WE CAN ONLY HOPE THE OTHER 35% TAKE THE TIME TO SEE THE WEALTH OF OPPORTUNITIES THE LIBRARY PROVIDES AND EVENTUALLY FIND THEIR VOICE AS A LIBRARY SUPPORTER.

I LISTENED TO THE EARLIER WORK SESSION, BUDGETS ARE HARD AND I DON'T SEE ANY SIGNS OF THE PEOPLE THAT WILL BE THE ANSWER TO OUR FINANCIAL WOES.

IT IS UP TO YOU TO USE YOUR BIG BRAINS AND CREATE THE CITY THE VOTERS HAVE ASKED FOR.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING ON THAT TASK.

I ALSO HOPE ANY NEW FACES ARE LISTENING AS WELL.

GOOD LUCK TO ANY AND ALL.

>> OUR NECK SPEAKERS ARE ROBERT BROCK FOLLOWED BY JUSTIN PHILIP.

>> GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS ROBERT AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE PARTY FOR SOCIALISM, LIBERATION.

MARTIN SILLER WAS A MEMBER OF THE EUGENE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR SEVEN YEARS, IT IS RIDICULOUS TO THINK HIS FELLOW OFFICERS COULD HAVE BEEN UNAWARE OF HIS RACIST ATTITUDES AND YET AFTER SEVEN YEARS, IT WASN'T ANYONE THAT GOT RID OF THEM.

HE RESIGNED AFTER A COMMUNITY MEMBER RELEASED BODY CAM FOOTAGE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE POLICE CHIEF HAS TURNED A BLIND EYE TO RACISM AND ALLOWED OFFICERS TO HARASS RAPID RESPONDERS, LEGAL OBSERVERS AND PROTESTERS AND CONTINUES TO SPEAK HIGHLY OF THE FLOCK SAFETY MASS SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM THAT SERVED TO FUNNEL DATA TOWARDS FEDERAL AGENCIES LIKE I.C.E.

NONE OF THOSE HELP THE PEOPLE OF EUGENE.

PEOPLE OF COLOR AND IMMIGRANTS ARE PART OF THE COMMUNITY AND WE CANNOT HAVE A POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT ISN'T INTERESTED IN SERVING THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.

I AM CALLING ON THE CITY TO BE PROACTIVE ABOUT FIGHTING RACISM AND POLICE VIOLENCE.

SINCE CHIEF SKINNER ISN'T INTERESTED, HE NEEDS TO GO.

ADDITIONALLY, THE CITY NEEDS AND ALL EPD COOPERATION OR SUPPORT OF I.C.E., THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND CUSTOMS AND BORDER PATROL.

I AM CALLING ON THE CITY TO FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON POLICE POLICY WHICH SIX YEARS AGO RELEASED A REPORT DETAILING WAYS THE CITY COULD PREVENT POLICE RACISM AND VIOLENCE.

RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE EXPANDING THE POWER OF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OVER EPD AND MAKING THE FINDINGS OF THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD BINDING SO EPD CAN BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO THE COMMUNITY IT PURPORTS TO SERVE. I AM CALLING ON THE CITY TO REALLOCATE FUNDS AND MEET PEOPLE'S NEEDS.

STRUGGLING WITH LIMITED ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE AND RISING HOUSING COSTS THAT FORCE PEOPLE INTO THE STREETS.

THE PROBLEMS CAN BE ADDRESSED BY THINGS LIKE ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE.

IT WILL NEVER BE SOLVED BY MORE POLICE. WE WANT FULL TRANSPARENCY FROM THE CITY OF EUGENE AROUND FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE EUGENE POLICE FOUNDATION AND HOW THEY ARE USED. OUR COMMUNITY DESERVES ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE PEOPLE NEED A SYSTEM THAT PRIORITIZES SAFETY AND DIGNITY OF ALL PEOPLE.

THESE ARE SIMPLE STEPS THE CITY CAN TAKE TO DO THAT.

>> OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE JUSTIN FOLLOWED BY ROBERT.

>> HELLO, MY NAME IS JUSTIN, I AM REPRESENTING 1000 REGISTERED GREENS IN EUGENE, I AM THE SECRETARY OF THE PARTY. I LIVE IN WARD 5. I AM THE SECRETARY OF PACIFIC GREEN PARTY AND I AM HERE TO OFFER COMMENT ON THE EPD AND BODY CAM FOOTAGE RECENTLY RELEASED AS PART OF DISCOVERY IN THE COURT CASE.

IT REVIEWED TROUBLING, IF UNSURPRISING ATTITUDES AMONG OUR POLICE FORCE.

I AM NOT EXPECTING EVERY OFFICER TO SHARE MY WORLDVIEW.

BUT I DO EXPECT THEM TO RESPECT THE PUBLIC THEY SERVE AND BE PROFESSIONAL.

EPD NEEDS TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE TOXIC CULTURE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

THE BUCK STOPS WITH CHIEF SKINNER.

WHILE FIRING CHIEF SKINNER WON'T FIX ALL THE PROBLEMS THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO SEND A MESSAGE, WE WILL NOT TOLERATE A RACIST POLICE FORCE THAT HAS CONTEMPT FOR THE PUBLIC IT SERVES.

WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?

IS THE POLICE COMMISSION DOING ITS JOB, HOW ABOUT THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD, SHOULD THE COMMISSION BE LOCATED IN THE POLICE STATION?

DOES THAT MAKE SENSE?

ARE WE EVER GOING TO GET SERIOUS ABOUT SENSITIVITY TRAINING IN THE EPD AND A LOT OF US HAVE PROBABLY TAKEN SENSITIVITY TRAINING AND KNOW HOW THAT GOES. YOU CHECK A BOX BUT WE NEED TO MAKE AND THE IMPACT WILL CHANGE.

REPLACING THE CHIEF OF POLICE IS NOT ENOUGH BUT MIGHT BE NECESSARY IN REPAIRING THE DAMAGE DONE. AND WORKING TOWARD AN EPD THAT PROTECTS AND SERVES THE COMMUNITY WITHOUT BIAS.

TO GO FURTHER I WILL OFFER THIS, CAN WE IMAGINE A SOCIETY WITHOUT POLICE?

POLICING THE U.S. BEGAN AS SLAVE PATROL, THE HISTORY OF POLICING IS ROOTED IN WHITE SUPREMACY.

WE NEED PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL.

PEOPLE TRAINED IN DE-ESCALATION, CONFLICT MEDIATION, NONVIOLENT NEGOTIATION AND NONLETHAL DISARMAMENT AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE.

WE NEED PEOPLE TRAINED TO PROTECT AND SERVE THE MOST TARGETED IN OUR SOCIETY, NOT THE WEALTHY AND POWERFUL, AND WE NEED PEOPLE TRAINED IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ACTIVE AND COMPASSIONATE LISTENING. THANKS FOR YOUR TIME.

>> OUR NECK SPEAKERS ARE ROBERT FOLLOWED BY DREW.

>> GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS ROBERT, COMMUNITY RESPONSE IS A PUBLIC GOOD.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE DESERVES TO BE FUNDED.

IMMUNITY RESPONSE WAS PART OF EUGENE FOR 36 YEARS.

I PERSONALLY WORKED ON THE CAHOOTS FOR 21 YEARS.

DOZENS AND DOZENS OF PEOPLE HAVE COME TO THESE VERY MEETINGS AND VOICED SUPPORT FOR FUNDING A SIMILAR MATTER TO THE PROGRAM EUGENE LOST.

GIRL SCOUTS, THEY PLAYED WITH YOU TO FUND RESPONSE.

THE COMMUNITY RECOGNIZES THE NEED AND WE WANT IT BACK.

MY COWORKERS AND I WORKED 12 HOUR SHIFTS FOR A FRACTION OF THE COST TO SEND ANY OTHER RESPONDER WHO SHOWED UP FOR PEOPLE IN SOME OF THEIR MOST PAINFUL MOMENTS, WE EARNED THE TRUST OF THE COMMUNITY AND NATIONAL ATTENTION WHILE WE WERE AT IT. AND BRING IT BACK, IF YOU FUND IT.

THIS IS NOT WISHFUL THINKING, THIS IS NOT UNREALISTIC, IT IS NOT EVEN UNTESTED.

MY COLLEAGUES AND I CUT OUR TEETH ON THE EXPERIENCES WE GAINED IN THIS CITY.

IT IS SAD WE DO NOT HAVE SUCH SERVICES TODAY.

YOU CAN CHANGE THAT.

CITY COUNCILORS CAN DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO CARVE OUT A SMALL PIECE OF THE BUDGET LIKE YOU SAID YOU WOULD IN THE FALL AND FUND COMMUNITY RESPONSE.

FOR 36 YEARS WE HAD A COMMUNITY RESPONSE PROGRAM THAT WAS INDEPENDENTLY ADMINISTERED, YOU DON'T ACTUALLY NEED TO HAVE THE POLICE OR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO OVERSEE IT.

YOU DON'T ACTUALLY NEED IMMUNITY RESPONDERS TO COMPROMISE HEALTH INFORMATION PRIVACY IN ORDER TO ENGAGE IN DATA SHARING.

YOU DON'T NEED TO INSIST FUNDING GO TO A PROGRAM, YOU JUST NEED TO INSIST FUNDING GO TO A PROGRAM THAT IS VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT WE LOST.

PEOPLE YOU DELEGATED THAT TASK TO DID NOT DO THAT.

I ASK YOU, PLEASE, FUND A VIABLE REPLACEMENT FOR COMMUNITY RESPONSE.

IT IS HUMANISTIC, COST-SAVING, IT MAKES OTHER FIRST RESPONDERS MORE AVAILABLE.

IT IS A PR WIN AND CHEAPER THAN A LAWSUIT.

FUND A SUCCESSOR, NOT JUST EIGHT DATA HARVESTING SERVICE FOR THE POLICE.

>> THANK YOU, OUR NECK SPEAKERS ARE DREW, FOLLOWED BY JACOB.

>> THE U.S. HAS A HISTORY OF POLICING BEING USED TO CONTROL SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION.

BLACKS, ALIENS, UNION MEMBERS, WOMEN, ET CETERA.

THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE DISADVANTAGED IN OUR SOCIETY.

HISTORY HAS GIVEN RISE TO A POLICING CULTURE THAT WAS ABUSIVE, WE HAVE SEEN THIS IN EUGENE.

UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF CHIEF SKINNER, A PRODUCT OF THIS CULTURE.

ON HIS WEBPAGE IT SAYS, CHIEF SKINNER IS A FOUNDING CHAIR OF THE WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF SHERIFFS AND POLICE CHIEFS PUBLIC TRUST COMMITTEE WHICH USES 21ST CENTURY POLICING TO GUIDE WORK AIMED AT BUILDING TRUST BETWEEN PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS WASHINGTON.

THIS QUOTE DEMONSTRATES THE PROBLEM VERY ELOQUENTLY.

20TH CENTURY POLICING IS DEMONSTRATED BY CHIEF SKINNER AND OTHERS IN THIS CULTURE USES DRONES AND PLOT CAMERAS TO MONITOR THE COMMUNITY AND INFRINGE ON OUR PRIVACY. DATA AND COMMON SENSE CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE THESE METHODS DO NOT BUILD TRUST.

THEY UNDERMINE IT.

I AM A 74-YEAR-OLD WHITE WOMAN, A MEMBER OF THE PRIVILEGED CLASS AND I HAVE NEVER ONCE IN MY LIFE HAD A POSITIVE INTERACTION WITH THE POLICE OFFICER.

I HAVE HAD NEGATIVE AND NEUTRAL. BY NEUTRAL I MEAN I WAS GOING 10 MILES OVER THE SPEED LIMIT, I WAS STOPPED, TICKETED, A MAN IS DOING HIS JOB.

RECENTLY, NOT RECENTLY, IT WAS A COUPLE YEARS AGO.

I HAD A NEGATIVE INTERACTION WHEN I WAS STOPPED BY A EUGENE POLICE OFFICER ACCUSED OF ALMOST GETTING HIM KILLED.

I WAS SLOWING TO MAKE A TURN.

HE SAID THE PERSON BEHIND HIM ALMOST HIT HIM AND IT WAS MY FAULT.

HE WAS AGITATED, TALKING TO ME WITH A RAISED VOICE, I WAS ON MY WAY TO WORK.

THE FOLLOWING WEEK I KEPT TRACK OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT SLOWED AT THE INTERSECTION.

IT WAS BETWEEN 30 AND 33% THAT DID WHAT I DID.

THAT IS AN EXAMPLE OF YOUR POLICE FORCE.

I AM HERE TO OFFER A SOLUTION.

CHOOSE THE POLICE -- OBVIOUSLY, CHIEF SKINNER NEEDS TO BE REPLACED.

>> YOUR TIME HAS COMPLETED.

OUR NECK SPEAKERS ARE JACOB FOLLOWED BY TRAVIS.

>> HELLO, JACOB TROUBA, HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY. EPD'S LARGEST RECIPIENT OF OUR TAX MONEY FROM THE EUGENE GENERAL FUND.

146 MILLION OR 40% GOES TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHAT HAS CHIEF SKINNER DONE WITH ALL THE MONEY?

HE HIRED SILER, THE ONE MAKING RACIST COMMENTS THAT FOLKS TALKED ABOUT.

HE PROMISED SOLUTIONS TO STREAMLINE POLICING, WHAT IS THAT MEAN?

DRONES, FLOCK CAMERAS, MASS SURVEILLANCE, I WOULD SAY HIS BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT WAS GETTING CITY COUNCIL TO SUPPORT A PAYROLL TAX THAT TAKES MONTHS FROM WORKERS PAYCHECKS AND GIVE IT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

$30 MILLION FROM WORKERS TO PAY FOR DRONES, SURVEILLANCE AND OTHER SOLUTIONS.

WHAT IT DOESN'T PAY FOR IS THE INNOVATIVE SOLUTION WE HAD FOR THE LAST 36 YEARS, WE HAD CAHOOTS, COMPASSIONATE DEDICATED PEOPLE ON THE STREETS EVERY DAY RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY NEEDS AND THAT IS FOR A FRACTION OF THE MONEY EPD TAKES FROM OUR PAYCHECKS.

SINCE WE HAVE LOST THAT, THIS IS SKINNER'S FIGURES, WE HAVE SEEN A 53% INCREASE IN CRIMINAL TRESPASS CHARGES, 36% INCREASE IN ARRESTS AND CITATIONS CITYWIDE.

BUDGETS SHOW THE REAL PRIORITIES OF THE CITY.

$2.5 MILLION A YEAR, WHAT WE GOT LAST FALL WAS HALF A MILLION FOR ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE TO BE DETERMINED AND FULL FUNDING FOR THE EPD.

DID CITY STAFF DO?

THEY REJECTED THE PROPOSAL THAT WOULD HAVE BROUGHT THE WORKERS BACK IN A PILOT PROGRAM.

WHAT CITY STAFF CHOSE WITH THE FOR-PROFIT OUT-OF-STATE CLINIC WHO SERVES PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED INSTEAD OF STOPPING THEM FROM BEING ARRESTED IN THE FIRST PLACE.

THE OLD CITY OWNED CAHOOTS BAND IS SITTING IN A PARKING LOT RUSTING AWAY.

IF I WERE ON CITY COUNCIL AND I CARED ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY I WOULD FUND 24 HOUR, SEVEN DAY A WEEK COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE.

AND FIRE FOLKS WHO GOT IN THE WAY OF GETTING IT BACK.

OUR DEMAND IS THAT EUGENE FUND COMMUNITY RESPONSE $2.5 MILLION, LESS THAN 3% OF THE BUDGET IMMEDIATELY.

THE POLICE CAN SPEND LESS ON DRONES, VIDEOGRAPHERS AND OVERTIME PROTECTING I.C.E.

AND THEIR BRAND-NEW FENCE.

COMMUNITY SAFETY THAT FUNNELS MONEY TO THE POLICE IS LIKELY GOING TO BE UP FOR RENEWAL NEXT YEAR.

FOLKS PLEDGE TO OPPOSE THAT PAYROLL TAX.

>> OUR NECK SPEAKERS ARE TRAVIS FOLLOWED BY LEONARDO.

>> GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS TRAVIS, THE EUGENE RESIDENT OF THE LAST 12 YEARS.

MY NAME SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH MOST OF YOU PEOPLE.

SINCE I WARNED YOU IN WRITING, THIS COUNCIL, FORMER MAYOR, FORMER CITY MANAGER, OF UNPROFESSIONAL, ABUSIVE AND UNLAWFUL EPD CONDUCT BY MULTIPLE POLICE PERSONNEL DURING LAST 14 YEARS.

THE CITIZENS OF EUGENE HAVE AN OBLIGATION AND EVERY RIGHT TO CHALLENGE CHIEF SKINNER'S LACK OF LEADERSHIP, DISRESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS TO BE FREE OF ABUSIVE, UNPROFESSIONAL, UNLAWFUL CONDUCT BY HIS PERSONAL.

THE CITIZENS DEMAND TO PUT A STOP TO THIS UNACCEPTABLE POLICE CONDUCT.

CHIEF SKINNER MAYBE A NICE, WELL INTENDED INDIVIDUAL HOWEVER HAS PASSED EIGHT YEARS OF FAILING TO REIGN IN THE EVER PRESENT DARK FORCE, UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, EXERCISED DAILY BY MANY OF HIS OFFICERS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES HE AND OUR CITY FATHERS HAVE FAILED, HAVING A DECADE OF EXPERIENCE AS A NARCOTICS AGENT, WORKING WITH LOCAL POLICE, I HAVE PERSONALLY WITNESSED AT VARIOUS LEVELS, ABUSIVE MISCONDUCT AND POORLY MANAGED POLICE OFFICERS.

2018, I PERSONALLY MET WITH EUGENE POLICE AUDITOR MARK EISNER MINUTES AFTER LEAVING A MEETING WITH EPD, I FAILED A COMPLAINT REPORTING THE EARLIER AGREE JUST, UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT.

MR. GEYSER WAS ATTENTIVE, EMPATHETIC REGARDING MY EARLIER MEETING, THE RESPONSE WAS QUOTE, TRAVIS, YOU KNOW THEY ARE NEVER GOING TO CHANGE.

NEVER WILL.

THE DEFINITION OF INSANITY IS REPEATING THE SAME BEHAVIOR OVER AND OVER EXPECTING A DIFFERENT RESULT.

THAT IS PRECISELY THE FAILURE OF CHIEF SKINNER AND OUR PAST CITY ADMINISTRATORS.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN MANY RESPECTS, WHAT I HAVE WITNESSED IN OTHER AGENCIES, THE UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT.

>> THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS CONCLUDED.

TRAVIS.

OUR NECK SPEAKERS ARE LEONARDO FOLLOWED BY THEA.

>> MY NAME IS LEONARD, WARD 4. THANK YOU MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS.

THERE ARE SO MANY OF US IN THIS ROOM, WE HAVE BEEN ACTIVISTS FIGHTING FOR CIVIL RIGHTS FOR DECADES.

I AM HERE TODAY TO RESPECTFULLY DEMAND A LEVEL OF DISCOURSE THAT IS APPROPRIATE FOR OUR TIME IN THE YEAR 2026 WE CANNOT TOLERATE RACIAL EPITHETS. WE DESERVE LEADERS, TO SET A VERY HIGH EXAMPLE FOR OUR CITY, UNIVERSITY AND COUNTY.

CHIEF SKINNER NEEDS TO RESIGN.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE THEA FOLLOWED BY ROGER.

>> PARTY FOR SOCIALISM AND LIBERATION, WARD 7. HOPE WITHOUT WORK IS JUST WISHFUL THINKING.

THE STATEMENT OF SKINNER AFTER THE RESIGNATION SHOWS MORE THAN LIP SERVICE AND WISHFUL THINKING. SKINNER SAID IN A STATEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY MUST BE REAL AND TRUST MUST BE EARNED THROUGH ACTION.

WE NEED ACTION BECAUSE THERE IS NO TRUST AND THERE IS NO ACCOUNTABILITY.

RESIGNATION IS NOT SUFFICIENT, THIS IS FAR FROM A ONE BAD APPLE PROBLEM, THIS IS A PATTERN WE HAVE SEEN THAT SHOWS THE ROT IS DEEP AND BAKED INTO THE CULTURE.

YOU DO NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF CULTURES, PATTERNS OF THINKING AND BEHAVIOR, BY LETTING SOMEONE GO.

THIS CIRCUMSTANCE BUT ALLOWED THIS ENCOURAGED THIS BEHAVIOR NEEDS TO BE COMPLETELY REWORKED SO THEY CAN NEVER EXIST IN THAT WAY AGAIN.

THE CURRENT STRUCTURE POWER DYNAMIC GIVES THE POLICE CHIEF FINAL DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY.

ALLOWING THE POLICE TO ABSOLVE THEMSELVES OF ACCOUNTABILITY.

THIS IS BY NOT ANY MEANS ISOLATED, IT HAPPENED TO CATCH ATTENTION, IT MIRRORS A LARGER PATTERN WE HAVE SEEN FOR YEARS.

IN WHICH WE KNOW TO BE PART OF MUCH OF THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY.

WE ARE A SANCTUARY CITY, OFFICERS SHOULD NOT BE ASSISTING OR SHIELDING I.C.E. AGENTS AND WE HAVE SEEN THEM BLOCK TRAFFIC, ARREST AND INTIMIDATE PROTESTERS, INTERFERE WITH RAPID RESPONDERS AND LEGAL OBSERVERS, WE NOW ICE ACCESS FLOCKED DATA OVER 100 TIMES AFTER THEY INSTALLED THE SYSTEM WITHOUT OUR KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT USING OUR TAX DOLLARS.

EPD RESPONSE TO 911 CALLS MADE BY ICE BUT HAS REFUSED TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE FROM ICE.

JUST LIKE ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 30TH, SILLER WAS MAKING RACIST AND MISOGYNIST COMMENTS WERE BEING BLINDED AND FORCED INTO THE ROAD. THEY REFUSED TO HELP WHEN CITIZENS MAKE CALLS AND CRIMINALIZED SOMEONE TRIED TO KEEP PEOPLE SAFE.

THE COMMUNITY PROTECTED EACH OTHER WHILE EPD PROTECTED ICE.

WE NEED REAL ACCOUNTABILITY, AND THE EXPANSION OF COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT, THE POWER TO PUT OUR MONEY TOWARD SERVICES THAT HELP PEOPLE INSTEAD OF CRIMINALIZING AND HARASSING THEM.

WE NEED EPD TO AND COLLABORATION WITH ICE PERIOD.

WE NEED SKINNER GONE, HE HAS PROVEN OVER THE LAST SEVEN YEARS HE IS NOT COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING INTERNAL CULTURES OF MISOGYNY AND RACISM OR THE SOLUTIONS THAT HELP PEOPLE. WE NEED THE SAFETY AND DIGNITY OF ALL PEOPLE TO BE THE PRIORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND WE NEED ACTION TO ENSURE THE POLICE ARE NO LONGER A THREAT TO THE FREEDOMS.

>> OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE ROGER, FOLLOWED BY PATRICIA.

>> GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS ROGER KNUTSON, I LIVE IN WARD 8. AS EUGENE MAKES IMPORTANT BUT STILL PAINFULLY SLOW PROGRESS, TOWARDS MEETING ITS GOALS FOR REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, A NEW OBSTACLE HAS APPEARED.

CLIMATE HUSHING.

THE IDEA THAT LEADERS SHOULD TALK LESS OR NOT AT ALL.

ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE BECAUSE IT MIGHT BE POLITICALLY INCONVENIENT.

USE OF THE TERM CLIMATE CHANGE FELL BY MORE THAN 30% IN NEWS COVERAGE IN 2025 COMPARED TO THE YEAR BEFORE.

BOTH WRITERS AND THE WASHINGTON POST CLOSED THE CLIMATE DESK.

IT IS PARTICULARLY DISTRESSING FOR ME TO HEAR CLIMATE HUSHING HAS COME TO CITY HALL.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTEDLY HAVE SAID THEY HAVE STOPPED USING THE WORD CLIMATE ALTOGETHER, BECAUSE OF THE IMMEDIATE BACKLASH IT PROVOKES.

SILENCE ON CLIMATE DOES NOT REFLECT WHAT OUR COMMUNITY BELIEVES.

THE LATEST UPDATE TO THE YALE CLIMATE OPINION MAPS REPORTS 69% OF ADULTS IN THE EUGENE, SPRINGFIELD METRO AREA ARE CONCERNED OR ALARMED ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING.

SIX POINTS HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.

SENATOR WHITEHOUSE HAS REPEATEDLY URGED ELECTED OFFICIALS TO STAND UP TO EFFORTS TO DELAY CLIMATE ACTION INCLUDING CLAIMANT HUSHING.

HE ADDS SOMETHING ELSE IMPORTANT, WHEN LEADERS STOP TALKING ABOUT AN ISSUE, PUBLIC ENTHUSIASM FADES.

EUGENE CLIMATE ACTIVISTS HAVE ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTED CANDIDATES WHO SAID THEY WOULD BE CLIMATE CHAMPIONS, WE NEED YOUR VOICE IS NOW MORE THAN EVER AS THE CRISIS WORSENS. EXPERTS ARE WARNING OREGONS WILDFIRE SEASON COULD BE SEVERE, EVEN CATASTROPHIC.

SUPER EL NIÑO IS LOOMING, THIS IS NO TIME TO SUBMIT TO CLIMATE HUSHING. SAY THE WORD, CLIMATE.

THEN TAKE ACTION TO MATCH THE SCALE OF THE CRISIS.

WHEN YOU DO, YOU WILL HAVE OUR SUPPORT, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

>> OUR NECK SPEAKERS ARE PATRICIA FOLLOWED BY JAY.

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

MY NAME IS PATTY, I LIVE IN THE COUNTY.

I AM COPRESIDENT OF 350 EUGENE, THE 350 IN OUR NAME REPRESENTS THE SAFE UPPER LIMIT OF PARTS PER MILLION OF CARBON DIOXIDE IN THE ATMOSPHERE. THE BLANKET THAT OVERHEATS OUR PLANET DUE TO THE BURNING OF FOSSIL FUELS.

IN APRIL THE AVERAGE PARTS PER MILLION WAS 4, 3, 1, THE HIGHEST POINT SINCE RECORDING BEGAN.

THIS WAS BY FAR THE HOTTEST WINTER IN THE WEST AND OUR SNOWPACK IS AT RECORD LOW.

THE UPCOMING CYCLE PROMISES TO BREAK ALL RECORDS FOR DAMAGING WEATHER EVENTS.

ALL THAT TO SAY I AM GLAD WE HAVE GOOD LEADERSHIP FOR CLIMATE, A TALENTED SUSTAINABILITY STAFF AND COMMISSION.

WITH UP-TO-DATE CLIMATE 2.0 REPORTS AND CLIMATE DASHBOARD.

WE ARE BEHIND IN MEETING OUR GOALS BUT MAKING MEANINGFUL PROGRESS.

I AM OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE ENERGY TRANSITION BUT WE NEED TO URGENTLY FUND AND RAPIDLY IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT ELECTRIFICATION, BATTERY STORAGE, EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE IN.

THE COSTS ARE AMAZING, THE WORLDWIDE TRANSITION IS WELL UNDERWAY.

AND NOW WITH A DANGEROUS IN VOLATILITY OF THE TRADE IN NONRENEWABLE, DIRTY ENERGY, IT IS ALL BUT DROWNED OUT OUR SCIENTIFIC, MORAL AND ECONOMIC ARGUMENTS.

WE NEED ENERGY SOURCES THAT PETROL WARS CAN'T SHUT DOWN.

INVESTMENTS, IF PERMITTED SPEEDILY AND SOME PROVIDE BROAD-BASED PROSPERITY AND ENERGY SECURITY, THAT PRIORITIZE THE

NEEDS OF COMMUNITIES, LOCAL BUSINESSES, FAMILIES WITH ENERGY POVERTY.

I ASK YOU RECOMMIT TO THESE GOALS.

AND TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

LET'S TRANSITION EUGENE'S PUBLIC BUILDINGS TO HEAT PUMPS AND INITIATE SOLAR AND BATTERY, GENERATE LOCAL POWER AND REDUCE COSTS, LET'S TURN BIG CORPORATE PROFITS INTO LOCAL SAVINGS BY SUPPORTING THE EUGENE CLEAN ENERGY FUND SO WE CAN BUILD EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSITION HOMES OFF OIL FURNACES AND KEEP SUMMER SCHOOL BUT COVERING OUR PUBLIC POOLS AND SAVING ON ELECTRIC BILLS.

IT HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE JAY SMITH FOLLOWED BY CURTIS BLANKENSHIP.

>> MY NAME IS JAY SMITH, I AM A RESIDENT OF WARD 1. THE CULTURE OF A GIVEN ORGANIZATION IS LARGE AS DETERMINED BY WHAT LEADERSHIP ALLOWS TO UNFOLD UNDER ITS COMMAND.

AFTER THE VIDEOS I DO AMOUNT OF CONCERN WAS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD REGARDING THE CULTURE CHIEF SKINNER HAS ALLOWED UNDER THE COMMAND OF EPD.

IT IS DISGRACEFUL AND DETESTABLE, THE CHIEF HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO CONTINUE ACTING AS CHIEF OF POLICE WITH SUCH STAINS ON HIS RECORD.

IT IS DETESTABLE THE MODES OF ACCOUNTABILITY ARE SO DRASTICALLY SHORT AND UNAPPROACHABLE FOR THE EVERYDAY PERSON.

UNDER THE CURRENT SYSTEM OF INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR FOR COMPLAINTS OF MINOR MISCONDUCT, PERFORMANCE ISSUES OR INQUIRIES YOU HAVE 60 DAYS TO SUBMIT A COMPLAINT, THIS IS A VERY SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME [AUDIO ISSUES] CRIMINALIZED AND HARMED BY HARMFUL MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

THE SYSTEM CAN BE BETTER.

CHIEF SKINNER'S COMMAND IS UNTENABLE.

AS YOU ARE BOUND HERE, AS YOU HAVE HEARD BEFORE, WE DEMAND EITHER CHIEF SKINNER RESIGN, YOU, CITY MANAGER, FIRE HIM, OR THE CITY MANAGER HAVE THE ABILITY TO IN SIX MONTHS TIME BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE AND REPLACED WITH ONE WHO WILL HANDLE THE SITUATION WITH THE INTEGRITY AND RESOLVE NEEDED.

AN ADDENDUM I WOULD ASK THE COUNCIL CONSIDER INCREASES TO THE AMOUNT OF TIME GIVEN TO FILE A COMPLAINT FOR THE INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR AS FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO SUCH.

THANK YOU.

SOLIDARITY FOREVER.

>> OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE CURTIS, FOLLOWED BY THENA.

>> I AM CURTIS BLANKENSHIP, SPRINGFIELD, I PAID TAXES IN LINN COUNTY, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT RESTORATIVE AND PREVENTATIVE JUSTICE RATHER THAN PUNITIVE MEASURES.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS GOOD OR EVIL. I AM HERE TO TELL YOU THAT RIGHT NOW.

THERE IS ONLY JUST AND UNJUST, RIGHT AND WRONG, NO SUCH THING AS GOOD AND EVIL, DON'T BELIEVE ME, ASK ANY WOMAN IN THIS ROOM IF A NEWBORN BABY IS EVIL, IF THAT BABY IS EVIL.

THEY WILL TELL YOU NO. THEY ARE NOT EVIL.

THIS IS WHY WE NEED RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND NONPUNITIVE MEASURES.

IF THEY ARE EVIL, THAT MEANS I HAVE BRAIN DAMAGE. THEY NEED EVEN MORE RESPONSIBILITY, SOCIETY IS EVEN MORE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE PEOPLE.

PEOPLE ARE A PRODUCT OF SOCIETY, NOT BORN THE WAY THEY ARE.

SO AGAIN I WANT MONEY SPENT ON RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND PREVENTATIVE JUSTICE RATHER THAN PUNITIVE MEASURES AND I NEED YOU TO EXPLAIN THIS TO YOUR CONSTITUENCY, WHAT I HAVE SAID ABOUT GOOD OR EVIL.

ASK YOUR RELIGIOUS REPRESENTATIVES, THEY WILL TELL YOU NO ONE IS BORN EVIL.

THAT IS NOT THE WAY IT WORKS.

I THINK WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS, IT IS THE 21ST CENTURY, THEY USED TO BURN PEOPLE, THEY USED TO ROAST PEOPLE ALIVE SO I GUESS WE HAVE GONE, WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE ATHENA FOLLOWED BLAIR.

>> HELLO, I AM ATHENA, WORD FIVE, I WAS LOOKING AT THIS CHARTER SAFETY PAYROLL TAX AND IT TALKS ABOUT HOW IT HAS TO BE FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY SERVICE, WHICH IS WHAT PEOPLE WERE TALKING ABOUT EARLIER.

ABOUT HOW IT HAS TO BE AN ELIGIBLE SERVICE AND OF THOSE ARE LIKE POLICE, FIRE, EMS, 911, JAIL SERVICES, IT COULD BE CHANGED TO ONLY A CAHOOTS LIKE RESPONSE SERVICE OR PRIMARILY OR DO

SOMETHING LIKE THAT AND STILL HAVE THESE OTHER SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PAYROLL TAX WHEN YOU PUT IT ON THE BALLOT.

I WOULD REQUEST YOU WOULD ALL DIRECT THE CITY STAFF OR DO WHATEVER NEEDS TO HAPPEN TO MAKE IT SO WE CAN BRING BACK CAHOOTS THIS WAY BECAUSE IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING IS IT WAS INTENDED TO BE FOR MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES WHEN IT WAS CREATED.

AND TO BE LIKE IN THE VEIN OF ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE ORIGINALLY. IF IT COULD BE ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE THAT WOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO WHAT THE ORIGINAL PREMISE OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PAYROLL TAX WAS. THANK YOU FOR THE TIME.

>> OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE BLAIR FOLLOWED BY LAUREN OLSON.

>> HELLO, IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE.

MARCH 18TH, I ENDED MY BREAST CANCER JOURNEY AND MADE IT OUT ALIVE, HELLO.

I AM A STUDENT AT U OF O, MY UNDERGRAD IS IN SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS, MY GRADUATE PROGRAM IS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND MY RESEARCH IS IN PUBLIC POLICY.

MORE SPECIFICALLY HOW TO PREVENT OR REDUCE HOMELESSNESS FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, FOLKS ON A FIXED INCOME. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT A COUPLE THINGS.

IF YOU ARE ON A FIXED INCOME, YOU WILL BE PRICED OUT OF HOUSING.

WITHIN FIVE YEARS.

THAT IS JUST THE REALITY. THIS IS FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS, THIS IS A FACT.

THERE ARE A COUPLE THINGS THAT DULL THE CURVE. ONE IS AN EVICTION MORATORIUM AND ANOTHER IS CAPPING RENTAL INCREASE RATES AND HOUSING SUBSIDIES. WE LOVE TO SEE THEM.

DURING COVID WE HAD A COUPLE THINGS HAPPEN.

EVICTION MORATORIUMS, PROTECTIONS PUT IN PLACE FOR RENTERS, THEY WORKED DUTIFULLY. PEOPLE STAYED IN HOUSING.

THE THINGS THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT BOILS DOWN TO WHAT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, THAT IS WHAT WE ARE HERE ABOUT.

HOW DO WE KEEP THESE PEOPLE HOUSE?

EVICTION MORATORIUM, THAT IS TOO FAR IN ADVANCE, WE CAN'T TALK ABOUT THIS IN THIS POLITICAL CLIMATE.

WHAT IF WE START AND WORK BACKWARDS?

WHAT IF WE START TALKING ABOUT SOLUTIONS THAT MAKE SENSE FOR US?

WHAT IF WE START INVITING NEIGHBORS WHO LIVE ON THE STREETS TO HAVE THESE CONVERSATIONS BECAUSE THIS AFFECTS THEM.

YOU KNOW WHO ENDS UP ON THE STREETS THE FASTEST?

YOU KNOW WHO HE IS BECOMING UNSHELTERED?

PEOPLE WHO ARE ELDERLY AND FOLKS WHO ARE DISABLED.

THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR SOCIETY AND THEY ARE ENDING UP ON THE STREETS AND WE ARE CRIMINALIZING THE EXISTENCE.

DO YOU KNOW HOW SWIFT THE PIPELINE IS FOR SLEEPING OUTSIDE?

IT IS SUPER QUICK. ESPECIALLY IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES OF MOBILITY, ACCESS TO PHONE, SIMPLY JUST BEING ABLE TO FUNCTION BECAUSE THE LONGER YOU STAY ON THE STREETS, THE MORE YOUR SUCCESS AS A PERSON AND THE ABILITY TO LIVE AND FUNCTION DEVOLVES, LIFE SKILLS START TO DEVOLVE.

HERE IN OREGON, EUGENE, THE AMOUNT OF CHRONICALLY UNHOUSED PEOPLE INCREASED BY 17% LAST YEAR.

THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE, WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

>> OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE LAUREN OLSON FOLLOWED BY JOE.

>> I HAVE NEVER DONE THIS IN A LONG TIME BEFORE.

GOOD EVENING AND I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK.

I DID WRITE SOMETHING TO BEGIN WITH.

I ALSO WANT TO SPEAK FROM MY HEART.

I AM SOMEONE WHO MOVED TO EUGENE AT AGE 18 FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS.

I AM NOW 41.

I SPENT 23 YEARS IN THIS TOWN WORKING ON FARMS, BUILDING NONPROFITS AND SMALL BUSINESSES, GOING TO COLLEGE, RAISING CHILDREN, CARING FOR THE CHILDREN OF NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS AND WORKING IN THE RESTAURANTS.

I THINK ABOUT ALL THE PEOPLE WE HAVE LIVING HERE, THE CHAMPION ATHLETES AT THE U OF O, THE INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS THAT LIVE AND PERFORM HERE FOR THE COMMUNITY.

MOST OF ALL I THINK ABOUT THE YOUTH AND WHAT THEY GROW UP SEEING AND HEARING AROUND THEM AND WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS COMMUNITY TO UPHOLD THE SAFETY AND DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL IN THIS COMMUNITY.

I AM GOING TO MOVE ON, I AM UNHOUSED, I LIVE IN MY CAR WITH MY DOG, I HAVE TWO CHILDREN I RAISED IN THIS COMMUNITY.

I CARE ABOUT POLICE HARASSMENT.

BRUTALITY AS A SURVIVOR OF DV AND SEXUAL ABUSE.

I CARE, I HAVE HAD ISSUES WITH THE POLICE.

I HAVE LIVED IN THIS TOWN FOR YEARS, NOT ANYMORE SINCE THEY HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING MY ABUSERS IN THIS TOWN.

I FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT WHAT THEIR SAID AND I DID NOT KNOW SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT ME.

I AM STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE IN THIS COMMUNITY AND THIS IS WHAT I CARE ABOUT BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN GASSED TWICE DOWNTOWN, I HAVE BEEN IN PORTLAND, I FEEL THE HEAT.

I CARE ABOUT WHAT MY 11-YEAR-OLD IS DEALING WITH WHEN THEY DEAL WITH AGENTS AROUND THE SCHOOL, WHICH WE HAVE SEEN IN THE LAST YEAR. I SEE THE POLICE HELPING DIFFERENT THINGS AROUND THIS AND HARASSING THE MOST VULNERABLE AND THAT IS WHERE I AM COMING FROM.

I DON'T WANT TO SEE THE POLICE HARASSING THE MOST VULNERABLE, I CARE ABOUT KIDS SAFETY, I HAVE SEEN TOO MUCH POLICE INTERACTION WITH STUDENTS, I AM NOT COMFORTABLE WITH THAT AND I HAVE SEEN AND ALL THE HISTORY OF POLICING IN SLAVE PATROL THAT COMES OUT OF TEXAS AND WHERE I WAS RAISED AND I HAVE SEEN ATROCITIES AND I DO NOT WANT THAT HERE.

THAT IS WHERE I AM COMING FROM. I THINK SKINNER SHOULD RESIGN BUT I THINK WE HAVE THINGS TO TRAIN PEOPLE.

>> THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE JOE FOLLOWED BY DAVID.

>> HELLO, MY NAME IS JOE AND I LIVE IN WARD 1 AND I AM A STUDENT. I HAVE BEEN COMING TO THESE MEETINGS AND I LEAVE FRUSTRATED.

WE BRING CONCERNS ABOUT EPD AND HOW WE WANT TO SEE THE CHIEF GONE, WE BRING CONCERNS ABOUT THE GAP LEFT POST CAHOOTS, WE BRING CONCERNS ABOUT DHS AND ICE OPERATIONS AND MET WITH VERY LITTLE.

I KNOW YOU HAVE LIMITED POWER BUT YOU ARE NOT POWERLESS.

LISTEN TO YOUR PEOPLE AND WHAT WE CARE ABOUT. YOU SEEM TO THINK OUR REQUESTS ARE BEYOND YOUR SCOPE OF POWER BUT PEOPLE COME AND GIVE YOU ACTIONABLE ITEMS.

IF THOSE ITEMS DON'T FALL WITHIN YOUR SCOPE OF POWER, FIGURE OUT WHAT IS. FIGURE OUT WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR POSITION AND DO IT, MORE THAN WORDS.

FUND COMMUNITY RESPONSE, REMOVE CHIEF SKINNER, PROTECT IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY MEMBERS, PEOPLE ARE MAKING IT CLEAR EVERY MEETING.

DO SOMETHING WITH THAT INFORMATION PLEASE.

>> OUR NECK SPEAKERS ARE DAVID FOLLOWED BY JOSH.

>> DAVID, WARD 1. NO DOCUMENTED REPORT EXISTS THAT SUPPORTS THE EUGENE SUN DOWNTOWN FABLE.

TALISHA BROWN --

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: WHEN TESTIMONY IS BEING GIVEN ONLY THE PERSON WHO HAS A MICROPHONE SHOULD BE SPEAKING AND EVERYONE HAS A SAME AMOUNT OF TIME TO SPEAK THIS EVENING.

PLEASE CONTINUE.

>> WOULD YOU PLEASE REMOVE THE DISRUPTORS?

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: PLEASE CONTINUE.

>> THE AUTHENTIC REASON THEY WERE LIVING ON THE NORTH BANK WAS BECAUSE EXTREME HOUSING SHORTAGE, ONE THIRD OF THE RESIDENTS WERE WHITE EVEN IF EUGENE WERE A SON DOWNTOWN AND WASN'T SOMETHING OTHER THAN RAISE HAS TO HAVE CAUSED THE WHITE RESIDENTS TO LIVE THERE, YOU HAVE HELPED PROMOTE FALSEHOODS, IN THE LAST ELECTION JENNIFER LISTED YOU AS ONE OF HER SUPPORTERS, INCLUDING NUMEROUS DISPLAYS OF RESIDENT FAMILIES DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY.

SUPPORTING THE NORTH BANK MEMORIAL, COUNCILOR YEH, COMMISSIONERS WHO SUPPORT YOU, HAVE WASTED OVER $30,000 OF COUNTY FUNDS AND ENCOURAGED THE MISUSE OF 300,000 FOR THIS MEMORIAL. THEY TOOK NO ACTION TO CORRECT THE RECORD IN RESPONSE TO MY DOCUMENTING EXPOSING THE MEMORIAL HOOKS IN 2024.

EXPOSING TO ALL THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, RACE BAITING COMMENTS OF THE 2024 BAKER PARTS CELEBRATION WHERE SHE STATED SHE WAS JEWISH AND WAS SUPPORTING THE INTEREST OF THE OVERWHELMINGLY BLOCK AUDIENCE RESULTED IN TRIGGERS AND ME BEING SILENCED AND BEING ARRESTED.

SECURITY PERSONNEL.

DEFAME ME BY ACCUSING ME OF BEING A WHITE SUPREMACIST AND WHITE NATIONALIST.

IN THE 1950S, McCARTHYITE YELLED CALL ME, TODAY THEY YELL RACISTS.

YOU HAVE SCREWED UP, SOME OREGON COMMUNITIES WORK BUT EUGENE NEVER WAS A SUN DOWNTOWN.

I AM SORRY TO EMBARRASS YOU.

IT IS TIME TO TELL THE TRUTH, IF YOU DON'T YOU WILL BE CALLED NAMES LIKE MAYOR ROSIE RUIZ, MAYOR PHONY BALONEY OR MAYOR FELL IN THE OBSCENITY. TAKE ACTION, MY RESEARCH IS AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO REQUESTS IT WITHOUT CHARGE. THANK YOU.

>> OUR NEXT SPEAKER --

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: EVERYONE, PLEASE. AS WE BEGIN THIS EVENING PUBLIC COMMENT, WE HAVE LAID OUT CLEAR GROUND RULES FOR HOW PUBLIC COMMENT WORKS AND THIS IS IMPORTANT. THAT WE HOLD THESE AGREEMENTS.

EVERYONE WHO COMES TO PUBLIC COMMENT IS GIVING PUBLIC COMMENT, THIS IS NOT SWORN TESTIMONY, THE CITY DOES NOT FACT CHECKED, WE ARE HERE TO LISTEN AND THIS IS PART OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS WE HOLD IN THE WAY OUR COMMUNITY PRIORITIZES OUR PUBLIC.

ENGAGING IN HEARING FROM OUR PUBLIC AND WE HAVE I BELIEVE THREE PEOPLE STILL WAITING TO GET PUBLIC COMMENT SO THANK YOU.

FOR ALLOWING THEM TO CONTINUE.

>> OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE JOSH FOLLOWED BY LYNN.

>> I AM JOSH, DIRECTOR OF EQUITABLE ACCESS EUGENE TO ADVOCATE FOR THE DECRIMINALIZING OF PLANTS IN EUGENE, THERE ARE ARGUMENTS THAT COULD BE MADE, PEOPLE COULD POINT TO EMERGING RESEARCH, THERAPEUTIC APPLICATIONS, CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM.

TONIGHT I WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS ON SOMETHING MORE FUNDAMENTAL.

PERSONAL LIBERTY.

IN A FREE SOCIETY ADULTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR OWN MINDS AND BODIES PROVIDED THEY ARE NOT HARMING OTHERS. WE RECOGNIZE THIS PRINCIPLE IN COUNTLESS AREAS OF LIFE, PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED TO ENGAGE IN RISKY SPORTS, CONSUME ALCOHOL, SMOKE TOBACCO, EAT UNHEALTHY FOOD, PRACTICE UNUSUAL RELIGIONS AND MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT HOW THEY LIVE THEIR PERSONAL LIVES.

WHEN IT COMES TO CERTAIN NATURALLY OCCURRING PLANT AND FUNGI WE HAVE CHOSEN A DIFFERENT APPROACH, WE HAVE DECIDED PEACEFUL ADULTS CAN BE THREATENED WITH FINES, ARREST OR CRIMINAL RECORDS FOR PROSSESSING OR USING SUBSTANCES THAT AFFECT THEIR OWN CONSCIOUSNESS.

I BELIEVE THAT IS A MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT POWER. THE QUESTION BEFORE US IS NOT WHETHER EVERYONE SHOULD USE PSYCHEDELICS, MANY PEOPLE NEVER WILL AND THAT IS THEIR CHOICE.

THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD PUNISH PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENT CHOICE FOR THEMSELVES.

DECRIMINALIZATION DOES NOT MEAN ENDORSEMENT, ENCOURAGING USE, IT MEANS RECOGNIZING CRIMINAL PUNISHMENT IS NOT AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO PERSONAL DECISIONS THAT DON'T HARM OTHERS.

EUGENE HAS A LONG HISTORY OF VALUING CIVIL LIBERTIES, WELL-BEING AND EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY, WE HAVE BEEN WILLING TO ASK WHETHER EXISTING LAWS ARE ACTUALLY SERVING THE PUBLIC INTEREST, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO ASK THAT QUESTION HERE.

AND PEACEFUL ADULTS ARE TREATED AS CRIMINALS FOR EXERCISING AUTONOMY OVER THEIR OWN CONSCIOUSNESS, WE DIMINISH PERSONAL FREEDOM AND PUBLIC TRUST.

MORE COMPASSIONATE AND LIBERTY ORIENTED APPROACHES ARE AVAILABLE TO US AND I HOPE EUGENE WILL LEAD BY CHOOSING EDUCATION OVER PUNISHMENT, HEALTH OVER CRIMINALIZATION AND FREEDOM OVER UNNECESSARY GOVERNMENT INTRUSION.

>> OUR NECK SPEAKERS ARE LYNN FOLLOWED BY SHELLEY.

>> GOOD EVENING, WARD 7, I WILL START BY SAYING I THINK IT IS CLEAR THAT THE PUBLIC TRUST IN THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SEVERELY ERODED.

I WILL START BY IN A SENSE SICKENING THE SUGGESTION FROM A MEETING AGO OR TWO AGO TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF THE POLICE AUDITOR, I WILL ALSO SAY I THINK YOU SHOULD GO FURTHER THAN THAT AND REMOVE EPD'S ABILITY TO POLICE THEMSELVES AND PUT THAT WITH THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD OR THE AUDITORS THEMSELVES.

I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO APPLAUD THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMUNITY FOR HOW HARD THEY HAVE BEEN COMING FOR EVERY MEETING I HAVE BEEN TO, TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER AND FIGHT FOR JUSTICE WITHIN THIS COMMUNITY.

AND TO THAT REGARD, I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE COUNCIL TO EXPLORE WHAT IT CAN USE OF ITS POWER TO SET THE BAR HIGHER AND PRACTICE INCREDIBLE TRANSPARENCY IN HOW THE CITY GOVERNMENT OPERATES IN TERMS OF WHAT CONTRACTS ARE YOU ENTERING INTO WITH PROPOSED SURVEILLANCE, SOFTWARE SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT, WHAT THE DATA PRIVACY SHARING IS, TAKE A PAGE FROM PORTLAND AND IF YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE DRONES, I AM NOT A BIG FAN, PUT OUT A MAP OF HOW THEY ARE BEING CALLED OUT, WHEN THEY ARE BEING PUT OUT, WHERE THEY ARE AT AND THE REASON FOR THE FLIGHT.

AND FINALLY, WITH HOW HARD THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN WORKING TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES AND TAKE CARE OF ONE ANOTHER, AS YOU ENTER YOUR LONG-RANGE BUDGET PLANNING, CONSIDER REMOVING FROM THE BUDGET OR LESSENING THE BUDGET THE ELEMENTS OF CITY GOVERNMENT THAT HAVE LOST PUBLIC TRUST.

AND EMPOWER THE ELEMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT ARE SHOWING UP FOR THE COMMUNITY.

I THINK BRINGING BACK CAHOOTS OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT HOOTS WOULD BE POWERFUL AND THE OTHER HOUSING AND CARE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE COME UP TO SPEAK, I THINK WE'LL HAVE A BIGGER RETURN ON INVESTMENT IN THE CITY BUDGET THEN WHAT WE HAVE SEEN OUT OF EPD. THANK YOU.

>> OUR NEXT ON FINAL SPEAKER IS SHELLEY DEVINE.

>> IS IT WEIRD THIS IS HOW WE ARE GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER?

WE WERE JUST DISRUPTIVE AND BROKE THE QUORUM AT THE LAST MEETING, A LITTLE BIT TONIGHT.

SOME OF THAT MIGHT'VE BEEN ME.

PLEASE READ THE ROOM, THERE IS INFORMATION TO BE FOUND IN OUR COLLECTIVE OUTRAGE, ADMONISHING AND THREATENING TO END THE MEETING IS UNNECESSARY AND PUNITIVE, I FELT DISAPPOINTED AND EMBARRASSED AT YOUR RESPONSE AND WHAT I AM FEELING CONFRONTED IN LIFE BY A PERSON, SITUATION, MY DEFAULT MODE SETTING IS TO PUT MY GUARD UP TO REACT, BE DEFENSIVE OR EXERT CONTROL, IT IS UNPRODUCTIVE AND DOESN'T SERVE TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING, EMPATHY OR COLLABORATION.

HAVE YOU HEARD THE PHRASE FIRST THOUGHT WRONG. I HAVE LEARNED TO LEAN INTO MY PERSONAL DISCOMFORT AND FIND CURIOSITY WHEN FEELING CONFRONTED AND INVITE YOU TO DO THE SAME. IT MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE, BE THE DIFFERENCE.

YOU ALL HAVE REDUCED OUR LIMITED SPEAKING TIME ALLOTMENT, WE ARE HERE AS COMMUNITY MEMBERS, PARENTS, ORGANIZERS, WORKERS, VOLUNTEERS, CONSTITUENTS AND LEADERS, OUR LACK OF ADHERENCE IS RARE SO WHEN IT DOES HAPPEN, LEAN IN.

WE ARE CONVEYING VALUABLE INFORMATION AND WORTH BEING SEEN AND HEARD EVEN WHEN MAYBE ESPECIALLY WHEN WE ARE BEING DISRUPTIVE.

THE MESSAGE RECEIVED LAST MEETING WAS THE DECORUM AND COMFORT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN OUR COLLECTIVE VOICE AND THAT IS FUNDAMENTALLY INCORRECT. I IMPLORE ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL TO TURN OFF DAVID'S MICROPHONE WHEN HE STANDS UP AND SPEWS HIS HISTORICALLY INACCURATE AND RACIST RHETORIC LIKE HE DOES EVERY MEETING AND IT'S ALLOWED TO CONTINUE. IT IS THE SAME AS CONDONING IT.

CALL IT WHAT IT IS AND SHUT IT DOWN, HE IS A RACIST BIGOT AND LIAR, WE ARE SUBJECTED TO 2.5 MINUTES AND YOU ALLOW HIM A PLATFORM FOR HATRED. CONGRATULATIONS TO JENNIFER SMITH. I WAS PROUD TO VOTE FOR YOU, POST YOUR SIGN, PROMOTE YOUR CAMPAIGN AND ADVOCATE FOR OTHERS IN MY WARD AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ATHENA MOP THE FLOOR IN WARD 5.

>> THANK YOU, THAT WAS OUR FINAL SPEAKER.

>> THANK YOU STEPH, I CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND ARE THERE ANY COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL?

>> KEATING: THANK YOU, MAYOR, THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT.

I HAVE A FEW THINGS I WANT TO GO OVER BUT FIRST JENNIFER, WARD 2, YOUR CAHOOTS STUDY, YOUR POINT ABOUT THE GAPS, IN REGARD TO THE CAHOOTS CLOSURE WOULD BE WELCOME TO BE FURTHER EXPLORED AT THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION, A BODY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY MADE UP OF TWO COMMISSIONERS FROM LANE COUNTY, TWO CITY COUNSELORS, TWO FROM SPRINGFIELD, THOSE ARE MONTHLY MEETINGS, JENNIFER, SEE ME AFTER THE MEETING OR I WILL FOLLOW-UP BECAUSE THOSE MEETINGS WE ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENT. AND I WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO EXPAND ON YOUR RESEARCH AND YOUR DATA ON THE CRISIS AROUND THE EFFORT MENTIONED GAP ENCLOSURE.

IT WAS ALLUDED TO MY ADVANCING CODE CHANGE IN REGARD TO THE DEADLINES FOR FILING MISCONDUCT COMPLAINTS. I WANT TO THANK CITY STAFF AND THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR GETTING BACK TO ME TODAY WHILE I WAS INVITE.

I APOLOGIZE FOR BEING CASUAL BUT I WAS TRAVELING.

FROM A WEEKEND IN DENVER.

COLLEAGUES, YOU WILL GET A WORK SESSION POLL THAT CITY STAFF TO HELP ME CREATE THAT AMEND EUGENE CITY CALLED 2.456 SUBSECTION K AND I RELATED TO DEADLINES FOR FILING MINOR AND SERIOUS MISCONDUCT COMPLAINTS WITH THE OFFICE OF THE POLICE AUDITOR CHANGING THOSE EXISTING SIX WEEKS AND SIX MONTHS COMPLAINTS.

RESPECTIVELY TO HOPEFULLY A SIX MONTH FOR MINOR OFFENSES AND EVEN LARGER OR EXPANDING TO A YEAR OR TWO YEARS WERE SERIOUS COMPLAINTS. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DIALOGUE.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR INBOX FOR THE WORK SESSION AND MY FINAL 40 SECONDS, TAKE CLIMATE ACTION TODAY AND VISIT EUGENECLEANENERGYFUND.ORG TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GROWING COALITION AROUND THIS MOST CRITICAL FUND THAT IS WORKING IN PORTLAND AND SHOULD WORK IN EUGENE, THE COALITION AROUND THE EFFORT INCLUDE BUT AREN'T LIMITED TO THE EUGENE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, BUILDING TRADES, SHEET METAL WORKERS, BUSINESSES LIKE GRATITUDE, ELECTED OFFICIALS LIKE SENATOR MANNING, FORMER MAYOR AND JENNIFER SMITH.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: SEEING NO OTHER COMMENTS OR FEEDBACK FROM COUNCIL THIS EVENING, I WILL NOW CLOSE THE JUNE 8TH, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND WE ARE ADJOURNED.