

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

July 13, 2026
7:30 p.m.

Councilors Present: Eliza Kashinsky, Matt Keating, Alan Zelenka, Jennifer Yeh, Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Lyndsie Leech, and Randy Groves

Mayor Knudson opened the July 13, 2026, meeting of the Eugene City Council in hybrid in-person and virtual format at 500 E. 4th Avenue, North Building, Eugene, OR 97401.

1. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

Mayor Knudson introduced proclamations for Independence Day, the Day of Compassion, World Athletics U20 Championships Week, and Women's Equality Day.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Keating – noted he was looking forward to the World Athletics U20 Championships; noted the Eugene Riverfront festival was held in 2022 to celebrate the World Athletics Championships Oregon2022; noted the riverfront area is the ideal location for future festivals, reminiscent of the former Eugene Celebration; noted he had been the keynote speaker at the Looking Glass Riverfront School's graduation ceremony in June; stated his thanks for those who hosted and attended the Oregon Country fair the previous weekend.
- Mayor Knudson – thanked staff and community partners who supported the Lift Off EUG project presentation at the airport last week; thanked those who had worked during the July 4th weekend; noted she was part of the delegation who accepted the Oregon Heritage Commissions' recognition of the Prefontaine Class as an Oregon Heritage Tradition; noted the upcoming opening of the Santa Clara community park; noted she would be speaking at the Asian Celebration at Alton Baker Park.

3. PRIORITY GOAL ACTION: Approval of Resources for Housing Affordable to Low- and Moderate-Income People

City Manager Jenny Haruyama introduced the topic and provided background information.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – noted his enthusiasm for the project; asked about the environmental impact of the project; asked if the property wetlands would be preserved or protected; asked if Council would have a chance in the future to approve the wetland mitigation plan.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to award \$325,439 of Affordable Housing Trust Funds to River Road Housing by Laurel Hill Center and \$325,000 of Affordable Housing

Trust Funds to OUR Village by SquareOne Villages and move to award the City-owned property located on Hilyard Street and 34th Avenue (Assessor's Map 18-03-08-24, Tax Lot Numbers 10900, 11000, 11200 and 11400) to Yonkalla Commons by Hacienda CDC.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

IN FAVOR: Kashinsky, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Clark, Evans, Leech, and Groves.

OPPOSED: None.

4. PRIORITY GOAL ACTION: Adoption of a Resolution Approving a Low-Income Rental Housing Property Tax Exemption Renewal for Vet Lift I

City Manager Jenny Haruyama introduced the topic and provided background information.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to adopt the resolution in Attachment B to this AIS, approving a Low-Income Rental Housing Property Tax Exemption for property located at 951 West 7th Avenue.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

IN FAVOR: Kashinsky, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Clark, Evans, Leech, and Groves.

OPPOSED: None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

C. A Resolution Amending the City of Eugene Annex to the Lane County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Adopted by Resolution No. 5446

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to approve the items on Consent Calendar 1.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

IN FAVOR: Kashinsky, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Clark, Evans, Leech, and Groves.

OPPOSED: None.

6. ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Polystyrene and Single-Use Bag Regulations; Amending Sections 6.850, 6.855, 6.874 and 6.876 of the Eugene Code, 1971; Deleting Section 6.878 of the Eugene Code, 1971; and Providing an Effective Date

City Manager Haruyama introduced the topic and provided background information.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to approve the Ordinance in Attachment A to this AIS, An Ordinance Concerning Polystyrene and Single-Use Bag Regulations; Amending Sections 6.850, 6.855, 6.874 and 6.876 of the Eugene Code, 1971; Deleting section 6.878 of the Eugene Code, 1971 and Providing an Effective Date.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

IN FAVOR: Kashinsky, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Clark, Evans, Leech, and Groves.

OPPOSED: None.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Jay Smith – spoke about culture and management issues at EPD.
2. Rebecca Kassan – spoke against DevNW Floral Hill development.
3. John Brown – spoke in favor of adding a property to the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).
4. Joseph Young – spoke against DevNW Floral Hill development.
5. Stefan (Ace Dog) Strek – spoke about the City's budget shortfalls.
6. Mary Gent – spoke against DevNW Floral Hill development.
7. Lisa Kaye – spoke against DevNW Floral Hill development.
8. Jim Neu – spoke about the importance of protecting Eugene's drinking water source.
9. Latiffe Amado – spoke about culture and management issues at EPD.
10. Jojo Breslin – spoke about a local history tour hosted by Oregon Black Pioneers.
11. Ken Willis – spoke about trust and transparency and against mass surveillance.
12. Jacob Trewe – asked for CSPT funds to be allocated to CAHOOTS type service
13. Ky Fireside – spoke against mass surveillance and about difficulties scheduling a meeting with the City Manager.
14. Richard Riordan – spoke about culture and management issues at EPD.
15. Steve Gilbert – spoke about safety issues along Hwy 99 and the Bethel area.
16. Josh Easterlund – spoke in favor of changes to public policy around psychedelics.
17. Genevieve Channing – spoke about street safety for those who walk and bike.
18. Wyn Manselle – spoke about the need for transparency to repair the public's trust.
19. Blair Hickok – spoke in favor of accessibility for those with disabilities.
20. Eli Mazet – spoke against closing the streets around the Saturday market.
21. Robert Brock – spoke in favor of using the police budget for social services.
22. David Igl – spoke about local historical events.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – asked staff to provide a report about the property with the potential to be included in the urban reserves of the UGB.
- Councilor Groves – noted he is also interested in the possibility of adding the property to the urban reserves; asked if there are plans to close the streets around the Saturday Market.
- Councilor Yeh – noted there are challenges to walking or biking to school; stated agreement with the need for increased transparency; noted the Oregon Black Pioneers are an amazing organization and encouraged folks to visit their website.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. A Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor's Map 17-03-09-31, Tax Lots 800, 900, 1000, and 1100, Located at 89830 N Game Farm Road) (City File: 89830 N Game Farm; A 26-04)

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to approve the items on Consent Calendar 2.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

IN FAVOR: Kashinsky, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Clark, Evans, Leech, and Groves.

OPPOSED: None.

Mayor Knudson adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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