

MINUTES
Eugene City Council
Special Meeting
Eugene, Oregon 97401

August 24, 2026
5:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Kaarin Knudson opened the August 24, 2026, work session of the Eugene City Council in a virtual format at 500 E 4th Avenue, North Building, Eugene OR 97401.

1. WORK SESSION: Presentation of Initiative Petition 2026-1 to Council

City Manager Jenny Haruyama introduced City Recorder, Katie LaSala to introduce the topic and provide background information on the certified initiative petition which has qualified to be on the November ballot as a measure titled Licensure of Large Retailers to Finance a Clean Energy Fund.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Yeh – stated the Council as a body does not need to take any action; noted Councilors can share their personal opinions with the community.
- Councilor Keating – stated his support for the measure; noted his excitement that it is on the November ballot; stated the Council as a body does not need to take any action.
- Councilor Clark – asked if the initiative petition is being put to the ballot as an ordinance; asked if there has been an analysis of the potential costs or implementation; asked if the City would be required to implement the measure regardless of cost if it passes.
- Councilor Groves – stated agreement that the Council as a body does not need to take any action; noted he has questions about cost and implementation.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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