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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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>> MAYOR KNUDSON: GOOD EVENING.
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.
THE BROADCAST ON COMCAST CHANNEL 21
OR FOLLOWING THE ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS
LISTED FOR THE MEETING ON THE CITY'S
PUBLIC WEBCAST AND THE MEETINGS
MATERIALS PAGE.

TONIGHT'S MEETING WILL INCLUDE A
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK, PLEASE FILL OUT A
REQUEST TO SPEAK FORM ON OUR
MATERIALS WEBPAGE OR THE ENTRANCE
TO THIS ROOM.

WE WILL ACCEPT REQUEST FORMS UNTIL
7:35 P.M.

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

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

IF THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS EXCEEDS
THE TIME WE HAVE ALLOTTED, WE
ENCOURAGE SPEAKERS TO CONSIDER
ABBREVIATING THEIR REMARKS.

FOR THOSE JOINING THE MEETING
REMOTELY, YOU ARE WELCOME TO EMAIL
YOUR COMMENTS TO CITY COUNCIL.

AND THAT IS TRUE OF ANYONE WHO IS
SPEAKING TONIGHT.

AS A REMINDER, NO FLAGS, SIGNS, LOUD OR DISRUPTIVE LANGUAGE, NOISE, OR CONDUCT THAT OBSTRUCTS THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL.

PLEASE KEEP THE ROOM QUIET FOR ALL SPEAKERS.

THE PERSON GIVING COMMENT SHOULD BE THE ONLY PERSON SPEAKING.

IF YOU ARE ILL, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN US REMOTELY.

IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY, AN AUTOMATED DEFIBRILLATOR IS LOCATED ON THE CORNER BEHIND THE STAFF AT THE WEST SIDE OF THIS ROOM.

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

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

WITH THAT, I KNOW PAUL, THE SEPTEMBER 14 MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO ORDER.

WE BEGIN WITH A LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL, THE KALAPUYA PEOPLE HAVE BEEN THE INDIGENOUS STEWARDS TO OUR REGION BUILDING DYNAMIC COMMUNITIES, MAINTAINING BALANCE WITH WILDLIFE, AND ENACTING SUSTAINABLE LAND PRACTICES. A LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IS A WAY OF RESISTING THE ERASURE OF INDIGENOUS HISTORIES AND TO HONOR NATIVE COMMUNITIES BY INVITING TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION. FOLLOWING TREATIES BETWEEN 1851 AND 1855, KALAPUYA PEOPLE WERE DISPOSSESSED OF THEIR INDIGENOUS HOMELAND BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND FORCIBLY REMOVED TO THE COAST RESERVATION IN WESTERN OREGON. AS WE CONSIDER THE IMPACTS OF COLONIZATION, WE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE STRENGTH AND RESILIENCY OF DISPLACED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE. THE CITY OF EUGENE IS BUILT WITHIN THE TRADITIONAL HOMELANDS KNOWN AS KALAPUYA ILIHI.

KALAPUYA DESCENDANTS ARE CITIZENS OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON AND THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS OF OREGON, THEY CONTINUE TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS IN OUR COMMUNITIES HERE AND ACROSS THE LANDS. WE EXPRESS OUR RESPECT FOR THE INHERENT POLITICAL SOVEREIGNTY OF ALL FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL NATIONS AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE STATE OF OREGON AND ACROSS THE NATION.

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

AND I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT WE HAVE SIX PROCLAMATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

FIRST THIS MONTH WE WILL CELEBRATE THE EUGENE OPERA AND ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN SEPTEMBER 1976, AND CREATED THE FOUNDATION FOR THE

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND OVER 100
VOLUNTEERS HAVE BROUGHT OPERA TO
EUGENE, OREGON.

PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THEM
ON THEIR 50TH YEAR OF SERVICE.

[APPLAUSE]

SECOND, ON SEPTEMBER 4, HUNDREDS OF
PEOPLE ATTENDED THE KICKOFF OF FIESTA
AT THE FARMERS MARKET PAVILLION ON
OUR FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK.

IT BEGAN IN 2014.

IT INCLUDES A WIDE VARIETY OF ARTS,
EXHIBITIONS, THEATER, POETRY READING,
LIVE MUSIC, AND DANCE PERFORMANCES
AS WELL AS MARKETPLACES, WORKSHOPS,
AND HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, BILINGUAL
GUIDED TOURS, AND COMMUNITY
CELEBRATIONS INCLUDING DAY OF THE
DEAD, FOR A TOTAL OF OVER 40 EVENTS
UNDERWAY ACROSS LANE COUNTY AND
WILL RUN FROM SEPTEMBER THROUGH
DECEMBER.

PLEASE JOIN ME IN CELEBRATING AND
PARTICIPATING IN THE EXTRAORDINARY

DIVERSE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF OUR
VIBRANT LATINX COMMUNITY HERE IN LANE
COUNTY.

THIRD AND FOURTH, THIS PAST WEEKEND
ALSO INCLUDED THE RECOGNITION OF THE
80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF
EUGENE'S BARBERSHOP HARMONY
SOCIETY.

YOU MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN WE HAVE ONE,
BUT INDEED WE HAVE FOR 80 YEARS.

AND THIS SOCIETY SUPPORTS BOTH VOCAL
MUSIC APPRECIATION AND MUSIC
EDUCATION IN OUR SCHOOLS THROUGH
MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS.

ON A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT NOTE, NEXT
WEEK, FROM SEPTEMBER 20 TO 26, WE WILL
RECOGNIZE IS.

YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN THERE WHEN THEY
CORRONATED THE QUEEN.

JOINS A STORIED LINEAGE OF OLD QUEENS
AND VERY OLD QUEENS SERVING OUR
COMMUNITY.

QUEEN SLUGSY AND MANY OF THOSE
QUEENS WILL BE WITH US AS WE

CELEBRATE THE BRIGHT PARADE LIGHTING UP DOWNTOWN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SLUG CELEBRATION WEEK.

AS WE ENJOY THE ABUNDANCE OF THE FOOD SHED, WE ALSO RECOGNIZE FOOD WASTE PREVENTION WEEK.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LANE COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AND THE WASTE REDUCTION TEAM.

NATIONWIDE, UP TO 35% OF FOOD IS WASTED, DESPITE BEING SAFE AND NUTRITIOUS AND READY TO BE EATEN AND NEEDED.

AND FOOD WASTE PREVENTION WEEK IS A NATIONWIDE EFFORT TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT FOOD WASTE AND HELP US TO NOT WASTE NEARLY SO MUCH OF IT.

FINALLY, AND THIS IS AN APPROPRIATE TRANSITION INTO OUR NEXT AGENDA ITEM, IN SEPTEMBER WE ARE ALSO CELEBRATING NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH.

AS MANY AS 63% OF AMERICANS SAY ALCOHOL OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE HAS IMPACTED THEIR LIVES, EITHER

PERSONALLY OR A LOVED ONE OR A FAMILY MEMBER.

AND THIS PAST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, I HAD THE HONOR OF ATTENDING OUR RECOVERY BARBECUE AT ACORN PARK FOR THE SECOND TIME AS YOUR MAYOR.

AND I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO RESTORED CONNECTIONS PEER CENTER AND ALL OF THE PROVIDERS WHO WERE PRESENT AT THAT BARBECUE AND WORKING TO HELP PEOPLE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY FEEL THE CONNECTION AND HAVE ACCESS TO THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO RECOVER FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER.

THE PROCLAMATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

THAT CONCLUDES OUR FIRST AGENDA ITEM.

OUR SECOND ITEM TONIGHT IS COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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

COUNCILOR KASHINSKY.

>> KASHINSKY: YES, THANK YOU.

ONE OF THE COMMITTEES THAT I SERVE ON AS THE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE IS THE EUGENE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION.

THE SUSTAIN ABILITY COMMISSION WRAPPED UP ITS PREVIOUS YEAR'S WORK PLAN RIGHT BEFORE WE WENT ON BREAK. WE'LL BE GETTING A REPORT A LITTLE BIT LATER ON ABOUT ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES AND THE GREAT WORK THAT THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION DID LAST YEAR.

BUT ONE THING I DID WANT TO HIGHLIGHT IS THAT SHORTLY BEFORE EITHER THE DAY BEFORE OR THE DAY AFTER OUR BREAK STARTED, WE RECEIVED A MEMO FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION REGARDING POLICIES TO REDUCE EMBEDDED CARBON IN EUGENE'S BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

I FOUND THIS MEMO TO BE VERY HELPFUL, VERY THOUGHTFUL, VERY WELL RESEARCHED.

I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT IT TO THE REST OF

YOU, SINCE WE WENT ON BREAK AND IT
MAY HAVE GOTTEN LOST IN THE SHUFFLE.
THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: COUNCILOR KEATING.

>> KEATING: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

I WANTED TO START MY COUNCIL UPDATE
AND ITEMS OF INTEREST BY THANKING U.S.
SENATOR RON WYDEN'S OFFICE FOR
ORGANIZING AND INSPIRING AND MOVING
PERSONAL TOUR OF THE U.S. CAPITAL.
MY WIFE AND I WERE THERE ON FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11, THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF
9/11.

THERE'S A BLACK AT THE CAPITOL THAT
READS, IN MEMORY OF THE FLIGHT AND
CREW OF UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 93,
WHOSE BRAVE SACRIFICE ON SEPTEMBER
11, 2001, NOT ONLY SAVED COUNTLESS
LIVES BUT MAY HAVE SAVED THE U.S.
CAPITOL FROM DESTRUCTION.

I WANT TO THANK THE ASSOCIATION OF
FLIGHT ATTENDANTS, CWA AND OTHERS
FOR HONORING THE PASSENGERS AND
CREW AND REMEMBERING THE HEROS OF

FLIGHT UA 175, FLIGHT 93, AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 11, AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 77.

MAY WE NEVER FORGET.

I WAS IN THE BALTIMORE AREA FOR AN ANNUAL SUMMIT.

I ATTENDED ENGAGING SESSIONS.

AND ONE, MAYOR, WAS ON THE TOPIC OF, WAIT FOR IT, DATA CENTERS.

AN EMERGING ISSUE I SUSPECT WE WILL HEAR A GREAT DEAL ABOUT TONIGHT.

JUST TO BE COMPLETELY TRANSPARENT FOR MY PART IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS PARTICULAR BREAKOUT SESSION ON DATA CENTERS, I PLAYED THIS.

THAT'S THE SOUND THAT'S BEING EMITTED BY A 30 MEGAWATT DATA CENTER IN A TOWN AROUND THE SIZE OF EUGENE IN MICHIGAN.

THAT'S RECORDED FROM A RESIDENCE'S FRONT PORCH.

I WANT TO THANK COUNCILOR ELIZA KASHINSKY, COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT, FOR SUBMITTING A WORK SESSION POLE ON THE TOPIC OF DATA CENTERS, A WORK SESSION

POLL I PROUDLY VOTED FOR, ON A TOPIC THAT I, LIKE A GREAT MANY RESIDENTS IN THIS ROOM, ARE KEENLY INTERESTED IN. THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORT.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: COUNCILOR GROVES.

>> GROVES: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS ABOUT SEPTEMBER 11 THIS YEAR.

THIS WAS OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY.

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT DAY, I THINK, FOR US TO REMEMBER HERE IN THIS COUNTRY.

THE DAY THAT IT OCCURRED, WE LOST SEVERAL THOUSAND LIVES, 443 OF THOSE WERE NEW YORK CITY FIREFIGHTERS WHO MET THE CALL AND RESPONDED TO THEIR LAST ALARM.

THIS LAST WEEK, ON SEPTEMBER 11, OUR LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS HELD THE ANNUAL STAIR CLIMB AT AUTZEN STADIUM WHERE THEY CLIMBED THE EQUIVALENT OF 110 STORIES.

AND THEY DO THAT EVERY YEAR TO

REMEMBER.

WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, I USED TO DO THAT
AS WELL AS A FIREFIGHTER.

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE REMEMBER.

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE RESPECT THE
LIVES THAT WERE LOST.

AND FEEL FOR THE FAMILIES THAT LOST
LOVED ONES.

I JUST WANT TO SHARE THAT LITTLE PIECE.

IT CERTAINLY IS SOMETHING I LIVE WITH
EACH YEAR AND THINK ABOUT.

I WAS A DEPUTY CHIEF OF OPERATIONS
FOR OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT WHEN THAT
EVENT OCCURRED.

WE HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS GOING ON.

WE JUST WENT TO AN IMMEDIATE
LOCKDOWN OF ALL FACILITIES.

ALL WE KNEW IS WE WERE UNDER ATTACK.

WE DIDN'T KNOW HOW FAR IT WAS GOING
TO REACH OR HOW WIDE.

I REMEMBER POLICE SHOWED UP AND KIND
OF CORDONED OFF THE 911 CENTER,

BECAUSE THE BEST WAY TO GET AT A
COMMUNITY IS THEIR COMMUNICATIONS.

AND WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT

WAS SET.

SO YOUR LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS HERE,
YOUR LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS, ALL WERE
TAKING ACTION ON THAT DAY.

AND FOR THE NEXT WEEKS TO COME, UNTIL
WE KNEW THE SITUATION WAS STABILIZED.

BUT OUR FIRST PRIORITY, OF COURSE, WAS
ALWAYS TO PROTECT THIS COMMUNITY.

SO WITH THAT SAID, I'LL LEAVE THAT
WHERE IT IS.

I KNOW WE'RE ALL CONCERNED ABOUT THE
DATA CENTERS.

WE ARE TRYING TO RESPOND TO THIS.

THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION THAT
CAME IN TO THE CITY OCCURRED RIGHT AS
WE WERE LEAVING ON COUNCIL BREAK.

SO THIS IS ACTUALLY OUR FIRST COUNCIL
MEETING SINCE MID JULY.

WE HAD A WORK SESSION LAST
WEDNESDAY, BUT THIS IS OUR FIRST
COUNCIL MEETING.

WE ARE GOING TO TAKE THIS ON.

I KNOW THAT THE PLACING QUESTION -- A
DATA CENTER WAS MENTIONED, WITH
ABOUT HALF A DOZEN OTHER USES.

IT'S SOMETHING THAT I TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY.

THAT'S IN MY WARD.

THE MILL CREEK ROAD, WHICH IS THE SHUTTERED HYNIX FACILITY.

I DON'T KNOW ANYONE UP HERE WHO IS COMFORTABLE WITH A DATA CENTER.

I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR MY COLLEAGUES.

BUT I THINK WE ALL HAVE CONCERNS, AND WE ARE GOING TO ADDRESS THIS.

BUT THERE'S A PROCESS TO DO THAT.

AND THAT'S IN OUR AGENDA NOW.

SO THANK YOU, MAYOR.

THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE.

AND, AGAIN, WE SHARE YOUR CONCERNS.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST IN COUNCIL?

I KNOW IT HAS BEEN A VERY BUSY BREAK.

AND ALSO WE HAVE A VERY FULL MEETING AHEAD OF US.

I WANT TO OFFER A FEW CLARIFYING POINTS.

ONE IS THAT WHEN MENTIONS THAT WE ARE GOING TO ADDRESS THIS, I BELIEVE

THE COUNCILOR IS REFERRING TO THE
WORK SESSION WE NOW HAVE SCHEDULED
IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

AND ALSO I THINK THERE COULD BE AN
OPPORTUNITY DEPENDING ON WHERE WE
END THIS EVENING WITH PUBLIC COMMENT
TO SHARE A LITTLE BIT MORE
INFORMATION.

BUT I WANT TO ADD MY APPRECIATION FOR
THE CLARITY OF THE COMMUNICATIONS
FROM OUR CITY REGARDING THE
DETERMINATION OF THE DATA CENTER USE
AS BEING NOT ALLOWED, THE HYNIX
FACILITY SITE, WHICH WAS THE QUESTION
THAT WE WERE ASKED.

AND ALSO SHARE WITH YOU ALL THAT AS
WE ARE GATHERING MORE INFORMATION
AND PREPARING FOR A WORK SESSION ON
THAT TOPIC, IT'S NOT TO SAY WE ARE
STUCK IN LIMBO UNTIL THAT TIME GIVEN
THAT THE USE IS NOT ALLOWED, AND THE
ANSWER TO THAT ZONE VERIFICATION.

SO MORE TO COME ON THAT FRONT.

VERY QUICKLY, A FEW OTHER THINGS WE
WOULD BE REMISS NOT TO SAY, BECAUSE

WE HAVE SOMEWHERE IN MANY TENS OF THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES AND KIDS WHO RETURNED TO SCHOOL THIS PAST WEEK. SO MY APPRECIATION AND MY THANKS TO ALL OF OUR KIDS AND FAMILIES AND TEACHERS AND STAFF IN BETHEL DISTRICT AND EUGENE DISTRICT 4 J.

EVERYONE WHO IS WORKING TO EDUCATE OUR STUDENTS AND THANK YOU FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SUMMER OF PROGRAMMING THAT ALSO SUPPORTS GREAT EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES AND PEOPLE BEING PREPARED TO COME BACK TO SCHOOL.

THANK YOU, COUNCILOR GROVES, FOR OFFERING THOSE THOUGHTS AND COUNCILOR KEATING ABOUT THE 9/11 AND 25TH ANNIVERSARY.

THERE WERE A LOT OF REASONS THAT THAT WAS, I THINK, A VERY HEAVY AND POIGNANT DAY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

THERE'S A LOT GOING ON RIGHT NOW THAT I THINK LEAVES PEOPLE FEELING AS THOUGH THEY ARE UNDER EXTREME PRESSURE.

AND THE TYPE OF GRIEF AND THE RELIVING OF THAT TRAGEDY ON THAT DAY, AND THEN ALL OF THE CONSIDERATIONS OF WHAT HAS SPRUNG SINCE, ALL OF THE LOSS, ALL OF THE OTHER LOSS THAT MAKES THAT DIFFICULT TO REMEMBER IN THE COMMUNITY.

MY DAUGHTERS WERE ASKING ME ABOUT IT, BECAUSE THEY WERE TOO YOUNG. THEY DON'T REMEMBER THAT EXPERIENCE. BUT I DO.

I WAS LIVING IN SAN FRANCISCO AT THE TIME, AND AS COUNCILOR GROVES ALLUDED TO, CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAD NO IDEA WITH MAJOR AIRPORTS WHAT WAS HAPPENING AT THAT MOMENT.

AND IT WAS AN EXTRAORDINARILY TERRIFYING AND HEART-RENDING EXPERIENCE ON THE GROUND, IN NEW YORK, AND AT THE PENTAGON, BUT IT WAS SCARY ACROSS OUR COUNTRY.

AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO THINK ABOUT WHAT WE DO WHEN WE FEEL AFRAID AND HOW WE DECIDE TO WALK INTO THE FUTURE WITH COURAGE AND WITH

COMPASSION.

AND REMEMBERING THAT ANNIVERSARY
AND THE LIVES LOST AND THE PEOPLE WHO
HAVE FELT SUCH LOSS IN THAT TIME IS AN
IMPORTANT PART OF THAT.

MANY OTHER EVENTS AND THINGS TO
APPRECIATE IN OUR COMMUNITY, BUT I
WILL LEAVE IT TO YOU ALL TO ALSO THINK
ABOUT HOW YOU CAN DO THAT AS OUR
NEIGHBORS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

AND WITH THAT, WE'LL END OUR SECOND
AGENDA ITEM AND MOVE ON TO OUR THIRD.

THE THIRD AGENDA ITEM ON TONIGHT'S
AGENDA IS CONSENT CALENDAR ONE,
INTERIM APPOINTMENT TO THE HUMAN
RIGHTS COMMISSION, APPROVAL OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL MINUTES AND THE
TENTATIVE AGENDA.

IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS FROM
COUNCIL, THEN I WILL TURN TO THE
COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO PUT A MOTION
FORWARD.

>> MOVE TO APPROVE ITEMS ON CONSENT
ITEM ONE.

>> ANY DISCUSSION?

SEEING NONE, I WILL NOW TAKE A VOTE.

PLEASE LOCK IN YOUR VOTES.

AND IT PASSES WITH A VOTE OF 7-0.

THANK YOU, COUNCILORS, AND THANK YOU
TO OUR NEW VOLUNTEER COMMISSIONER
ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

THANK YOU.

THAT CONCLUDES OUR THIRD AGENDA ITEM
THIS EVENING.

AND NOW WE ARE MOVING TO OUR LAST
AGENDA ITEM OF TONIGHT'S MEETING,
WHICH IS THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

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

THE SPEAKER SHOULD DIRECT THEIR
COMMENTS TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE
MAYOR, AND THE PERSON AT THE PODIUM
SHOULD BE THE PERSON WHOSE
COMMENTS WE ARE ABLE TO HEAR AND

THEY SHOULD BE THE ONLY PERSON
SPEAKING.

COULD YOU SHARE THE LIST AND THE
NUMBER OF THE PEOPLE WE HAVE SIGNED
UP?

>> WE HAVE 72 SPEAKERS SIGNED UP.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: 72 SPEAKERS.

THANK YOU, STAFF.

AS A REMINDER TO ALL HERE TONIGHT,
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD WILL BE LIMITED
TO 90 MINUTES OR CONCLUDE BY 10:00 P.M.,
OR JUST BEFORE, WHICHEVER OCCURS
FIRST.

WE ENCOURAGE SPEAKERS TO CONSIDER
ABBREVIATING REMARKS TO ALLOW THE
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SPEAKERS TO BE
HEARD.

AND WITH THAT, I WILL ALSO ADD THAT AS I
AM MENTIONING CONCLUDING JUST
BEFORE 10:00, THIS IS BECAUSE I WANT TO
LEAVE OPEN THE OPTION FOR THE COUNCIL
TO RESPOND TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

STAFF, WILL YOU PLEASE ANNOUNCE THE
FIRST SPEAKERS?

>> YES.

I WILL ANNOUNCE TWO SPEAKERS' NAMES
AT A TIME.

PLEASE MENTION YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
OR WARD IF KNOWN.

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

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

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

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

YOU WILL HAVE 2:30 TO SPEAK.

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

YOUR MICROPHONE WILL BE MUTED AT THE
2:30 MARK.

AND PLEASE NOTE THAT USE OF PROFANITY
IS NOT PERMITTED.

OUR FIRST SPEAKERS TONIGHT ARE RALPH

MCDONALD, FOLLOWED BY JENSINE
HAWKINS.

>> GOOD EVENING.

COUNCILORS, MAYOR, CITY MANAGER,
RALPH MCDONALD, RESIDENT OF FORMER
LONG SERVING COUNCILOR BETTY TAYLOR
AND CURRENTLY IN WARD 2.

I AM HERE TONIGHT AS CO-CHAIR
REPRESENTING THE SOUTHWEST HILLS
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, 3400
HOUSEHOLDS REPRESENTING SOME 5,000
CITY OF EUGENE RESIDENTS.

ON JULY 21, 2026, SHEENA ADOPTED A
RESOLUTION ON THE RESTRICTION OF DATA
CENTERS IN EUGENE.

I'M GOING TO LEAVE THE FULL TEXT OF
THAT RESOLUTION HERE FOR DISTRIBUTION
AND JUST MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS
FROM IT.

FROM THE RESOLUTION, WHEREAS SHEENA
FINDS NEED FOR TARGETED UTILITY RATE
STRUCTURES TO PREVENT COST SHIFTS TO
RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS, AND WHEREAS
COMMUNITIES NOTE NEGATIVE

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF DATA CENTERS REGARDING WATER, AIR, NOISE, AMBIENT, E.F. POLLUTION, AND CLIMATE DETRIMENT, THEREFORE SHEENA RESOLVES THAT THE CITY ALLOW NO HYPER SCALE DATA CENTER THAT COUNTERS CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED CAP 2.0 CLIMATE ORDINANCE.

AND ALSO THAT THE CITY SHOULD REQUIRE REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF ANY LARGE DATA CENTER PROJECT PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE SHEENA BOARD JULY 21, 2026, UNANIMOUSLY.

WE APPLAUD THE CITY DECISION RESTRICTING PERMITTING AT THE HYNIX FACILITY, BUT NOT RELYING ON IF AND WHEN THERE'S A STATEWIDE MORATORIUM ENACTED, WE WOULD ASK FOLKS HERE TO RAISE THEIR HANDS TO SUPPORT A MORATORIUM -- A ROBUST, LOCAL MORATORIUM ON HYPER SCALE DATA CENTERS.

SO THOSE PRESENT HERE, IF YOU SUPPORT THAT, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND FOR THE COUNCIL.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, COUNCIL.

>> THANK YOU, RALPH.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE JENSIGNE
HAWKINS FOLLOWED BY THEA.

>> GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL AND CITY
MANAGER.

THIS NOTE WAS DRAFTED AND VOTED ON
BY OUR BOARD PRIOR TO THE CITY
DENYING THE ZONING APPLICATION FOR
THE DATA CENTER AT THE HYNIX LOCATION.
HOWEVER, CHURCHILL AREA NEIGHBORS
APPRECIATE OUR WORKING RELATIONSHIP
WITH OUR WARD 8 COUNCILOR RANDY
GROVES.

WE ARE MONITORING THE APPLICATION
FOR THE DATA CENTER LAND USAGE AT
1830 WILLOW CREEK CIRCLE THAT LIES
WITHIN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOUNDARIES.

WE HAVE HEARD CONCERNS EXPRESSED
BY MANY PEOPLE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD
REGARDING THE POTENTIAL NEGATIVE

IMPACTS OF A DATA CENTER.

CONCERNS INCLUDE EXCESSIVE ENERGY AND WATER USAGE, IMPACTS TO HEALTH CONCERNS THAT ARISE FROM LIVING NEAR A DATA CENTER.

CHURCHILL AREA NEIGHBORS EXPECT COMPLETE TRANSPARENCY FROM THE CITY REGARDING THE APPLICATION PROCESS, APPLICANT, AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS.

AND I'LL GIVE KUDOS TO MY NEXT DOOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION SHEENA FOR BEING WAY MORE PREPARED THAN WE WERE.

>> THANK YOU.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE THEA FOLLOWED BY DANNY ESPINOSA.

>> I'M HERE TO ADDRESS THE FOOLISH NOTION OF REGULATING THESE COMPANIES THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WITH DATA CENTERS.

THERE IS NO REGULATING A MEGACORPORATION LIKE AMAZON OR THE

OTHERS THAT ARE BUILDING THESE HYPER SCALE DATA CENTERS.

THEY DO WHAT THEY WANT, BUY OFF POLITICIANS TO CREATE RULES THAT WORK FOR THEM, AND BREAK THE RULES THAT DON'T BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEY CAN TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES.

IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, LET'S LOOK AT SOME EXAMPLES.

IN TEXAS, FEWER THAN 30% OF DATA CENTER FACILITIES RESPONDED TO A STATE-MANDATED INQUIRY INTO WATER USAGE, AND LESS THAN HALF RESPONDED TO INQUIRIES ABOUT POWER USAGE, WHICH COULD RESULT IN THEM FACING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS.

MUSK'S XAI FACILITY HAS CONTINUED TO FILL ITS DATA CENTERS WITH 27 UNPERMITTED GAS GENERATORS DESPITE A RECENT E. PARULING THAT DOING SO REQUIRES A PERMIT IN ADVANCE.

IN NEW JERSEY, THERE WERE DOZENS OF UNPERMITTED GAS GENERATORS AND UNPERMITTED CONSTRUCTION.

MANY DATA CENTERS LIKE THE ONE IN NEW

JERSEY SEEK TO BUILD THEIR OWN POWER
PLAYS WHICH THEY TRY TO PASS OFF AS
HELPFUL TO COMMUNITIES WHO ARE
SUFFERING UNDER THE WEIGHT OF
CLIMATE COLLAPSE.

THE REGULATIONS THEY WOULD HAVE TO
PASS MEAN FOR THE CITY IS IT THE STATE
MEAN NOTHING IF THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT
THE CONSEQUENCES AND IF THE FEES ARE
JUST THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS.

WE KNOW THESE COMPANIES WILL
DISREGARD REGULATIONS BECAUSE THEY
HAVE DONE IT CONSISTENTLY IN THE PAST
AND THE PUNISHMENTS THEY FACE ARE
LITTLE MORE THAN A SLAP ON THE WRIST.
THEY PAY THE FEE AND CONTINUE
PROFITING WHILE THE DAMAGE IS DONE TO
OUR CITY, ENVIRONMENT, AND OUR
HEALTH.

DO NOT GAMBLE OUR LIVES ON THE WORDS
OF KNOWN LIARS.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, THEA.

OUR NEXT

[SPEAKING IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

-- OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE DANNY.

>> HELLO, I'M DANNY ESSPINOSA.

I LIVE IN WEST EUGENE.

I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT AI DATA CENTERS
BEING BUILT IN OREGON.

AS FAR AS THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE
CONTROL OVER, OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT
IS WHAT WE HAVE THE MOST IMPACT ON.

SO TO PREVENT BEING REDUNDANT, I'LL
KEEP IT SHORT WITH THE AI IS AN INSULT
TO MY GENERATION, TO OUR FREEDOMS.

NO ONE WANTS ONE.

NO ONE ASKED FOR ONE.

I DON'T ASK FOR ONE, BUT WE'RE GOING TO
HAVE TO LIVE WITH IT.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE ANTHROPIC
EMPLOYEE WHO SAID THAT AI COULD
DESTROY OUR WORLD IN THE NEXT
DECADE.

THANK YOU.

GOOD NIGHT.

>> THANK YOU, DANI.

>> GOOD EVENING.

MY NAME IS ANDREW.

I'M A RESIDENT IN WARD 7.

I'M HERE TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY TO
SUPPORT A MEMORANDUM ON DATA
CENTERS AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT IN
EUGENE.

I'M ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE USE OF
NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS IN MANY OF
THESE DEALINGS WITH OTHER
COMMUNITIES THAT HAPPEN WITH DATA
CENTERS.

PUBLIC BUSINESS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED
IN PUBLIC, AND BELIEVE WE SHOULD ALSO
BE LOOKING AT NONDISCLOSURE
AGREEMENTS, SPECIFICALLY NOT JUST FOR
DATA CENTERS BUT FOR OTHER
INDUSTRIES AND OTHER LAND USE TYPES
AND OTHER, YOU KNOW, SIGNIFICANT
DECISIONS.

WE KNOW THAT THE DATA CENTERS ARE
NOT COMPATIBLE WITH E-1 ZONING.

AND TO FURTHER PROTECT THE
COMMUNITY, WE DO NEED A MEMORANDUM
ON DATA CENTERS.

THEY CONSUME A LOT OF ELECTRICITY.

I HAVE BEEN WORKING IN THE IT INDUSTRY
FOR A COUPLE OF DECADES NOW, AND I
HAVE WORKED AT SMALL SCALE DATA
CENTERS FOR MANAGED SERVICE
PROVIDERS WHERE MANY BUSINESSES,
YOU KNOW, RENT A DATA CENTER AND GET
THE COOLING AND THE MONITORING AND
THINGS LIKE THAT.

I CAN TELL YOU THAT THEY USE AN
IMMENSE AMOUNT OF ELECTRICITY, AND I
HAVE A LOT OF CONCERNS FOR THE
COMMUNITY.

AND AS A RATE PAYER AND A MEMBER OF A
RURAL WATER DISTRICT, WE PURCHASE
OUR WATER THROUGH EWEB.

SO I'M VERY MUCH CONCERNED.

AND HOPE THAT WE CAN WORK TOWARDS A
MEMORANDUM AND BANNING OF
NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, ANDREW.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE DARWIN DENNY
FOLLOWED BY NATE RHODES.

>> I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT 90 MINUTES
DOES A SERVICE TO THIS COMMUNITY.
THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY MORE PEOPLE WHO
WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK THAN 90 MINUTES.
BUT WILL SAY THAT WILLOW CREEK
SHOULD BE A MAJOR WAKE-UP CALL FOR
ALL OF US IN EUGENE.

WE NEED THE CITY COUNCIL ON RECORD
WITH THEIR VOTES YES OR NO TOWARD
DATA CENTERS.

I CAN CONFIDENTLY SAY THAT THERE IS NO
COMMUNITY TRUST THAT A DECISION LIKE
THIS WILL BE A FAIR AND DEMOCRATIC
PROCESS WHERE WE WILL HAVE ANY SAY
OVER MULTIMILLION DOLLAR COMPANIES
THAT WANT TO MOVE INTO OUR
COMMUNITIES AND USE OUR RESOURCES.
I DEMAND THAT NO CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
OR ELECTED OFFICIAL BE ALLOWED TO
SIGN ANY NDA'S.

NOT BEING ABLE TO DISCUSS THE TERMS

WITH THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE
DISQUALIFYING FOR ANYONE IN PUBLIC
OFFICE.

I ASK THE CITY OF EUGENE TO BLOCK ANY
AND ALL FUTURE DATA CENTER PROJECTS
ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC LAND, AND I ASK
THE CITY TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE
COUNTY AND THE UTILITY SUPPLIERS TO DO
THE SAME.

JUST TO SPEAK TO THE ENERGY USAGE OF
DATA CENTERS IN THIS STATE ALONE,
CURRENTLY AT ESTIMATED THE CAPACITY
IS 5,400 MEGAWATTS ALONG WITH
CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION DATA
CENTER PROJECTS BRINGING THAT LEVEL
UP TO 7,800 MEGAWATTS.

NOW THOSE NUMBERS MAY SOUND
ABSTRACT, BUT THAT CAPACITY IS THE
SAME AS 4 MILLION HOMES.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

>> THANK YOU, DARWIN.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE NATE RHODES
FOLLOWED BY MICHAEL CRATER.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: I'LL JUST REMIND OUR

AUDIENCE, SILENT SUPPORT.

WE CAN SEE THAT, AND IT IS VERY CLEAR
TO US.

THANK YOU.

>> GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME THIS EVENING.

I'M HERE LIKE MANY TO TELL YOU I DON'T
WANT AN A.I. OR HYPERSONIC DATA
CENTER IN EUGENE.

YOU SHOULDN'T WANT AN A.I. OR
HYPERSONIC DATA CENTER EITHER.

I KNOW THAT YOUR NAME IS GOING TO BE
ON THE BALLOT SOON, MIKE CLARK.

IT WOULD BE IN YOUR BEST INTEREST TO
BE TOUGH ON DATA CENTER REGULATIONS.
WE'RE COMPLETELY AGAINST LARGE SCALE
DATA CENTERS.

BECAUSE ACCORDING TO NPR, THERE ARE
ONLY TWO THINGS REPUBLICANS AND
DEMOCRATS BOTH AGREE ON.

ONE, DOLLY PARTON WAS A SAINT.

AND, TWO, ACCORDING TO NPR, THE
MAJORITY OF REPUBLICANS AND
DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OPPOSE DATA

CENTERS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

I KNOW TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU WANT EUGENE TO THRIVE AND GROW, BUT THIS WON'T DO IT.

IT WON'T PROVIDE NEW JOBS TO ANYONE, AND IT WILL BE COSTLY TO THE TAXPAYER. ACCORDING TO A BROOKINGS STUDY, AND I QUOTE, DATA CENTERS ARE AMONG THE LEAST LABOR INTENSIVE STRUCTURES IN THIS ECONOMY.

FOR INSTANCE, LARGE DATA CENTER PROJECTS OFTEN PROMISE ONLY A DOZEN PERMANENT WORKERS, WHILE THE ASSOCIATED CONSTRUCTION JOBS ARE TEMPORARY, AND THE TAX INCENTIVES ARE COSTLY.

IN VIRGINIA ALONE, THE DATA CENTER SALES TAX EXEMPTION COST AN ESTIMATED \$1.6 BILLION IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

LARGE DATA CENTERS DO NOT PROVIDE ENOUGH JOBS TO WARRANT THE SACRIFICE OF OUR TAX MONEY, OUR ENVIRONMENT, AND FRANKLY, COUNCILORS, YOUR JOBS. LOOK, I'M JUST A TIRED OFFICE GRUNT AND

YOU GUYS ARE JUST TIRED CIVIL SERVANTS
WEIRDLY, YOU'RE MORE IMPORTANT THAN
ME, YET SOMEHOW I'M YOUR BOSS.

I PAY YOU TO DO YOUR JOB, AND
SOMETIMES I HAVE TO PAY TO PARK IN
ORDER TO TALK TO YOU.

AS ONE OF YOUR MANY BOSSES, I AM
TELLING YOU, JUST SAY NO TO LARGE
SCALE DATA CENTERS.

THERE WILL BE LESS WORK IN IT FOR YOU,
AND I WON'T HAVE TO COME BACK HERE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

AND, AGAIN, NO LARGE SCALE DATA
CENTERS IN EUGENE.

AND MIKE CLARK, WE'LL SEE YOU IN THE
BALLOTS.

>> THANK YOU.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER ARES MICHAEL
CRATER FOLLOWED BY FLORA BOOKER.

IS THERE A MICHAEL CRATER IN THE ROOM?
ALL RIGHT.

I WILL CALL FOR MICHAEL ONE MORE TIME.
BUT OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE FLORA

BOOKER.

NO FLORA BOOKER?

MARY CALHOUN.

OH, WE GOT ONE.

ARE YOU FLORA?

FANTASTIC.

>> HI THERE.

THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING THIS SPACE
FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, AND THANK YOU
ALL FOR SHOWING UP.

I'M FLORA BOOKER, WORKING IN ECOLOGY
AND WILDFIRE RESILIENCE.

I'M HERE TO ENCOURAGE THE CITY TO
ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON DATA
CENTERS WHICH POSE EXTREME RISK TO
THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

THE DATA CENTERS NOTORIOUSLY
CONTRIBUTE TO EXPENSIVE ENERGY
COSTS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND AIR
POLLUTION.

ONE OF MY BIGGEST CONCERNS AS A
BIOLOGIST IS THE EFFECTS OF DATA
CENTERS ON THE BASIS OF ALL LIFE.
WATER.

AS WE ARE ALL AWARE, DATA CENTERS
PULL EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS OF WATER TO
COOL THEIR SERVERS.

MOST OF THE WATER USED FOR THIS
PURPOSE IS CLEAN DRINKING WATER
THAT'S PULLED DIRECTLY FROM
SURROUNDING WATERSHED.

ONE DATA CENTER TYPICALLY USES
AROUND 110 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER
PER YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE
ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY STUDY
INSTITUTE.

ACCORDING TO EWEB'S PUBLIC ACCESS
DATA, THAT'S EQUIVALENT TO OVER 1,000
EUGENE SINGLE FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS USE
FOR BASIC NECESSITIES IN A YEAR.

DATA CENTERS DON'T JUST USE EXCESSIVE
AMOUNTS OF FRESH WATER.

THEY ALSO CONTAMINATE THE
WATERSHEDS ESSENTIAL TO OUR SURVIVE.

THE DATA CENTERS HAVE ONLY BEEN
AROUND FOR A FEW DECADES BUT HAVE
ALREADY BEEN FOUND LINKED TO
POLLUTANTS AS WELL AS INCREASED
WATER TEMPERATURES WITHIN THE

WATERWAYS THAT EVERYTHING FROM
SALMON TO HUMANS AND ALL OTHER LIFE
WITHIN OUR ECOSYSTEMS RELY ON.

THE SCIENCE IS VERY CLEAR.

DATA CENTERS POLLUTE WATERWAYS AND
ENDANGER COMMUNITY HEALTH.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PROTECTING THE
WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS BY
REJECTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF HYPER
SCALE OR A.I. DATA CENTERS IN EUGENE
AND EVERYWHERE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, FLORA.

ONE LAST CALL FOR MICHAEL.

I'M GOING TO SEE IF MICHAEL

CARTER -- PERHAPS WE HAD A TYPO.

OK.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE MARY CALHOUN
FOLLOWED BY JIM MIM.

>> HELLO.

I'M MARY CALHOUN.

I HAVE NEVER DONE ONE OF THESE THINGS
SO BEAR WITH ME.

I AM FROM THE BETHEL AREA.

I JUST WANTED TO ADD MY VOICE AND
ABJECT OPPOSITION TO A.I. DATA CENTERS.

SOME OF THE OTHER PREPARED VOICES
CAN GIVE YOU MANY REASONS AS TO WHY.

I JUST WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY
COMMUNITY AND SAY THAT WE ARE ALL
VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS, AND VERY
VIGILANT ABOUT THIS, AND ANY SORT OF
LIKE UNDERHANDEDNESS WILL NOT BE
TOLERATED.

WE ARE VERY OBSERVANT.

WE ARE VERY ATTENTIVE.

AND WE WILL FIGHT BACK ON THIS WITH
EVERY POSSIBLE THING WE CAN POSSIBLY
DO.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND THANK
YOU TO MY COMMUNITY.

>> THANK YOU, MARY.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE JIM NEW
FOLLOWED BY JOHN BRIDGES.

>> THANK YOU FOR CATCHING THAT.

MY NAME IS JIM NEW.

WARD 7.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER AND STAFF, ASIDE FROM THE OBVIOUS CONCERNS WITH DATA CENTERS, SEVERAL OTHER ASPECTS MUST BE CONSIDERED IN MAKING DECISIONS ON THE TECHNOLOGY'S FUTURE HERE IN EUGENE.

MOST RECENTLY DISCUSSED PRIMARY CONCERN IS SELF IMPROVEMENT, WHICH IS WHERE A.I. ITSELF IMPROVES THE PROCESS OF BUILDING NEW MODELS WITHOUT HUMAN CONTROL, LEADING TO THE THREAT OF HUMAN.

IT'S AN UNSUSTAINABLE PROCESS WHERE REQUESTED A.I. DATA STORED GENERATES THE NEED FOR REQUIRING MORE DATA AND STORAGE THAT GROWS WITH EVERY DEMAND.

THE GROWTH OF MEMORY REQUIRES HARDWARE THAT USES 7 SCOPE GASES IN THEIR CLEANING PROCESS THAT EMIT HIGH GLOBAL WARMING EMISSIONS.

THE MORE DATA REQUIRED, THE MORE GREENHOUSE GAS IS EMITTED.

A DATA CENTER CAN USE COPIOUS

AMOUNTS OF WATER FOR COOLING, STRESSING MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLIES BUT ALSO CREATING A MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF WASTEWATER THAT THE EUGENE WASTE MANAGEMENT'S DISTRICT FACILITY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO TREAT READILY. DATA CENTER WASTE WATER DISCHARGE IMPACTS ARE FROM HEAT LOADING, INCREASED VOLUME, ADDING FURTHER TREATMENT PROCESSES AT THE MUNICIPAL PLANT REQUIRING MORE INFRASTRUCTURE AND COSTS.

ANOTHER CONCERN IS THE SITE ITSELF. IT WAS A SEMICONDUCTOR DYNAMIC RANDOM ACCESS CHIP MANUFACTURING PLANT FROM 1997 THROUGH 2008, WHICH USED MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF PHOSSIVE FUELS, TOXIVE GASES, ACIDS, AND PFAS CONTAMINANTS IN THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS, MAKING THE FACILITY AS POSSIBLE A SUPER FUN SITE.

ANY TENANT WOULD HAVE TO ADDRESS AND MITIGATE ANY ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION FOUND AT THE PLANT.

I URGE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO WEIGH

THESE CONCERNS WHEN FORM OUTING A
FUTURE DECISION WHEN ALLOWING DATA
CENTERS OF ANY TYPE IN THE CITY OF
EUGENE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> THANK YOU, JIM.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE JOHN BRIDGES
FOLLOWED BY NASHEEN SCOTT.

I WILL CALL FOR JOHN BRIDGES ONE LAST
TIME.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS NASHEEN.

ARE YOU JOHN?

FANTASTIC.

>> ALL RIGHT.

THANK YOU.

I AM WOEFULLY UNPREPARED FOR THIS,
BUT HERE I AM TO SPEAK TO YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

THIS A.I. BUBBLE HAS ALREADY POPPED.

GOOGLE HAS HAD THEIR FIRST EARNINGS
REPORT TURN UP NEGATIVE.

THE A.I. VISIONARIES OF OUR TIME ARE

ALREADY CALLING FOR A PAUSE IN ITS DEVELOPMENT.

THE THESIS OF WHAT I'M TRYING TO EXPRESS TO YOU IS THAT THIS IS NOT FOR US.

YET THE HYPER SCALING CONTINUES.

WHILE DATA CENTERS CONTINUE AND HAVE AN UNNECESSARY -- EXCUSE ME.

WHILE DATA CENTERS HAVE BEEN A NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR MODERN INTERNET, WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT NOW IS VERY DIFFERENT.

IT'S REPORTED TO REQUIRE UNFATHOMABLE AMOUNTS OF DATA TO BE SMARTER.

THE WORLD IS RUNNING OUT OF DATA TO MAKE THESE SMARTER MODELS.

HOWEVER, TO FEED ALL OF THESE DATA CENTERS WITH ALL OF THE DATA THAT WE CAN -- WE KEEP SHOVELLING INTO THIS THING, IT IS A BIG BUSINESS.

CONTINUES TO TAKE THE DATA THAT THEY ALREADY HAVE MONETIZED.

WE ARE ALL FAMILIAR WITH SURGE PRICING AND THEIR -- SORRY.

I WILL TRY TO KEEP ON POINT.

LIKE I SAID, WOEFULLY UNPREPARED.

TO CUT TO THE CHASE, THIS DATA THAT IS BEING COLLECTED IN PRETTY MUCH ALL OF OUR WAKING MOMENTS, EITHER THROUGH OUR PHONES OR THROUGH FLOCK CAMERAS THAT WE ALL LIKE SO MUCH, THESE ARE BEING USED TO -- THIS INFORMATION, THEY HAVE ALREADY GOT THEIR GOLDEN GOOSE.

IT IS IN SURVEILLANCE.

THEY ALREADY -- EXCUSE ME.

I AM JUST SPEAKING ALL OVER MYSELF AT THIS POINT.

LOOKING AT THAT TIME.

WE HAVE MANY OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THAT WE SHOULD BE SPENDING OUR MONEY ON.

THIS INFRASTRUCTURE IS NOT FOR US.

IT IS TO MAINTAIN -- THERE IS NOT GOING TO BE BETTER JOBS.

THERE IS NOT GOING TO BE SOME GOD IN A JAR THAT'S GOING TO SOLVE ALL OF OUR PROBLEMS.

IT IS JUST GOING TO EXTEND A WALLED

GARDEN THAT THEY ARE CREATING FOR THEMSELVES.

IT'S NOT FOR US AND IT'S NOT FOR YOU EITHER, BECAUSE EVENTUALLY THEY WILL CLOSE THE GATES.

>> THANK YOU, JOHN.

ONE REMINDER TO THE CROWD.

ANYONE WHO SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, IF YOU'RE CALLED AS THE NEXT PERSON, THERE'S A SEAT IN THE FRONT ROW DESIGNATED FOR YOU.

JUST HELPS KEEP THE FLOW REALLY SMOOTH.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE NASHEEN SCOTT FOLLOWED BY LISA **LEBSON**.

>> MY NAME IS NASHAY SCOTT.

I DIDN'T COME HERE TO SHARE MORE FACTS.

PLENTY OF PEOPLE CAN SHARE THAT WITH YOU.

I CAME HERE AS A STEWARD OF THE LAND, AS AN AFRO INDIGENOUS PERSON, AND AS SOMEONE WHO REPRESENTS MANY

STEWARDS OF THE LAND ACROSS THIS
COMMUNITY.

I'M NOT FROM EUGENE COUNTY.

I CAME HERE FROM BONITA COUNTY.

BUT THIS LAND HAS HELPED ME FOR FOUR
YEARS SINCE I CAME HERE FROM
CALIFORNIA.

I AM HERE ADVOCATE FOR THE LAND.

I AM HERE ADVOCATE FOR THE NATURAL
WORLD.

I AM HERE ADVOCATE FOR THE WATERS.

WATER IS LIFE.

WATER IS SACRED.

FIRST AND FOREMOST, IT SHOULD BE
TREATED AS LIVING INTELLIGENCE THAT IS
MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANY ONE OF US
BECAUSE WE ARE ONE MOLECULE OF WHAT
SHE IS.

SO I AM HERE TO SAY THAT IT'S ALL OF OUR
DUTY TO PROTECT HER.

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE SPIRITUAL.

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE A
REPUBLICAN.

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE A
DEMOCRAT.

IT MATTERS THAT YOU ARE A PERSON AND
A LIVING BEING, AND WE CAN'T SURVIVE
WITHOUT HER.

WE SHOULD ALL TREAT THIS LAND AS OUR
HOME, AND US ALL AS NATURE.

WE ARE ALL NATURE.

WE ARE NOT SEPARATE FROM HER.

AND WE HAVE A DUTY AS SPEAKERS, AS
TWO-LEGGED PEOPLE, ADVOCATE FOR
THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK.

FOR ALL OF THE ANIMAL AND THE WILDLIFE
THAT IS ALREADY SUFFERING BECAUSE OF
US.

I'M HERE AS A GRIEF TENDER.

AS SOMEONE WHO IS CONSISTENTLY
PICKING UP THE ANIMALS ON THE SIDE OF
THE ROAD WHO HAVE BEEN HIT.

I'M THE ONE WHO WATCHES IT HAPPEN, AND
NOBODY STOPS.

AND I'M HERE TO BURY THEM AND TO SPEAK
FOR THEM.

WATER IS LIFE.

THANK YOU FOR HEARING US ALL.

THANK YOU FOR EVERY PERSON THAT HAS
SHOWN UP.

THANK YOU FOR EVERY PERSON THAT IS
WORKING AND NOT ABLE TO COME TODAY
BUT WANTED TO.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE LISA LEBSON
FOLLOWED BY ROBIN BLOOMGARDEN.

>> GOOD EVENING.

MAYOR, COUNCILORS, CITY MANAGER.

I AM A BOARD PRESIDENT OF NEIGHBORS
FITTING NEIGHBORS.

AND NOT THAT I'M IN FAVOR OF THE WHOLE
DATA CENTER THING EITHER, BUT I'M GOING
TO SWITCH TOPICS AND TALK ABOUT
SERVING FOOD INSECURE AND HUNGRY
PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WE HAVE BEEN SERVING AS EUGENE
CATHOLIC WORKERS AND NEIGHBORS
FEEDING NEIGHBORS FOR 24 YEARS.

THE NUMBERS OF HOMELESSNESS AND
FOOD INSECURE PEOPLE IN OUR
COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO GROW WITH
FEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE.

WE SERVE WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY.

BREAKFAST TO LUNCH, FULL BEVERAGE MENU.

WE HOST A FREE MEDICAL CLINIC SATURDAY, AND WE SERVE EVERY DAY THAT THE DINING ROOM IS CLOSED BECAUSE THERE IS NO OTHER FOOD DOWNTOWN FOR OUR HUNGRY PEOPLE. IN THE LAST THREE YEARS, IN 2024, WE SERVED 38,764 MEALS.

IN 2025, WE SERVED 52, 489 MEALS.

WE ARE PROJECTED TO SERVE 70,000 MEALS, AND WE NOW HAVE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IN OUR SERVICE LINES.

WE TAKE NO MONEY FROM THE CITY OR THE COUNTY OR THE STATE.

WE PROVIDE WITH PRIVATE DONATIONS ALL OF THE FOOD AND SUPPLIES THAT WE CANNOT ACCESS.

WE CONTINUE TO HAVE -- WE HAVE A FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT TO SERVE UNDER FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND FREEDOM OF RELIGION.

WE ARE A FAITH-BASED GROUP.

WE CONTINUE TO HAVE E. PPD IN THE PARK
GETTING A TICKET FOR SMOKING
CIGARETTES.

ONE WOMAN GOT A TICKET FOR LITTERING
BECAUSE SHE PICKED UP PEBBLES AND
MADE A SHRINE UNDER THE TREE WHERE
HER FRIEND HAD DIED.

I THINK THAT WE NEED TO HAVE A
CONVERSATION ABOUT COMMUNITY
POLICING AND ABOUT THE
APPROPRIATENESS OF THAT.

WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE AFRAID TO
COME FOR MEALS BECAUSE THEY DON'T
WANT TO BE ARRESTED.

SO I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CONTINUED
CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW WE CAN TAKE
CARE OF OUR MOST FRAGILE CITIZENS AND
KEEP OUR CITY SAFE AT THE SAME TIME
BECAUSE I KNOW SOMETIMES THE POLICE
ARE DOING US A SOLID AND TAKING CARE
OF THINGS THAT WE NEED HELP US.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, LISA.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE ROBIN
BLOOMGARDEN FOLLOWED BY BELLA DEE.

>> OK.

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL, MY NAME IS ROBIN
BLOOMGARDEN.

I'M IN WARD 8.

YOU ALL MAY HAVE DODGED A BULLET THIS
WEEK REGARDING RULINGS AGAINST THE
HYNIX PLANT, BUT HYPER SCALE DATA
CENTERS WILL KEEP COMING.

YOU NEED TO BE READY.

THE RAPID EXPANSION OF THESE LARGE
LOAD FACILITIES WILL NECESSITATE PUBLIC
INVESTMENT IN GRID INFRASTRUCTURE,
ELECTRIC SUBSTATION UPGRADES, AND
WATER TREATMENT CAPACITY.

EWEB MAY OR MAY NOT BE ABLE TO
ACCOMMODATE THE EXPANDED LEVELS OF
WATER, ELECTRICITY, AND WASTE WATER
PROCESSING BY ANY LARGE DATA
CENTERS COMING ONBOARD, ESPECIALLY
AS DROUGHT AND CLIMATE CHANGE
CONTINUE TO STRESS OREGON, DESPITE
WHAT EWEB HAS TO SAY ABOUT THEIR

CAPACITIES.

THERE WILL BE LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS IF THE CITY AND EWEB CANNOT PROVIDE THE LEVELS OF INFRASTRUCTURE GUARANTEED LONG-TERM IN DATA CENTER CONTRACTS. IN THAT CASE, WHO WILL BE LIABLE?

WILL THIS BE ONE MORE LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGAL MORASS TO DEAL WITH?

FIRST, I SUGGEST THAT THE CITY NEVER WORKS WITH ANY COMPANY DEMANDING AN NDA IN ORDER TO DO BUSINESS.

IT'S VERY UN-DEMOCRATIC.

SECOND, EUGENE SOME ENACT A PERMANENT BAN OR A THREE-YEAR MORATORIUM AGAINST DATA CENTERS COMING INTO OUR CITY.

AND THIRD, THE CITY OF EUGENE MUST CREATE RULES NOW THAT WILL HELP TO CLEARLY DELINEATE WHAT WE EXPECT FROM ANY LARGE NEW ENERGY INTENSIVE USES IN THE E-1 AND OTHER MIXED USE AND INDUSTRIAL ZONING BEFORE YOU MAKE ANY HUGE, UNPREPARED MISTAKES. DO IT NOW, NOT LATER.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, ROBIN.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE BELLA DEE
FOLLOWED BY SARAH ROBY.

>> HI, MY NAME IS BELLA DEE.

I'M IN WARD 1.

I ALSO WANT TO SEE EPDA OUT OF
WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON WHEN
NEIGHBORS ARE FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS.
HOWEVER, WHAT I CAME TO TALK ABOUT
WAS THE DATA CENTERS.

THERE IS A CONSISTENT NARRATIVE THAT
DATA CENTERS ARE NECESSARY.

THEY ARE INEVITABLE.

BUT OF COURSE WE NEED SOMEWHERE TO
STORE OUR CLOUD DATA.

WE NEED A GENERATED A.I. RESPONSE TO
EVERY SINGLE SEARCH ON GOOGLE.

BUT WE DON'T NEED ANY OF THAT.

WE NEED CLEAN WATER.

UNPOLLUTED AIR AND SOIL.

WE NEED TO STOP LAYING CONCRETE
OVER OUR WETLANDS.

CITY COUNCIL CLAIMS TO EQUALLY
PRIORITIZE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY,
SOCIAL EQUITY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH.

IF THAT WERE TRUE, WHY DID YOU LET
AMAZON BUILD OVER OUR WETLANDS?
I'M REALLY TIRED OF PEOPLE THINKING
THEY CAN ENGINEER THE WORLD.

YOU CAN'T SAY YOU CARE ABOUT
COMMUNITY OR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
WHILE ALSO PUSHING THROUGH
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THERE WAS A LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT AT
THE BEGINNING OF THIS MEETING, SO YOU
RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS STOLEN LAND.

ARE YOU GOING TO BACK THAT UP WITH
ANY SERIOUS PLANS TOWARDS LAND BACK,
OR ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP AUCTIONING
OFF LAND TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER?

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, BELLA.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE SARAH ROBY
FOLLOWED BY SANDRA BISHOP.

>> HELLO, COUNCIL.

MY NAME IS SARAH ROBY, WARD 4.

AND I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF EUGENE
FOR 19 YEARS.

I'M ALSO STANDING IN FRONT OF YOU AS A
MEMBER OF THE PARTY FOR SOCIALISM
AND LIBERATION.

I AM HERE TO URGE THE CITY COUNCIL TO
PASS A MORATORIUM ON ANY AND ALL
DATA CENTERS IN EUGENE.

EUGENE RESIDENTS HAVE SPOKEN OUT
OVER AND OVER VOICING THEIR CONCERNS
ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A DATA CENTER
IN OUR BACKYARDS.

I HAVE NOT MET A SINGLE EUGENE
RESIDENT IN FAVOR OF BUILDING A DATA
CENTER IN OUR TOWN.

THE CONCERNS WITH GROWING A.I. USAGE
ARE TOO MANY TO NOTE IN A SHORT
ADDRESS.

BUT ONE OF MY TOP CONCERNS IS
PRIVACY, ESPECIALLY IN REGARDS TO
MASS SURVEILLANCE.

MANY CONCERNS WITH A.I. COME FROM
HOW MUCH PERSONAL INFORMATION IT

CAN COLLECT, ANALYZE, AND ULTIMATELY USE AGAINST US.

THE DATA A.I. COLLECTS OFTEN HAPPENS WITHOUT OUR KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT. THIS CREATES RISKS LIKE DATA BREACHES, HACKING, SURVEILLANCE, AND THE MISUSE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION.

A.I. MAKES EXISTING PRIVACY PROBLEMS BIGGER AND CURRENT LAWS ARE NOT PREPARED TO KEEP UP WITH THE NEW CHALLENGES.

ONE EXAMPLE IS CLEARVIEW A.I., WHO COLLECTED BILLIONS OF FACIAL IMAGES FROM PUBLIC WEBSITES LIKE FACEBOOK, LINKEDIN, AND INSTAGRAM WITHOUT CONSENT.

COLLECTING BIOMETRIC DATA REQUIRES EXCLUSIVE CONSENT, AND THAT WAS NOT OBTAINED.

ALSO THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION FOUND THAT AMAZON HAD RETAINED CHILDREN'S VOICE RECORDINGS THROUGH ALEXA EVEN AFTER PARENTS REQUESTED DELETION.

THEY ALSO USED CHILDREN'S LOCATION

DATA IN WAYS THAT VIOLATED THE CHILDREN'S ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT.

THESE ARE NOT EVEN THE MOST HORRIFYING EXAMPLES, BUT I WOULD RATHER NOT DISCUSS WHAT A.I. IS DOING IN REGARDS TO SEE SAM.

EUGENE SHOULD HAVE NO PART IN THIS. AND ALTHOUGH STOPPING A DATA CENTER AT THE HYNIX PLANT IS A SMALL WIN, WE CANNOT STOP AT BLOCKING A SINGLE DATA CENTER.

THE CITY OF EUGENE HAS THE POWER TO STOP ANY MORE DATA CENTERS FROM BEING BUILT AND OPERATING IN OUR CITY. SO, AGAIN, I AM URGING THE CITY COUNCIL TO PASS A MORATORIUM ON ANY AND ALL DATA CENTERS IN EUGENE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, SARAH.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE SANDRA BISHOP FOLLOWED BY HAVA CRONIN.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL,

AND OUR NEW CITY MANAGER.

MY NAME IS SANDRA BISHOP.

I'M A FORMER EWEB COMMISSIONER.

FROM WAY BACK.

I RESIDE IN WARD 2.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE

OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TONIGHT.

I AM HERE TO ASK THAT THE CITY COUNCIL

INSTITUTE A MORATORIUM ON DATA

CENTERS WITHIN THE UGB OF EUGENE.

THERE ARE VERY PRACTICAL REASONS FOR
THIS.

THERE IS ALREADY MORE THAN 130 DATA

CENTERS IN THE STATE, AND I THINK OVER
3,000 IN THE COUNTRY.

THERE'S A GOLD RUSH TYPE MENTALITY

THAT MUNICIPALITIES ARE HAVING A HARD
TIME KEEPING UP WITH.

WHAT'S NOT BEING TALKED ABOUT IS THAT

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ELECTRICITY TO
POWER THESE DATA CENTERS.

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ELECTRICITY TO

ELECTRIFY THE THINGS THAT WE WANT TO

ELECTRIFY FOR SOME ENVIRONMENTAL
REASONS.

EUGENE IS VERY ATTRACTIVE.

WE'VE GOT RELATIVELY CHEAP POWER AND ABUNDANT WATER, AS LONG AS IT LASTS.

SO IF I HAVE TIME, I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER

EXAMPLE OF NOT ONLY DO YOU HAVE

ENOUGH POWER, EVEN IF UNLIMITED

NUMBER OF RENEWABLE PROJECTS WERE

BUILT, YOU CAN'T GET THEM TO WHERE THE

POWER IS NEEDED BECAUSE IT'S SO

EXPENSIVE AND TAKES DECADES TO

EXPAND THE TRANSMISSION LINES.

SO THE POTENTIAL AND ACTUAL

ENVIRONMENTAL HARM AND THE

SKYROCKETING REAL-WORLD COSTS OF

PROVIDING POWER TO DATA CENTERS IS

ABSURD.

ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE GOING TO BE

PASSED THROUGH TO YOUR LOCAL

UTILITIES, WHO ARE GOING TO -- TO YOUR

LOCAL UTILITIES WHO ARE GOING TO PASS

THEM THROUGH TO US, THE CUSTOMERS.

SO ONE QUICK EXAMPLE, THERE'S A

TRANSMISSION LINE BEING PROPOSED

COMING OUT OF THE DAM.

IT'S A 31-MILE EXTENSION.

THE COST IS \$86 MILLION.

AND THEY HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT
SINCE 2007.

SO, PLEASE, PUT A MORATORIUM ON DATA
CENTERS.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, SANDRA.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE HAVA CRONIN
FOLLOWED BY ALEJANDRO.

>> I LIVE IN WARD 7.

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
SHARE MY THOUGHTS, WHICH CONCERN A
PERCEIVED LACK OF TRANSPARENCY BY
CITY LEADERSHIP.

FIRST, I AM INCREDIBLY UPSET BY THE LACK
OF A ROBUST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
BEFORE THE AMAZON WAREHOUSE DEAL
WENT THROUGH.

ONE SIGN IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIELD
INDICATING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC
COMMENT, A PROCESS WHICH OTHERWISE
WAS SURROUNDED BY SECRECY, IS
DISINGENUOUS.

WHY WEREN'T POSTCARDS SENT OUT TO RESIDENTS WITHIN A TWO-MILE RADIUS OF THE PROPOSED LOCATION?

THE PUBLIC WASN'T GIVEN A HEADS UP, AND ONCE WE WERE, IT WAS TOO LATE.

WHO FROM THE CITY NEGOTIATED THIS DEAL?

JEFF BEZOS IS A MULTIBILLIONAIRE.

DID WE DEMAND THAT AS PART OF THE COST OF TAKING FERTILE FARMLAND THAT THIS OLLIGARC FUND A LIBRARY OR BUILD A SCHOOL?

WHAT ARE WE GETTING OUT OF THE DEAL WITH ONE OF THE RICHEST MEN IN THE WORLD, BESIDES VERY FEW JOBS, AIR POLLUTION, AND TRAFFIC HEADACHES?

SECONDLY, I AM STILL WAITING FOR A RESPONSE FROM CITY STAFF REGARDING A POLICY REGARDING NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS, WHICH I REQUESTED ON JULY 31.

I WROTE AN EMAIL TO CITY COUNCIL, THE MAYOR, AND CITY MANAGER.

AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, I HAVE NOT RECEIVED A DEFINITIVE ANSWER.

I EXPECTED TO GET A LOUD RESOUNDING NO, STAFF WILL NOT SIGN NDA'S BECAUSE THAT IS ESSENTIALLY LYING TO OUR CONSTITUENTS AND TAXPAYERS.

COUNCILOR LEACH RESPONDED WITH THIS. WE DON'T INTERACT WITH NDA'S.

WELL, IF THAT'S THE CASE, HOW IS THE PUBLIC NOTIFIED?

I WAS EMAILED ON 9-1 AFTER I RESENT MY INQUIRY.

SHE WROTE, THANKS FOR YOUR QUESTIONS.

I AM LOOKING INTO THIS FOR YOU.

SO THE QUESTION FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY.

HAVE I BEEN WAITING FOR 1 1/2 MONTHS FOR AN ANSWER.

DID MS. CELLSER REACH OUT TO YOU?

IS THERE AN NDAPOLICY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, AND IF NOT, WHY NOT?

>> THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER, THANK YOU FOR THE

OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

MY NAME IS ALEJANDRO GARCIA, AND I LIVE
IN WARD 8.

I LIVED IN EUGENE MY WHOLE LIFE.

AS EMBARRASSING AS IT IS TO SAY, I CAN
COUNT ON MY HAND THE NUMBER OF TIMES
I HAVE COME TO LISTEN TO A CITY COUNCIL
MEETING LET ALONE TESTIFY.

FOR A LONG TIME, I THOUGHT MY VOICE
DIDN'T MATTER.

THAT WOULD BE DROWNED OUT IN A SEA
OF TESTIMONIES FROM EXPERTS WITH
MORE TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE THAN ME.

I COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE WRONG.

MY VOICE MATTERS.

THE PEOPLE WHO CAME HERE TODAY,
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE
BECAUSE YOUR VOICE MATTERS TOO.

ON SEPTEMBER 8, THE EUGENE CITY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT
DATA CENTERS DO NOT MEET THE
REQUIREMENTS FOR E-1 ZONING.

THIS IS ONE WIN IN A MUCH LARGER
BATTLE.

THEY POSE A THREAT TO THE

ENVIRONMENT THAT WE KNOW AND LOVE.

A.I. HYPER SCALING DATA CENTERS AND HIGH DEMANDS ON THE GRID COULD LEAVE US AT THE MERCY OF ROLLING BLACKOUTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THE NOISE POLLUTION THEY CREATE IS SHOWN TO INCREASE HEADACHES, VERTIGO, NAUSEA, AND MUCH MORE.

THEY COME WITH A HOST OF AIR AND WATER ISSUES THAT WE COULD SPEND HOURS TALKING ABOUT.

THE FIRST ONE ON THE TOP OF MY MIND IS DIESEL GENERATORS, SINCE DATA CENTERS USE THEM TO GENERATE BACKUP ENERGY, THOSE DIESEL GENERATORS ARE GOING TO POLLUTE THE AIR THAT WE BREATHE.

IF THAT'S NOT BAD ENOUGH, THE CREATION OF THESE DATA CENTERS WILL NOT ONLY DERAIL THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2.0 THAT THE CITY ADOPTED, BUT WILL COMPLETELY OBLITERATE ANY CHANCE WE HAVE TO HIT ANY OF OUR CLIMATE GOALS FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

WE MUST TAKE ACTION.

WITH YOUR HELP, MAYOR AND COUNCILORS, WE CAN AND MUST PROTECT WHAT MATTERS MOST TO US AND OUR QUALITY OF LIFE.

CLEAN AIR, CLEAN WATER, A LIVEABLE CLIMATE FUTURE, AND AN EQUITABLE AND JUST ENERGY SYSTEM THAT DOES NOT SHIFT THE BURDEN OF CORPORATE INTERESTS ONTO THE BACKS OF THE COMMUNITIES THEY ARE ACTIVELY HARMING.

WE NEED A MORATORIUM NOW.

IN LIGHT OF THESE POINTS, I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE COUNCIL'S ADOPTION OF A 120-DAY MORATORIUM WITH EXTENSION ON A.I. HYPER SCALING DATA CENTERS IN EUGENE TO ALLOW FOR ADEQUATE ANALYSIS OF THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND GUARD RAILS TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

>> THANK YOU, ALEJANDRO.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE JACOB TRUE FOLLOWED BY JAMES KIMBALL.

>> HELLO.

I'M FROM WARD 1.

GOOD TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN.

I'M HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SPECIFICALLY THAT WE NEED REAL COMMUNITY RESPONSE BACK IN EUGENE.

SINCE THE LOSS OF CAHOOTS IN APRIL OF 2025, OUR COMMUNITY SAFETY HAS SUFFERED.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE IS LESS EXPENSIVE AND MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THE ONE SIZE FITS ALL RESPONSE THAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW.

AFTER 2025, WE HAVE SEEN A 53% INCREASE IN CRIMINAL TRESPASS CHARGES AND A 36% INCREASE IN ARRESTS AND CITATIONS CITYWIDE.

WHEN WE HAVE COMMUNITY RESPONDERS, THEY ADDRESSED 35% OF CALLS FOR SERVICE, SUCH AS WELLNESS CHECKS, WHILE COSTING LESS THAN 3% OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WE HAD A CLEAR AND EVIDENT GAP IN

PUBLIC SAFETY THAT NEEDS ADDRESSING. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE STUDY PUT OUT BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON FOLKS ABOUT HOW THINGS -- WHAT THE CALLS THAT USED TO GO TO CAHOOTS, WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THEM.

SO ABOUT 235 CALLS THAT CAHOOTS GOT EACH WEEK BACK BEFORE APRIL OF 2025, ABOUT 53 CALLS PER WEEK ARE HANDLED BY POLICE.

ABOUT 55 CALLS PER WEEK ARE NOW ABSORBED BY MCSLC.

AND THE OTHER 126 CALLS PER WEEK ARE NOW JUST BEING UNADDRESSED.

THAT'S -- YOU CAN SEE THAT IN THE STATS. ARREST RATES HAVE GONE UP QUITE A BIT.

BUT WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO ADDRESS THIS, IS THE EUGENE CITY COUNCIL IS TO FUND REAL, 24-HOUR A DAY COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE.

WHAT I SUGGEST YOU DO IS PASS AN ORDINANCE ALLOCATING A PERCENTAGE OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PAYROLL TAX TO FUND REAL COMMUNITY RESPONSE,

MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE AND TRAINED MEDICS.

THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PAYROLL TAX IS COMING UP FOR RENEWAL, AND I KNOW YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF WORK SESSIONS ADDRESSING THAT.

IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS.

AND A FEW MORE WEEKS AFTER THAT.

SO I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO WHAT IDEAS YOU HAVE TOWARDS INCREASING AND PROMOTING REAL COMMUNITY SAFETY HERE IN EUGENE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> THANK YOU, JACOB.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE JAMES KIMBALL FOLLOWED BY VENUS ODESSA.

>> HELLO.

I'M JAMES KIMBALL.

I DO NOT APPRECIATE A.I.

I DO NOT APPRECIATE A.I. DATA CENTERS.

AND I WILL NOT APPRECIATE ANY A.I. BACK ROOM DEALS REGARDING THEM.

THAT WILL BE ALL.

>> THANK YOU, JAMES.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE VENUS ODESSA
FOLLOWED BY THEO MILLIGAN.

I WILL CALL FOR -- I WILL CALL FOR VENUS
ONE MORE TIME.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER THEO MILLIGAN.

NEXT SPEAKER CHRIS CASE.

LET ME GIVE IT A MOMENT AND SEE IF
ANYONE IS COMING FROM THE LOBBY.

EITHER VENUS, THEO, OR CHRIS?

FANTASTIC.

>> HELLO, CITY COUNCIL.

MY NAME IS CHRIS.

I AM AN ORGANIZER WITH THE PARTY FOR
SOCIALISM AND LIBERATION.

I AM A MEMBER OF LOCAL ON 085.

MANY OF THE PROPONENTS OF THEIR
CONSTRUCTION POINT TO THE ABUNDANCE
OF TRADE JOBS THAT ARE CREATED WHEN
THE CONTRACTS ARE APPROVED BY THE
CITY.

THEY SPEAK OF THE JOBS CREATED ONCE
THEY ARE COMPLETE AND THE BENEFITS

TO THE COMMUNITIES THEY ARE PLACED IN.
ALL OF THIS IS SAID OUT OF ONE SIDE OF
THEIR MOUTHS WHILE A.I. WILL
FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGE LABOR IN THIS
COUNTRY.

SEVERAL GO A STEP FURTHER AND ADMIT
THAT THESE LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS
SEEK TO ELIMINATE MID LEVEL WHITE
COLLAR WORK.

THE JOBS LAST UNTIL THE CENTERS ARE
COMPLETE.

AND THEY ARE SUBJECT TO ALL OF THE
HAZARDS THEY CREATE.

IT IS THE BUILDERS AND THE ADVOCATES
OF THEIR CONSTRUCTION WHO DO NOT
LIVE IN THESE COMMUNITIES.

THEY DO NOT HAVE TO LISTEN TO THE
NOISE THEY MAKE.

THEY DON'T HAVE TO DRINK THE TOXIC
WATER, AND THEY DON'T HAVE TO SEE
THEIR ENERGY BILLS RISE 300%.

IT IS THIS FRAMING OF DATA CENTERS THAT
EXPOSES HOW ANTI-WORKER THEY TRULY
ARE.

THE ONLY OPTION WE'RE BEING

PRESENTED WITH IS DATA CENTERS WILL BE BUILT.

THEY WILL NEED TO AN A.I. ROLLOUT.

AND THIS WILL INVOLVE RENDERING YOUR JOB OBSOLETE AND REPLACING YOU.

WHAT WOULD A WORKER FRIENDLY A.I.

DATA CENTER ROLLOUT LOOK LIKE?

HOW ABOUT STUDIES TO SEE HOW THIS AFFECTS OUR COMMUNITIES?

THE ACTUAL IMPACT IT WOULD HAVE TO LABOR AND JOBS IN THE COMMUNITIES?

WE KNOW WHY, THOUGH, BECAUSE

WHETHER IT'S A.I. OR ANY OTHER

TECHNOLOGY FOISTED ON US BY THE RICH,

IT'S NEVER TOWARD OUR EMANCIPATION AS

WORKING PEOPLE BUT EXTRACTING MORE OUT OF US.

A DEMOCRATIC DECISION MAKING PROCESS

WOULD ENSURE THAT WORKERS ARE

PRIORITIZED AND THE PEOPLE LIVING IN

THE COMMUNITIES ARE NOT BEING

SACRIFICED SO SOMEONE ELSE CAN MAKE A BUCK AT OUR EXPENSE.

I REDIRECT A CALL FOR THE CITY COUNCIL

TO PLACE A NECESSARY MORATORIUM ON

DATA CENTERS.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
REAFFIRM YOUR COMMITMENT OF
SHEPHERDING THIS COMMUNITY BY
PUTTING THAT MORATORIUM IN PLACE.
YOUR CONSTITUENTS ARE WATCHING
CLOSELY TO SEE HOW YOU PROCEED.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, CHRIS.

ONE LAST CALL FOR VENUS ODESSA.
OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE THEO MILLIGAN
FOLLOWED BY DYLAN PLUMBER.

>> HELLO.

MY NAME IS THEO.

I LIVE IN WARD 5.

WHILE I WANT TO COMMEND YOU GUYS FOR
BARRING THE INITIAL PLANS FOR THE HYNIX
FACILITY TO TURN INTO A DATA CENTER, I
MUST EMPHASIZE MORE HAS TO BE DONE IF
WE WANT TO STOP THESE CENTERS FROM
CONTINUING TO APPEAR NEXT TO VITAL
HABITATS FOR WILDLIFE AND HUMANS
ALIKE.

A COMPLETE MORATORIUM MUST BE PUT INTO EFFECT.

WE DO NOT WANT NOR NEED THEM.

EUGENE IS A BEAUTIFUL CITY.

NATURE SURROUNDS US COMPLETE.

IT'S WHAT MADE ME WANT TO MOVE HERE YEARS AGO.

A DATA CENTER WOULD BE THE ANTITHESIS OF OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

THE FACT THAT IT WAS LEFT OPEN TO DEBATE FOR SO LONG IS LAUGHABLE.

THE WILLOW CREEK RESERVE IS RIGHT NEXT TO US.

THE RESERVE IS THE ECLOGICALLY RICH.

THE DATA CENTER WOULD HAVE POISONED THAT LAND.

WE CANNOT LET THIS HAPPEN.

IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE ENJOYING THE TRUST AND THE VOTES OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS, PASS THE MORATORIUM. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, THEO.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE DYLAN PLUMBER FOLLOWED BY MARLEY AMIT.

>> MAYOR, AND CITY COUNCIL, I AM DYLAN PLUMBER, A RESIDENT OF WARD 2.

I'M TESTIFYING TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE SIERRA CLUB AND OUR OVER 15,000 MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS IN EUGENE TO CALL FOR A DATA CENTER MORATORIUM AND A PROHIBITION OF NDA'S.

I WANT TO SPECIFICALLY HIGHLIGHT THE SIGNIFICANT AIR POLLUTION IMPACT ASSOCIATED WITH DATA CENTERS AND THEIR USE OF BACKUP DIESEL GENERATORS.

THESE ARE HIGHLY POLLUTING FACILITIES THAT HAVE LOCALIZED AIR POLLUTION IMPACTS FAR BEYOND ALMOST ANYTHING ELSE THAT WE HAVE IN OUR CITY.

IN LIGHT OF THEIR HUGE AIR, CLIMATE AND NOISE POLLUTION, THE CITY MUST ACT TO PREVENT HYPER SCALE DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT HERE IN EUGENE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU, DYLAN.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE MARLEY AMIT

FOLLOWED BY JENNIFER DAVIS.

>> HI, COUNCIL.

MY NAME IS MARLEY AMIT, AND I'M HAVE
FROM THE SOUTH HILLS AREA.

WHILE I ACKNOWLEDGE AND AM THRILLED
ABOUT THE DECISION TO NOT MOVE ON
WITH THE HYNIX PLANT/DATA CENTER IN
THE WILLOW CREEK AREA, I AM HERE TO
QUESTION THE NECESSITY OF AN A.I.
CENTER ANYWHERE IN EUGENE.

I WANT YOU TO CONSIDER THE
ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH
CONSEQUENCES OF THIS.

I FIND IS FUNNY THAT EUGENE PRIDES
ITSELF ON GREENERY AND
OUTDOORSINESS UNTIL MONEY COMES
INTO PLAY.

THE FACT THAT I AS AN EDUCATOR HAVE TO
WATCH WHILE THESE ARE BEING MADE
NEXT TO FAMILIES, AND THEY GET ZERO
SAY AGAINST SOMETHING THAT WOULD
CAUSE MASSIVE HARM TO OUR
COMMUNITIES, THE FACT THAT I HAVE TO
SIT AND WATCH WHILE OUR CHILDREN'S

EDUCATION GETS THE SHORT END OF THE STICK, AND FAMILIES LOSE WATER AND POWER TO THEIR HOMES, I HAVE TO STAND HERE AND CONVINCE YOU, HEY, MAYBE THIS ISN'T A GOOD IDEA AFTER ALL. WHAT REALITY AM I LIVING IN THAT MY OWN CITY COUNCIL MAY NOT PRIORITIZE THE COMMUNITY, AND INSTEAD PRIORITIZES WHAT MAKES THE BIG GUYS MONEY. THIS IS A SLIPPERY SLOPE, AND I'M BEGGING YOU TO THINK OF PEOPLE, YOUR COMMUNITY, FIRST. THAT MORATORIUM BETTER BE COMING. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, MARLEY.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE JENNIFER DAVIS FOLLOWED BY ATHENA AGUILAR.

>> GOOD EVENING.

MY NAME IS JENNIFER DAVIS.

I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BEYOND TOXIC ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE BASED HERE IN EUGENE.

AND I AM HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ON

BEHALF OF OUR ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP IN EUGENE AND ACROSS OREGON WHO ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SPEED AND VORACITY THAT THEY ARE POPPING UP ACROSS THE STATE. WE APPLAUD THE CITY FOR UPHOLDING THE INTENT AND INTEGRITY OF THE E-1 ZONE.

I'LL REFER TO YOU TO THE LETTER SUBMITTED ON AUGUST 31, WHICH ALMOST 250 ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS SIGNED ON, WHICH GO INTO THE DETAILS OF THE IMPACTS TO THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES INCLUDING AIR, WATER, POLLUTION.

I URGE YOU TO READ THAT LETTER IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO.

WITH THE IMMEDIATE THREAT OF THESE A.I. DATA CENTERS NOW POTENTIALLY KNOCKING ON EUGENE'S DOOR, THIS IS NO LONGER A HYPOTHETICAL THREAT THAT WE CAN IGNORE.

WE ARE WORKING WITH DIFFERENT COALITIONS ACROSS THE STATE TO ADDRESS THE REAL THREAT TO THE

COMMUNITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT
THAT THESE DATA CENTERS POSE, BY
PUTTING PROPER LEGISLATION IN PLACE AT
THE STATE LEVEL.

IT'S JUST GOING TO TAKE TIME.

WE SIMPLY CANNOT SACRIFICE ANY OTHER
COMMUNITY HERE IN THE STATE,
ESPECIALLY HERE IN EUGENE, WITH THESE
KNOWN IMPACTS IN THE INTERIM PERIOD
WHICH IS WHY I AM CALLING ON YOU TO
ENACT A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM
IMMEDIATELY.

WE NEED TO PAUSE THE PLANNING OF ANY
POTENTIAL DATA CENTER UNTIL
SAFEGUARDS ARE PUT IN PLACE TO
PROTECT PEOPLE FROM THE REAL HEALTH
AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS.

WE NEED THIS MORATORIUM TO START
IMMEDIATELY AS DATA CENTER
DEVELOPERS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO SPEED
UP THEIR APPLICATION PROCESSES AHEAD
OF THESE TYPES OF MORATORIUMS.

I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT EUGENE
RESIDENTS ARE NOT ASKING FOR MORE A.I.
DATA INFRASTRUCTURE OR PRODUCTS.

THIS TYPE OF TECHNOLOGY IS BEING
FORCED UPON US.

OFTEN WITHOUT OUR CONSENT, UNDER A
SHROUD OF SECRECY AND
NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS.

WE DEMAND A PAUSE TO HOLD THE
CORPORATIONS ACCOUNTABLE.

WE ARE SEEING COMMUNICATING ACROSS
THE COUNTRY AND HERE IN OREGON DEAL
WITH THE SERIOUS RAMIFICATIONS OF
THESE DATA CENTERS.

WE ARE ASKING YOU TO STEP IN AND
PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF
EUGENE AND OUR NATURAL RESOURCES.

WE NEED A MORATORIUM NOW TO HAVE
TIME TO PUT THE PROPER PROTECTIONS IN
PLACE BEFORE EUGENE IS PUT IN PLACE.

>> THANK YOU, JENNIFER.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE ATHENA AGUILAR
FOLLOWED BY CAITLIN OWEN.

>> HELLO.

I'M A RESIDENT OF WARD 5.

I JUST WANTED TO SHARE HOW MANY

PEOPLE CAME HERE TODAY.

WHEN I FIRST GOT HERE, I WAS JUST
STANDING OUTSIDE AND CHILLING BECAUSE
I THOUGHT, THERE'S NO WAY.

LIKE I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO BE ABLE TO
GET IN.

AND, YEAH, NO, THERE WAS A BUNCH OF
PEOPLE OUTSIDE.

THERE WAS PROBABLY LIKE 50 OR 60
PEOPLE, AND WE WEREN'T ALLOWED TO
COME INTO THE BUILDING.

NOT EVEN INTO THE OVERFLOW AREA.

SO THAT WAS CRAZY.

BUT I JUST WANTED TO ADD MY VOICE TO
THOSE ASKING FOR A MORATORIUM ON
LARGE DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT.

I'M ALSO ASKING THE COUNCIL TO PROHIBIT
NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS BECAUSE
THOSE AGREEMENTS ALLOW DEVELOPERS
TO SKIRT PUBLIC INPUT, BECAUSE THEY
KNOW THE COMMUNITY DOESN'T WANT
THESE PROJECTS.

I JUST WANT TO KEEP IT SHORT SO
EVERYONE ELSE CAN SPEAK.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE CAITLYN OWEN
FOLLOWED BY ANGELIQUE.

>> MY NAME IS CAITLIN OWEN, AND I AM A
TEACHER, ARTIST, AND RESIDENT OF
SPRINGFIELD.

I REJECT ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE
PROPOSALS OF DATA CENTER
DEVELOPMENT IN EUGENE AND
EVERYWHERE.

TODAY I NOT ONLY SPEAK FOR THE
HUMANS, BUT ALSO FOR THE DEER, THE
POSSUMS, THE BEARS, THE SQUIRRELS,
THE OWLS, THE CHICKA DEES, THE OTTERS,
THE FROGS, THE SNAILS, THE BEES, THE
TREES, THE GRASSES, THE WATERS, AND
ANYONE WHO CALLS THIS PLACE HOME.

I STAND HERE AS A PROTECTOR OF THIS
EARTH AND EVERYONE IN IT.

LET ME BE CLEAR.

I DO NOT CONSENT.

I DO NOT CONSENT TO THE HARM
PROPOSED TO MY BODY.

I DO NOT CONSENT TO THE HARM
PROPOSED TO MY NEIGHBORS.

AND I DO NOT CONSENT TO THE HARM
PROPOSED TO MY HOME.

I AM DISGUSTED BY THE DEPRAVITY,
DESTRUCTION, AND LACK OF HUMANITY
THAT DATA CENTERS HAVE ALREADY
SHOWN THIS WORLD.

NOW, IF BEING A HUMANITARIAN JUST ISN'T
YOUR SPEED, KNOW THAT SUPPORTING
THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT MAKE YOU
IMMUNE TO ITS CONSEQUENCES.

YOU TOO WILL GO THIRSTY.

YOU TOO WILL GO HUNGRY.

YOU TOO WILL BE LEFT WITH ACHING
LUNGS AND A HOLLOWNESS KNOWING YOU
BROUGHT THIS UPON YOURSELF.

THE PEOPLE OF EUGENE WILL NOT GO
QUIETLY.

THE MONEY YOU THINK YOU MAY SAVE
YOURSELF WILL COME BACK TO BITE YOU IN
DAMAGE BILLS AS YOU ARE FORCED TO
MAKE ENDLESS REPAIRS.

THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES TO BETRAYING
YOUR COMMUNITY.

IN CONCLUSION, I CALL TO PERMANENTLY
BAN ALL DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT IN
EUGENE SO THAT WE MIGHT BE AN
EXAMPLE OF RESISTANCE TO THE REST OF
THIS EARTH.

OUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, CAITLIN.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE ANGELIQUE
ORMAN FOLLOWED BY NANCY ONEFFORT.

>> HELLO, EVERYONE.

WARD 7.

I HAVE A VERY SHORT MESSAGE, AND THAT
IS FOR ALL SPECIES AND ALL FUTURE
GENERATIONS, NOT ONE DROP OF WATER
TO DATA CENTERS.

WITHOUT A HABITABLE PLANET, NOTHING
ELSE MATTERS.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, ANGELIQUE.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE NANCY ONERT
FOLLOWED BY ELLEN BRIDGES.

>> I'M NANCY ONERT, WARD 2.

WHEN I OPENED MY NEW SAMSUNG CELL PHONE, I AM OFTEN GREETED WITH AN AD TELLING ME ABOUT JIM GEMINI.

IT SAYS IT CAN HELP ME WITH SEVERAL TASKS.

EVEN MAKING MY GROCERY LIST.

I DIDN'T PUT THIS APPLICATION ON MY PHONE.

IT WAS JUST THERE.

TURNS OUT, THOUGH, IT'S VERY DIFFICULT. MAYBE IMPOSSIBLE TO REMOVE.

THEN I LEARN THAT SAMSUNG IS A LEADING MANUFACTURER OF HBM CHIPS, THE KIND OF CHIPS NECESSARY TO WRITE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OR A.I.

TO MANUFACTURE THESE CHIPS, SEVEN FLORIAN GASES MUST BE USED.

THE GASES ARE VERY POTENT GREENHOUSE GASES, RANGING FROM 4,000 TO 16,000 TIMES AS POTENT AS CARBON DIOXIDE.

AND THEY ARE STABLE IN THE AIR ENOUGH TO LAST FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS.

THIS GREENHOUSE GAS PROBLEM ADDS TO THE VAST ELECTRICITY USE REQUIRED FOR A.I., NOW OFTEN ACCOMPLISHED BY POWERING DATA CENTERS WITH FOSSIL FUELS.

SO DATA CENTERS FOR A.I. ARE ADDING TO AN ALREADY CRISIS LEVEL CLIMATE EMERGENCY.

WE NEED TO STOP THE VAST PROLIFERATION OF DATA CENTERS.

PLEASE ISSUE A MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS IN EUGENE, AND PLEASE DO IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

EXCUSE ME.

WE DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF DEBATING ABOUT THIS FOR A YEAR.

AND I THINK MAYBE I'LL FOREGO USING GEMINI A.I. TO HELP ME MAKE MY GROCERY LIST.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, NANCY.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE ELLEN BRIDGES FOLLOWED BY SHELLEY DEVINE.

>> MY NAME IS ELLEN BRIDGES.

AND I'M A LIFELONG PERSON THAT'S LIVED A
LONG TIME HERE IN EUGENE AND ALL
ALONG THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

I AM A RESIDENT OF THIS CITY, AND WE LIVE
IN THE BETHEL AREA.

AND I HAVE A SONG TO SING, AND I'M GOING
TO SING IT OUT LOUD.

I'M GOING TO SING OUT
DANGER

I'M GOING TO SING OUT
WARNING

I'M GOING TO SING OUT
THE LOVE BETWEEN MY BROTHERS AND MY
SISTERS

ALL OVER THIS LAND

I'M GOING TO SING OUT FOR LOVE OF
CLEAN WATER.

I'M GOING TO SING OUT FOR THE LOVE OF
CLEAN AIR.

I SING OUT FOR THE FREEDOM OF SILENCE.
TO BE ABLE TO SLEEP WELL AT NIGHT.
SLEEP IS A HUMAN RIGHT.

WE DON'T NEED ALL OF THIS EXTRA NOISE.
SO I SPEAK UP FOR OUR EARTH BECAUSE

DATA CENTERS ARE NOT NECESSARY.

WE NEED CLEAN AIR, CLEAN WATER, AND
QUIET FOR A HEALTHY CITY.

WE'RE IN A DROUGHT.

THE WATER USED BY DATA CENTERS IS NOT
USABLE.

IT'S WASTEWATER.

IT'S FULL OF CHEMICALS.

I'VE ALREADY HEARD PEOPLE SAY THESE
THINGS.

WHERE DOES IT GO AFTERWARDS?

INTO THE GROUND?

THEY HAVE ALREADY TAKEN IT FROM ALL
OF OUR LAKES AND RIVERS AND
EVERYTHING, AND WHEN THEY RETURN IT,
IT'S NOT USABLE ANYMORE.

IT'S ALSO TOO MUCH ENERGY USE.

THE ENERGY USE IS 1,000 KILOWATTS IS A
MEGAWATT.

AND MOST DATA CENTERS USE 25
MEGAWATTS.

AN AVERAGE HOME USES ONLY 1.5
KILOWATTS.

NO, WE DON'T NEED THAT.

AIR POLLUTION.

THE BETHEL AREA HAS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF CHILDHOOD ASTHMA, AND SOME OF OUR ELDERS HAVE HEART DISEASE AND OTHER ISSUES.

JOB, YEAH, THEY'LL BE HERE WHEN THEY ARE BUILDING IT.

BUT THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE HERE IN THE LONG RUN.

WATER IS LIFE.

AND MOST OF THE AREAS THAT ARE USING THESE -- THE WATER HERE, WE NEED IT.

WE NEED OUR CLEAN WATER.

AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR LISTENING AND BEING HERE TONIGHT AND FOR ALL THE PEOPLE THAT SHOWED UP.

AND LET'S SET A GOOD EXAMPLE.

THE ONLY DATA CENTER THAT I WANT IS A LIBRARY.

THANK YOU.

>> AND OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE SHELLEY DEVINE FOLLOWED BY SUE PALEGGY.

>> I'M REALLY GLAD SOMEONE SANG,

BECAUSE I WAS THINKING ABOUT DOING AN INTERPRETIVE DANCE, BUT NOT TONIGHT. SHELLEY DEVINE, WARD 3.

I THOUGHT ABOUT YOU ALL DURING SUMMER BREAK, WHICH SEEMS AWKWARD. I REALLY LIKE YOUR HAIRCUT, COUNCILOR LEECH.

THE ABUSE OF NDA'S IS AN ABUSE OF DEMOCRACY.

THE PEOPLE IN OUR GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE GOVERNED BY BILLIONAIRES AND CORPORATE INTEREST, BUT THAT IS JUST WHAT THE ABUSE OF NDA'S IS DOING.

GIVEN BILLIONAIRES AND THEIR CORPORATE CONNECTIONS THE ABILITY TO DEVELOP HOW AND WHERE THEY WANT WITH NO CONSIDERATION FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

SO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS NEED TO RESPOND WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY TO THE GROWING PUBLIC OUTRAGE AND LISTEN TO US, NOT TO BIG TECH, BIG OIL, OR ANY OTHER CORPORATE CLASS.

SO, AGAIN, THE ABUSE OF NDA'S IS AN ABUSE OF DEMOCRACY.

AND DEMOCRACY IS A VERB.

NOW, WERE I TO BE DOING SOMETHING SHAMEFUL AND NEFARIOUS, I WOULD WANT OTHERS TO BE IGNORANT.

SO SPEAKING OF INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR AND LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY, SOMETHING SOMETHING INSERT COMMENT ABOUT CHRIS SKINNER'S EMPLOYMENT STATUS HERE, DIDN'T AMAZON START CONSTRUCTION ON THEIR DISTRIBUTION CONCENTRATION CENTER PRIOR TO THEIR PERMIT BEING FINALIZED?

I THINK THAT'S WEIRD.

CONSIDER THE OFFENSE IN THIS FIGHT AGAINST CHRISTIAN NATIONALIST TAKEOVER, INSTEAD OF INCESSANTLY RESPONDING TO THE ONSLAUGHT FROM A DEFENSIVE POSITION, GET OUT FRONT, RIGHT?

IT WOULD BEHOOVE US ALL TO SEE AND HEAR OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE IN ACTION FROM ALL OF YOU.

GET OUT FRONT.

>> THANK YOU, SHELLEY.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE SUE PALEGGY
FOLLOWED BY MISTY STRAWBERRY
BOWMAN.

>> HI, CITY COUNCIL, MAYOR AND CITY
MANAGER.

MY NAME IS SUE PALEGGY, AND I LIVE IN
WARD 6, THE BETHEL NEIGHBORHOOD.

I WAS EXCITED TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE
FROM BETHEL TESTIFYING TONIGHT.

I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO IMMEDIATELY
PAUSE, THAT WOULD BE A MORATORIUM,
ON THE PLANNING OF ANY DATA CENTERS
IN EUGENE AND TO CONTINUE TO EXTEND
THAT MORATORIUM UNTIL SOMETHING
PERMANENT HAPPENS.

CURRENT REGULATIONS ARE SIMPLY
INADEQUATE TO PREVENT THE LASTING
HARM THAT TODAY'S NEW HYPER SCALE
DATA CENTERS CAUSE TO THE
ENVIRONMENT, OUR WATER AND AIR
QUALITY, AND TO OUR HEALTH AND
QUALITY OF LIFE.

HYPER SCALE DATA CENTERS ARE MASSIVE
CLOUD AND A.I. FACILITIES THAT DRAW

BETWEEN 100 TO 500 MEGAWATTS OF POWER AND HOUSE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SERVERS.

TO PUT IT ANOTHER WAY, A SINGLE HYPER SCALE DATA CENTER USES BETWEEN 50 AND 100 MEGAWATTS OF ELECTRICITY CONTINUOUSLY, WHICH MATCHES THE POWER DEMAND OF A SMALL CITY LIKE EUGENE.

ONE HYPER SCALE DATA CENTER.

PLEASE NOTE THAT EWEB'S PROJECTIONS FOR LANE COUNTY WITHOUT FACTORING IN THE RESOURCE STRAIN OF BUILDING MODERN SCALE DATA CENTERS IS ALREADY GRIM.

THEIR 2025 PROJECTIONS FOR LANE COUNTY, AND I QUOTE, INCLUDE INCREASING DROUGHT CORRELATED WITH INCREASING RATES OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, INCLUDING ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, AND SUICIDE.

PROMOTION OF ACCESSIBLE MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR THE IMPACTED POPULATIONS CONTRIBUTES TO EFFECTIVE DROUGHT

PREPAREDNESS AND MITIGATION.

THOSE ARE EWEB'S WORDS.

THIS IS JUST A BITE OF THEIR
PROJECTIONS.

I AM CONCERNED.

WE ARE NOT DOING ENOUGH TO PLAN AND
PREVENT SERIOUS HARM TO OUR
COMMUNITY AND STATE.

CLIMATE CHANGE IS A GLOBAL THREAT,
AND A MORATORIUM ON BUILDING NEW
DATA CENTERS IN EUGENE IS A TANGIBLE
STEP THAT YOU CAN TAKE.

I KNOW THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS
CREATED A DATA CENTER ADVISORY
COMMENT THAT HAS BEEN MEETING THIS
YEAR TO STUDY THIS ISSUE.

THEY HAVE PRODUCED --

>> THANK YOU, SUE.

NEXT IS MISTY STRAWBERRY BOWMAN
FOLLOWED BY RICHARD GREEN.

>> I'M GOING TO BE DOING A SPOKEN WORD
VERSION OF A SONG.

IT'S AN OLDIE BUT A GOODIE.

HELLO, LIGHT POLLUTION, MY OLD FRIEND.

I'VE COME TO TALK ABOUT YOU AGAIN.
BECAUSE THE L.E.D.'S ARE HARSHLY
BLINKING, AND I'M NOT SLEEPING IN THE
BLUE LIGHT THAT WAS PLANTED IN MY
BRAIN STILL REMAINS WITHIN THE LIGHT
POLLUTION.

HI, MISTY BOWMAN.

I'VE COME TO TALK ABOUT DARKNESS, MY
OLD FRIEND.

THE U.S. NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE IS
PROPOSING TO RESCIND THE ROBELESS
RULE, THAT HAS LIMITED DEVELOPMENT ON
44 MILLION ACRES OF AMERICA'S WILD
LAND.

OVER 44% OF THESE LANDS RETAIN
PRISTINE DARKNESS.

SUSPENDING THE RULE COULD PUT MORE
THAN 179,000 SQUARE KILOMETERS OF
DARK SKY LAND AT RISK AS WELL AS
EXPOSE DELICATE ECOSYSTEMS TO
HAZARD.

I URGE EVERYONE TO SUBMIT A COMMENT
PROTESTING OR OBJECTING TO
RESCINDING THE RULE.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSES IN A WEEK.

I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO ALSO
PARTICULARLY JOIN DARK SKY'S LETTER
ABOUT THE MISSION.

WHILE I'M ON THE SUBJECT, MIGRATION IS
OCCURRING.

PLEASE TURN OFF LIGHTS WHEN NOT
NEEDED OR NO LONGER BEING USED.

SWITCH YOUR PORCH OR OUTDOOR LIGHTS
TO A WARMER TEMPERATURE PLEASE.

I'D LIKE TO ECHO THE CALL FOR A
MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS AS WELL
AS THOSE WHO HAVE RAISED CONCERNS
ABOUT OVERPOLICING.

AND I'M NOT GOING TO STEP AWAY WITH
SAYING ONE LAST THING.

COUNCILOR LEECH, I LOVE THE NEW
HAIRCUT.

>> THANK YOU.

RICHARD GREEN FOLLOWED BY DAPHNE
METCALF.

>> HELLO, I'M RICHARD GREEN, AND I'M
HERE TO TALK ABOUT AN ISSUE AFFECTING
THE HOMELESSNESS IN OUR CITY.

I VOLUNTEER WITH SOME AGENCIES THAT
WORK WITH THE HOMELESS.

AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S A HEARTBREAKING
THING, A SITUATION THAT THERE IS REALLY
NO SOLUTION AND THAT MANIFESTS ITSELF
IN SO MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF
SUFFERING.

ONE THING WE HEAR OFTEN IS PEOPLE SAY
THE POLICE TOOK ALL OUR STUFF,
EVERYTHING.

THEY TOOK OUR BLANKETS.

WE HAVE NOTHING TO SLEEP WITH.

I HEAR THAT OFTEN.

AND YOU SEE GUYS, THEY COME OUT FROM
THE JAIL.

THEY COME UP.

I HAVE NOTHING.

I JUST GOT OUT OF JAIL.

I HAVEN'T EATEN.

CAN YOU HELP ME?

BUT THEY DON'T HAVE A BLANKET.

NOW, I WANT TO READ SOMETHING THAT'S
FROM THE BIBLE.

AND I'M NOT TRYING TO PUT AN OLD
TESTAMENT SPIN ON THINGS.

BUT IF YOU EVER TAKE YOUR NEIGHBOR'S CLOAK, THIS IS FROM EXODUS 22, IT'S JUST AFTER THE 10 COMMANDMENTS.

THERE'S A SECTION CALLED LAWS CONCERNING A JUST COMMUNITY.

IF YOU EVER TAKE YOUR NEIGHBOR'S CLOAK AND PLEDGE, YOU SHALL NOT KEEP IT OVERNIGHT BUT YOU SHALL RETURN IT TO HIM BECAUSE HE HAS NOTHING TO SLEEP WITH OTHERWISE.

AND IF HE CRIES TO ME, I WILL HEAR IT IF I AM COMPASSIONATE.

I'M JUST BRINGING UP THIS DEFINITION OF COMPASSION.

DO YOU KNOW THE MODEL OF THE EUGENE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS INTEGRITY, COMPASSION, AND COURAGE.

IT'S NOT COMPASSIONATE TO SEND SOMEONE OUT WITHOUT A BLANKET INTO THE COLD.

YOU WOULDN'T DO THAT TO YOUR DOG. YOU WOULDN'T.

YOU WOULDN'T SAY BAD DOG, I'M TAKING AWAY YOUR BEDDING AND PUTTING YOU OUT WITH NORTH CAROLINA -- WITH

NOTHING.

YOU WOULDN'T DO THAT.

WE CAN AGREE ON A SIMPLE

COMPASSIONATE THING THAT THE POLICE

WHEN THEY SEND SOMEONE OUT OF THE

JAIL, THEY GIVE THEM A BLANKET.

THE ADVOCATES FOR THE HOMELESS

WOULD SUPPLY THE BLANKETS TO THE

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

I DON'T THINK THE POLICIES AND THE

LOGISTICS THAT KEEP THE POLICE FROM

GIVING PEOPLE BLANKETS AND TAKING

THEIR STUFF AND NOT RETURNING IT IS

MEANT TO BE CRUEL.

BUT IT IS CRUEL.

AND IF IT'S NOT CRUEL, IT'S CERTAINLY NOT

HUMAN KINDNESS.

ANY KIND OF FORM OR MANNER.

WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT.

AND, YOU, MAYOR, IT'S PROBABLY YOUR

RESPONSIBILITY.

YOU CAN TELL THE POLICE, DON'T DO THAT.

GIVE THE PEOPLE THEIR BLANKETS

BECAUSE GOD WILL HEAR, AND HE SAYS HE

IS COMPASSIONATE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, RICHARD.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE DAPHNE
METCALF FOLLOWED BY AMY FARRELL.

>> HI, THERE.

MY NAME IS DAPHNE METCALF.

I'M A RESIDENT OF WARD 3 HERE IN
EUGENE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

I WORK IN A LIBRARY, AS SOME PEOPLE
HAVE ALREADY SAID, THE ORIGINAL DATA
CENTER.

I UNDERSTAND THAT MANY OF US ARE
HERE ABOUT THE INQUIRY OF THE DATA
CENTER AT THE FORMER HYNIX FACTORY.
AND I WAS VERY RELIEVED THAT THE CITY
OF EUGENE SAID NO.

I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS MOMENT TO THANK
THE CITY FOR DOING THIS.

THANK YOU FOR REFLECTING YOUR
RESIDENTS' VALUES.

THE REASON IT WAS NO WAS BECAUSE OF
EXISTING REGULATIONS.

I WOULD LIKE TO DEMAND THE CITY OF EUGENE CREATE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM BANNING THE BUILDING OF DATA CENTERS UNTIL WE CAN HAVE A LONGER TERM LEGAL SOLUTION TO COMPLETELY BAN DATA CENTERS IN EUGENE.

I UNDERSTAND THERE'S A MEETING IN DECEMBER TO DISCUSS DATA CENTERS. I APPRECIATE THE CITY COUNCIL HOSTING THIS, AND I WANT TO AGAIN THANK YOU. PLEASE KEEP THIS MOMENTUM GOING AND MAKE POSITIVE CHANGE THAT OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL BE THANKFUL FOR. MY SECOND POINT.

WE LIVE IN AN ERA OF MASS SURVEILLANCE.

FLOCK CAMERAS ARE POPPING UP EVERYWHERE.

GROCERY STORES ARE BEGINNING TO USE YOUR DATA TO TRACK YOUR LOCATION IN THE STORE AND CHANGE PRICES.

I AM ON THE TAIL END OF THE LAST GENERATION TO KNOW WHAT IT IS LIKE TO HAVE AN UNPLUGGED LIFE.

A LIFE WHERE YOU COULD RIDICULOUSLY
FOLLOW OFF YOUR SKATEBOARD AND
THERE'S NO FOOTAGE OF IT.

WHERE YOU COULD ASK SOMEONE TO A
DANCE AND IT WON'T END UP ON SOCIAL
MEDIA.

I INVITE YOU TO THINK BACK TO YOUR
CHILDHOOD AND REFLECT ON HOW FREE
YOU WERE.

HOW YOU COULD LIVE IN THE MOMENT WITH
YOUR BIG BROTHER AND NOT BE WORRIED
ABOUT BIG BROTHER.

I AM ENCOURAGING YOU TO DO THE
RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL THING, TO
USE EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO KEEP
MASS SURVEILLANCE OUT OF EUGENE.

LIFE IS MEANT TO BE LIVED AND NOT
RECORDED.

AND I HOPE EVERYONE GOES TO THEIR
LOCAL LIBRARY AND LEADS 1984 BY
GEORGE ORWELL.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, DAPHNE.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE AMY FARRELL

FOLLOWED BY KYLE PAVARNIK.

>> CITY COUNCIL, MAYOR, VERY NICE TO BE HERE.

I HAVE ONLY BEEN HERE FOR FOUR YEARS, AND THIS IS NOT MY FIRST TIME SPEAKING TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

I MOVED HERE FROM A SMALL CITY WHERE SMALL CHANGE SEEMED POSSIBLE.

BUT UNFORTUNATELY THEY TIME AND AGAIN PUT FORTH POLICIES, SAID THEY WERE GOING TO LOOK AFTER THE LITTLE GUY AND CONSISTENTLY MOVED ON TO THINGS LIKE ALLOWING GIANT CORPORATIONS TO TAKE OVER THINGS, ALLOWING REAL ESTATE TO PUSH PRICES UP, AFFORDABLE TO \$2,000 FOR A STUDIO APARTMENT IN A NEW LIVING SITUATION WHERE THEY WOULD PUT -- AND I WAS WATCHING YOUR WORK SESSION EARLIER, TO PUT WORKING AND STORES BELOW AND CITY ABOVE.

BELIEVE YOU ME, THAT DOES NOT WORK UNLESS YOU MAKE THIS HOUSING AFFORDABLE.

AND I MEAN ACTUALLY TALKING TO THE
REALTORS AND MAKING THAT AN EXAMPLE.
BECAUSE OTHERWISE, NO ONE IS GOING TO
BE ABLE TO AFFORD IT, PERIOD.

I'M ALSO HERE TO SPEAK AGAINST THE
PROPOSED DATA CENTER.

I LIVE IN WARD 8.

SO IT IS IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD.

AND I LOVE EUGENE, AND I'M HAPPY TO BE
HERE.

BUT THIS IS GOING TO AFFECT THE
ENVIRONMENT, PEOPLE OF COLOR, PEOPLE
OF LOWER INCOME.

IT'S HAPPENING EVERYWHERE.

I DON'T WANT IT HERE.

I DON'T WANT IT IN SPRINGFIELD.

I DON'T WANT IT ANYWHERE.

I AGREE WITH EVERYONE IS SAYING.

AND YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY LISTEN TO
THEM LIKE YOU DID NOT LISTEN TO THEM
FOR THE AMAZON.

I THINK IT IS VERY CRUEL IF PEOPLE ARE
TICKETING PEOPLE JUST FOR GETTING
FOOD.

AND I HAVE SEEN THAT MYSELF IN OTHER

PLACES TOO.

I KNOW THEY HAVE A LOT TO DO, BUT
MAYBE IF THERE WAS MORE DISTRIBUTION
OF THEIR BUDGET AND YOUR BUDGET TO
THINGS LIKE THAT, WE COULD GET BACK
CAHOOTS SO THEY COULD HAVE MORE
TIME TO GO BACK AND DO WHAT THEY
NEED TO BE DOING TO HELP US AND TO
MAYBE WE CAN GET A REFUND FOR THE
EUG ARTWORK THAT JUST WENT UP.
I LOVE PUBLIC ART HONESTLY, BUT I
REALLY THINK WHOESTLY AM ASKING,
PERHAPS YOU CAN GET A REFUND FOR
THAT AND PUT THAT IN A DIFFERENT PLACE.
THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> THANK YOU, AMY.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE KYLE FOLLOWED
BY IRVANIA LOPEZ TOLEDO.

I WILL CALL FOR KYLE ONE MORE TIME.
OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS IRVANIA LOPEZ
TOLEDO.

WHAT ABOUT JER CROSEMYER?

TREVOR CUMMINGS.

>> HI, I'M TREVOR CUMMINGS FROM WARD 7.
I HAVE ONLY BEEN IN EUGENE FOR ABOUT
SIX YEARS NOW.

BUT I KNOW HOW SPECIAL THIS CITY IS OR
CAN BE.

I'VE SEEN HOW THE COMMUNITY COMES
TOGETHER, ESPECIALLY WHEN FACING THE
CITY'S FAILURES.

I LOVE PAYING MY TAXES.

HONESTLY, I REALLY DO.

I WOULD LOVE IT MORE IF IT MEANT MY
COMMUNITY MEMBERS DIDN'T HAVE TO
STEP UP TO FEED THE HUNGRY.

STUDENTS ARE LOSING TEACHERS DUE TO
BUDGET CUTS AND SHORTFALLS.

FAMILIES ARE LOSING HOMES TO
EVER-RISING RENTS.

AND YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD THE STATS
ON WHAT HAPPENED WHEN WE LOST
CAHOOTS.

THANK YOU TO THAT SPEAKER.

YOU CAN UNDERSTAND WHY JUST THE
THREAT OF MORE OF EUGENE'S LIMITED
RESOURCES GOING TO MASSIVE
CORPORATIONS' PRIVATE INTEREST WILL

BRING THIS MILDLY RAUCOUS CROWD OUT.
AND I WANT TO JOIN THEM IN IMPLORING
YOU TO ENACT A MORATORIUM ON DATA
CENTERS IMMEDIATELY.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, TREVOR.

ONE LAST CALL FOR KYLE PIVARNIK.

IRVANIA LOPEZ TOLEDO.

CHRIS JOHNSON.

AFTER CHRIS I HAVE EMME SAWYER.

>> HI, I'M CHRIS.

IT'S GOOD TO BE HERE.

THIS IS MY FIRST CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

IN EUGENE.

AND THIS IS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL CITY.

AND I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU AND YOUR

EFFORTS TO TRY TO PROTECT OUR CITY

AND OUR ENVIRONMENT.

EACH OF YOU HAS YOUR OWN STORY, AND

YOUR OWN PERCEPTIONS ABOUT WHERE

YOU LIVE AND HOW IT IS.

AND I'M GOING TO CHUCK ALL OF THE

INFORMATION THAT I SPENT DOING

RESEARCH YESTERDAY, BECAUSE
EVERYONE HAS ALREADY SAID ALL OF IT.
AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT OUR PLANET
IS CURRENTLY RUN BY MALIGNANT
NARCISSISTS, AND THEY DON'T COME IN
THE FORM OF JUST ONE PERSON.
BUT A LOT OF THEM A LOT OF THEM ARE
SICKENED.
AND HOPEFULLY MAYBE SOME OF YOU ARE
BUYING THE MICROSOFT GOOGLE
META-AMAZON TECH BROS WHO ARE LINING
THEIR POCKETS WITH OUR RESOURCES,
WANTING TO COME AND TAKE OUR
ELECTRICITY AND OUR WATER, DROP OUR
WATER TABLE SO OUR FARMERS WON'T BE
ABLE TO GIVE US THE CROPS THAT WE
NEED TO EAT, BECAUSE THEY DON'T CARE.
THEIR RELATIONSHIPS ARE STRICTLY
TRANSACTIONAL.
AND WE'RE NOT FOR SALE.
AND OUR LAND IS NOT FOR SALE.
AND OUR WATER IS NOT FOR SALE.
AND SO IF WE CAN THINK ABOUT THE
OTHER CREATURES AS MANY IN HERE HAVE
ALREADY MENTIONED, IF WE CAN THINK

ABOUT THAT, AND I'M SO GLAD THAT YOU MENTIONED THAT WE'RE ON THE LAND OF THE KALYPUA, AND THE LIGHT POLLUTION THAT'S CONTINUOUS ALL NIGHT DISRUPTING LOCAL ECOSYSTEMS AND NEARBY RESIDENTS.

THE BRIGHT LIGHTS ALTER THE MIGRATION BEHAVIOR OF BIRDS, INSECTS AND TURTLES.

AND WE KNOW WHAT IT WILL DO TO THE CITY.

AND IF YOU GIVE AN INCH, THEY ARE JUST GOING TO KEEP COMING BACK AND COMING FOR MORE.

SO I AM ASKING FOR A PERMANENT MORATORIUM ON A.I. CENTERS.

I CHALLENGE YOU AND EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM TO DITCH YOUR PHONE FOR A DAY.

AND YOU KNOW WHAT?

LOOK AROUND, READ A BOOK, TALK TO A HUMAN.

GET THEIR STORY.

UNDERSTAND WHERE THEY'RE COMING FROM.

AND UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE A

POWER, AND THE POWER TO THE PEOPLE.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, CHRIS.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE EMILY SAWYER
FOLLOWED BY DEBORAH MAGEE.

>> GOOD EVENING.

I'M EMILY, A EUGENE RESIDENT IN WARD 1.
CHAMBERS WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD.

TIME AND TIME AGAIN PEOPLE HAVE
SPOKEN OUT AGAINST A.I. DATA CENTERS
WITH CONCERNS OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
IMPACT TO THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT,
INCREASED COST OF LIVING, AND
CONCERNS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
NATIONALLY ALLOWING FOR DATA CENTER
CONSTRUCTION DESPITE LOUD OUTCRIES
OF OPPOSITION FROM THE PEOPLE.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
IS ATTEMPTING TO REMOVE THE
REQUIREMENT TO NOTIFY AND RECEIVE
PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE PROCESS OF
ISSUING AIR POLLUTION PERMITS.

THIS IS SIMPLY AN ATTEMPT AT REMOVING

REQUIRED GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY AND ELIMINATING THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE TO SPEAK OUT AND DECIDE WHAT HAPPENS IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES. THE PUBLIC CITIZEN REPORTED THAT IN VIRGINIA, 80% OF LOCALITIES WITH PROPOSED OR EXISTING DATA CENTERS ARE HIDING DATA CENTER EFFORTS BEHIND NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS.

CLOSER TO HOME, THE CITY OF SALEM, OREGON, AND THE TECH COMPANY VERIS SIGNED AN ND THAT OBSCURED PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE PROPOSED DATA CENTER PROJECT FROM APRIL 2025 TO JULY 2026.

THESE EFFORTS SHOW SYSTEMIC EFFORTS BY TECH COMPANIES AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO HIDE INFORMATION OF THESE DEALINGS FROM THE PUBLIC.

THESE ARE CLEAR EXAMPLES OF TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION BY THE PEOPLE.

TECH COMPANIES AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE HIDING THESE INITIATIVES FROM THE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE FOOTING

THE BILL FOR THESE DATA CENTERS
THROUGH TAX SUBSIDIES FOR TECH
COMPANIES AND THROUGH COST OF LIVING
INCREASES.

THOSE SAME PEOPLE WHO ARE FOOTING
THE BILLS FOR THESE A.I. DATA CENTERS
ARE THE SAME PEOPLE WHO WILL NEVER
SEE A DROP OF THE PROFIT.

ALL THE PROMISED PROFIT FROM THESE A.I.
DATA CENTERS WOULD LAND DIRECTLY IN
THE POCKETS OF THESE TECH COMPANIES.
THUS, I AM CALLING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL
TO IMPLEMENT A LOCAL A.I. DATA CENTER
MORATORIUM AND A BAN ON THE USE OF
NDA'S FOR ALL DATA CENTER INQUIRIES TO
ENSURE GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY TO
THE PEOPLE.

>> THANK YOU, EMILY.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE DEBORAH
MAGEE FOLLOWED BY CAMERON
STRINGFIELD.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR.
MANAGER AND COUNCILORS.

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

I'M DEBORAH MAGEE.

I HAVE LIVED RURALLY FOR THE LAST 45 YEARS OUTSIDE EUGENE.

I AM OPPOSED TO THE TECHNOLOGICAL CANCER KNOWN AS DATA CENTERS, BUT I WANTED TO TELL YOU ABOUT ALL OF US WOMEN OF A CERTAIN AGE WHO HAVE BROUGHT A CONTESTED PROTEST AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS FOR ISSUING A PERMIT TO AMAZON TO DESTROY SEVEN ACRES OF OUR LAST REMAINING WETLANDS IN THE VALLEY.

THESE LANDS MATTER TO MANY MORE THAN HUMAN SPECIES.

WE BELIEVE AMAZON SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO BUILD THERE.

THEY COULD HAVE BUILT ON THE OTHER END OF THE 80 ACRES, BUT IT WAS CHEAPER FOR THEM TO DESTROY THE 7 ACRES OF WETLAND, AND THEY DID IT FIRST THING WITHOUT THEIR FINAL LEGAL PERMIT BEING ISSUED DUE TO OUR PROTEST.

IT IS THEIR PATTERN TO BEGIN WORK BEFORE THEIR PERMITS ARE FINAL.

IT'S ILLEGAL.

THE GOLD STANDARD IN THE CLEAR LAKE OVERLAY ZONE IS TO CREATE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE OF VARIOUS ACREAGES FOR CORPORATIONS TO PURCHASE WITH A LENS TOWARD JOBS WITH FAIRNESS AND EQUITY, WITH A FOCUS ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS.

DOES ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN INCLUDE SELLING SEVEN ACRES OF WETLAND INTO ASPHALT AND CONCRETE?

AMAZON'S GOAL IS TO REPLACE 600,000 WORKERS WITHIN FIVE YEARS WITH ROBOTS.

AMAZON EMPLOYEE TURNOVER RATE IS 150%.

WHY?

70% OF EMPLOYEES LEAVE WITHIN 90 DAYS.

WHY?

ONE REASON, AMAZON WAREHOUSE EMPLOYEES REPORT THREE TIMES THE WARE HOUSEWORKER INJURY RATES. AND MY FAVORITE, DELIVERY DRIVERS HAVE SUCH PRODUCTION REQUIREMENTS

THAT THEY CARRY BOTTLES IN THEIR
TRUCK CABS TO URINATE IN BECAUSE
THERE'S NO TIME FOR A BATHROOM BREAK.
IS THAT WHAT THE CLEAR LAKE OVERLAY
PROTECTION ZONE MEANT BY
EMPLOYMENT THAT'S FAIR AND EQUITABLE?
WOULD YOU ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO
SEEK EMPLOYMENT?
OUR PROTEST IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
ANYONE CAN LISTEN IN.
THE NEXT ONE IS ON OCTOBER 1.
THERE ARE FOUR AMAZON LAWYERS ON
THE CALL.
FINALLY I UNDERSTAND.
NONDISCLOSURE STATEMENTS ARE
STANDARD.
BUT IF IT'S GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY,
WHY HIDE IT?
IT DAMAGES TRUST.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, DEBORAH.

OUR NEXT SPEAKERS ARE CAMERON
STRINGFIELD.

>> CAMERON STRINGFIELD, WARD 7.

I'M WITH THE PARTY FOR SOCIALISM AND
LIBERATION.

BEFORE I GET INTO MY SPEECH, I WANT TO
SAY I KNOW WE'RE PROBABLY COMING UP
ON THE END OF THE SPEAKING PERIOD.

I WOULD PLEASE ASK THAT ONE OF YOU
MAKE A MOTION TO HEAR MORE PEOPLE
HERE TONIGHT.

YOU HAVE A RECORD NUMBER OF PEOPLE
HERE.

OUR CITY, OUR STATE, OUR COUNTRY AND
OUR PLANET ARE FACING EXISTENTIAL
CRISES.

THE COST OF LIVING CRISES, AGING,
CLIMATE CHANGE, THE GROWING A.I.
BUBBLE, RIGHT-WING TERROR, GLOBAL
WARFARE AND GENOCIDE, ET CETERA.

THESE ARE THE DEFINING CRISES OF OUR
AGE.

DATA CENTERS ARE FACILITIES THAT
EXACERBATE THESE PROBLEMS.

THEY CONSUME VAST GROWING AMOUNTS
OF ELECTRICITY, WATER, AND TAXPAYER
MONEY TO POWER THINGS LIKE ARTIFICIAL

INTELLIGENCE, MASS SURVEILLANCE, AND MILITARY AND POLICE SYSTEMS AND WEAPONS.

I WANT TO FOCUS ON JUST TWO ELEMENTS OF THAT TO PUT IT INTO PERSPECTIVE.

FIRST, THE WATER.

GLOBALLY, THE WATER CRISIS IS GETTING WORSE EVERY YEAR.

THE UN STATED EARLIER THIS YEAR THAT THE WORLD IS IN A STATE OF WATER BANKRUPTCY, MEANING HUMAN DEMAND AND DEPLETION OF NATURAL WATER SYSTEMS EXCEED REPLENISHMENT RATES. WHILE DATA CENTERS MAKE UP A SMALL PERCENT, THE MASSIVE CONSUMPTION OF WATER IS INCREASING.

GOOGLE'S DATA CENTERS USED 550 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER, NEARLY 40% OF THE CITY'S WATER USAGE AND A 26% INCREASE FROM 2024.

IN 2025, GOOGLE GLOBALLY USED 10.9 BILLION GALLONS OF WATER, A 34% INCREASE FROM 2024.

THESE NUMBERS ARE ONLY EXPECTED TO INCREASE.

IN RECENT YEARS, OREGON HAS FACED
STATEWIDE DROUGHT AND THE WORST
WILDFIRE SEASONS ON RECORD.

WE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE USING UP WHAT
LITTLE WATER WE HAVE TO LINE THE
POCKETS OF BILLIONAIRES.

THERE'S ALSO THE STAGGERING
CONSUMPTION OF ENERGY.

U.S. DATA CENTERS USE AROUND 4.4% OF
ELECTRICITY NATIONWIDE AND ARE
EXPECTED TO REACH 9% BY 2030.

THE BREAKNECK PACE AT WHICH THESE
DATA CENTERS ARE BEING BUILT MEANS
PUSHING CLIMATE EVEN FURTHER INTO
CATASTROPHE AND PUSHING OUR ENERGY
INFRASTRUCTURE TO A BREAKING POINT.
WE CANNOT BE CONTRIBUTING TO THESE
EXISTENTIAL CRISES AS A CITY.

>> THANK YOU.

DO WE HAVE JOSHUA CORN?

>> SO CLEARLY WITH ALL OF THIS SUPPORT
AGAINST DATA CENTERS, WE -- YOU GUYS
NEED TO PASS A MORATORIUM AGAINST

THESE A.I. DATA CENTERS IN THE EUGENE AREA.

BUT AS SOMEONE THAT HAS BEEN SPEAKING OUT AGAINST SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY FOR OVER A DECADE TO THIS COUNCIL, NOT ALL OF YOU ARE THE SAME, BUT -- AND I HAVEN'T BEEN HERE FOR A WHILE.

BUT LET'S ZOOM OUT AND SEE -- PUT A LITTLE PERSPECTIVE ON THIS PUSH FOR A.I. DATA CENTERS.

AND WHAT IT REALLY IS.

BECAUSE THIS IS NOT ABOUT USING YOUR CHAT GPT.

THEY HAVE PLENTY OF DATA CENTERS AND LESS IN CHINA, YET THEY FULLY SUPPORT ALL THE NEEDS OF ALL OF THE HUMAN CONSUMERS OF A.I.

YET WHY THEY ARE PUSHING FOR THIS ONSLAUGHT OF DEVELOPMENT OF DATA CENTERS, USING ALL OUR WATER?

THIS IS SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY.

AND THIS IS DESIGNED -- THIS IS AN ANTI-HUMAN AND SURVEILLANCE AGENDA TO TRACK, TRACE, AND DATABASE OUR

ENTIRE POPULATION AND MONITOR AND
BASICALLY JUST SURVEILL US FOREVER.
AND WE NEED TO STOP IT.

OBVIOUSLY, THE HUMANS ARE SPEAKING
OUT HERE.

AND WE NEED THE WATER AND EVEN
ELECTRICITY FOR OUR FARMERS.

WE CAN'T -- IT'S LIKE PEOPLE COMPARE
HOW MUCH WATER YOU NEED TO GROW
FOOD VERSUS A DATA CENTER.

BUT THESE DATA CENTERS ARE NOT
NEEDED.

AND WE NEED THE FOOD.

DO YOU GUYS SUPPORT THIS ANTI-HUMAN
AGENDA JUST TO SUPPORT ALL OF THE
SURVEILLANCE COMPANIES?

BECAUSE THIS IS NOT ABOUT YOUR CHAT
GPT AND YOUR CLOUD SUBSCRIPTIONS.

THEY DON'T NEED THAT FOR THIS.

SO JUST PASS THE MORATORIUM AND GIVE
THE PEOPLE HERE WHAT THEY ARE
CALLING FOR.

AND STOP THESE DATA CENTERS.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, JOSHUA.

MAYOR, THAT WAS OUR FINAL SPEAKER FOR THE 90 MINUTES.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, STAFF.

I NOW CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, AND THAT WILL GIVE US I THINK A LITTLE BIT OF TIME TO DISCUSS THIS EVENING'S PUBLIC COMMENT AND ALSO MAYBE SHARE A LITTLE BIT MORE INFORMATION, WITH FULL AWARENESS THAT OUR LONGER DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS TOPIC IS CURRENTLY ON THE COUNCIL'S AGENDA, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS THIS EVENING.

A LOT OF PASSION AND CONCERN SHARED ABOUT THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY.

BUT ALSO A REQUEST TO DO A GOOD JOB, TAKE TIME, AND MAKE DECISIONS DELIBERATIVELY, AND THAT IS CURRENTLY THE PROCESS WE HAVE LAID OUT.

I ALSO DO WANT TO SHARE A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND AND THEN ALSO MAYBE ASK A FEW QUESTIONS AND IF COUNCIL HAS

QUESTIONS FOR OUR STAFF.

SO WHEN LAST WEEK EUGENE DETERMINED THAT THE DATA CENTER USE DESCRIBED IN THE APPLICATION FOR THE HYNIX HYUNDAI FACILITY WAS NOT ALLOWED IN OUR E-1 CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT ZONE, A SIGH OF RELIEF, RIGHT, A SENSE OF SOME REPRIEVE.

BUT I THINK IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW UP ON SOME OF THE DETAILS OF THAT, BECAUSE THIS IS WHERE OUR CONTEXT LOCALLY IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM VIRGINIA OR WEST VIRGINIA OR TEXAS OR EVEN OTHER CITIES WITHIN THE STATE OF OREGON.

THE ABSENCE OF DATA CENTERS AS A USE WITHIN OUR CODE MEANS THAT THEY ARE NOT A USE PERMITTED IN OUR CITY.

THEY ARE NOT CURRENTLY ALLOWED IN OUR ZONING, WHICH MEANS THAT IT IS OUR POSITION BASED ON WHAT HAS GONE FORWARD WITH THE ZONE VERIFICATION PROCESS IS THAT ANY OTHER BUILDING PERMIT OR REQUEST FOR DEVELOPMENT IN ANY OTHER ZONE WOULD ALSO NOT BE AN

ALLOWED USE.

DATA CENTERS, CERTAINLY HYPER SCALE CENTERS, THOSE DESCRIBED, WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT A SERVER ROOM OR THE CAPACITY TO RUN YOUR ENGINEERING FIRM OR SUPPORT G.I.S. INFORMATION, YOU KNOW, THAT SO MANY LOCAL AGENCIES RELY ON TO DO REALLY GOOD COMMUNITY WORK.

THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. DATA CENTERS ARE DESCRIBED ARE NOT ANYTHING THAT ARE CAPTURED AS A USE IN OUR LOCAL EXISTING LAWS.

SO FOR THOSE IN THE ROOM THAT HAVE EXPRESSED I THINK VERY CLEARLY A CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT MIGHT JUST HAPPEN OR THAT THERE ARE NDA'S IN PLACE IN OUR COMMUNITY BECAUSE THAT HAS BEEN IN THE NEWS IN OTHER PLACES, THAT IS NOT THE CONTEXT OR THE CIRCUMSTANCE HERE.

AND IT IS NOT A USE THAT IS OUTLINED IN OUR CODE.

SO FOR OUR CONVERSATIONS GOING

FORWARD, I'LL OFFER THAT AS A COMPONENT.

THAT DOES NOT MEAN THERE ISN'T STILL AN IMPORTANT WORK SESSION FOR CITY COUNCIL TO HAVE THIS FALL, AND THAT IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER. THERE'S A LOT OF OTHER WORK THAT IS COMING IN FRONT OF THIS BODY, INCLUDING SEVERAL TOUCH POINTS THAT WE KNOW OUR COMMUNITY CARES DEEPLY ABOUT WITH REGARDS TO MANY DIFFERENT AREAS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND COMMUNITY NEEDS AND THE BUILDING OF OUR BUDGET OVER THESE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS.

BUT IT IS ON THE SCHEDULE, AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE GATHER MORE INFORMATION AND I THINK HAVE A FULL WORK SESSION CONVERSATION ABOUT THIS TOPIC.

BUT TO JUST UNDERSCORE, DATA CENTERS ARE NOT AN ALLOWABLE USE IN OUR CITY. THAT IS THE CURRENT CONTEXT OF OUR LOCAL LAWS.

AND APPLYING OTHER LAWS TO OUR CITY,

IT'S IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW
WHERE WE ARE BEGINNING THIS
CONVERSATION FROM.

WITH THAT SAID, OTHER COMMENTS AND
QUESTIONS CITY COUNCIL?

WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO FOLLOW UP ON
ANY PUBLIC COMMENT THAT WAS HEARD
THIS EVENING?

COUNCILOR YEH.

>> YEH: THANK YOU.

AND THANK YOU FOR SHARING THAT
INFORMATION.

THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO GET OUT
INTO THE COMMUNITY.

I DID WANT TO FOLLOW UP -- WONDERING IF
THE CITY MANAGER COULD GET US SOME
MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT OUR
POLICY AROUND NDA'S.

I CAN UNDERSTAND PEOPLE BEING
CURIOUS ABOUT HOW -- WHAT OUR
DECISION MAKING PROCESS IS, IF
SOMEONE BRINGS ONE TO US, AND HOW
WE WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER THAT
WAS APPROPRIATE OR NOT APPROPRIATE

AND HOW THAT WOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THE COMMUNITY AS WELL.

SO I JUST APPRECIATE SOME MORE INFORMATION.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: COUNCILOR KASHINSKY.

>> KASHINSKY: THANK YOU.

AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TONIGHT.

I SHARE MANY OF THE CONCERNS THAT WERE BROUGHT UP CONCERNING A.I. AND DATA CENTERS AND NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS.

AND JUST TO BE CLEAR, I HAVE NOT SIGNED A NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT AND I WILL NOT SIGN A NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT. TO EMPHASIZE WHAT THE MAYOR JUST SAID, WE HEARD A LOT OF REQUESTS FOR A MORATORIUM TONIGHT.

MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT A MORATORIUM HAS A VERY SPECIFIC DEFINITION UNDER OREGON LAND USE LAW, AND IT'S A VERY TEMPORARY PAUSE THAT CAN HAPPEN FOR AN ALLOWED USE -- AND

CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG -- IN A SITUATION WHERE YOU NEED TO PAUSE SOMETHING SO YOU CAN FIGURE OUT HOW YOU NEED TO REGULATE IT. AND IT'S A TEMPORARY PAUSE. THERE ARE VERY STRICT TIMELINES ON IT. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT A MORATORIUM IS NOT RELEVANT FOR US IN THIS SITUATION BECAUSE AS THE MAYOR SAID, DATA CENTERS ARE NOT AN ALLOWED USE NOW. AND SO THEY ARE ALREADY ARE NOT ALLOWED, SO WE DON'T NEED TO PAUSE THEM IN ORDER TO LOOK AT ANY REGULATIONS BECAUSE THEY AREN'T ALLOWED RIGHT NOW. AND SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONVERSATION WE'LL BE HAVING IN THE FALL SURROUNDING MORE DETAILED AND NONTEMPORARY REGULATIONS IN OUR CODE SURROUNDING DATA CENTERS. AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR COMING OUT TONIGHT.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: COUNCILOR KEATING.

>> KEATING: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

I TOO HAVE NOT OR WOULD NOT SIGN AN NDA.

A NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT.

BUT THE POINT IS MOOT AS HAS BEEN ARTICULATED.

THAT BEING SAID, I WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED TO HEAR WHAT CITY MANAGER'S OPINION OR WHAT OUR COUNSEL OR MUNICIPALITY'S POSITION IS WHEN IT COMES TO NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS.

THE ISSUE WAS BROUGHT UP AT THE SYMPOSIUM THAT I ATTENDED THIS LAST WEEK AS TO WHY CERTAIN COMMUNITIES ARE SIGNING THESE NDA'S.

I'M NOT JUSTIFYING IT.

BUT AS I UNDERSTAND IT, ONE OF THE REASONS WHY YOU'RE SEEING COMMUNITIES IN VIRGINIA SIGN NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS ARE RELATED TO NATIONAL SECURITY, OBVIOUSLY, BASED ON THEIR LOCATION. IT JUST DOESN'T APPLY TO OREGON. OR AT LEAST TO EUGENE AND THE

SOUTHERN WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OF
COURSE.

AND, AGAIN, I'M NOT -- I'M JUST STATING
WHAT WAS BROUGHT UP AT OUR
SYMPOSIUM LAST WEEK IN THE D.C. AND
BALTIMORE AREA.

AND I MENTIONED MY TRIP EARLIER, AND I'M
BRINGING IT UP AGAIN.

I HOPE MISTY BOWMAN IS STILL IN THE
ROOM.

I DON'T SEE MISTY.

BUT I THOUGHT OF MISTY AND THE DARK
SKY ORGANIZERS ON MY RECENT TRIP TO
THE D.C. AREA.

IF YOU GET A CHANCE TO VISIT THE
NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, THE
SMITHSONIAN'S NATURAL HISTORY
MUSEUM, THERE'S A POWERFUL LIGHTS
OUT RECOVERING OUR NIGHT SKY EXHIBIT
THAT I HIGHLY RECOMMEND.

AND IT FEATURES A DARK SKY SIMULATION
OF A DARK SKY PARK.

I THINK WE'RE LONG OVERDUE FOR A DARK
SKY WORK SESSION OR TO SEE WHAT WE
CAN DO AS A COMMUNITY TO CODIFY SOME

OF THE POWERFUL POINTS MADE BY THE
DARK SKY COMMUNITY.

I LOOK FORWARD AS I MENTIONED AT THE
TOP OF THIS COUNCIL MEETING TO OUR
DECEMBER 14 WORK SESSION ON THIS
MATTER.

AND I APPRECIATE EVERYONE WHO CAME
TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY TONIGHT.

IF YOU DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO SPEAK
WITH US, PLEASE EMAIL THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL.

AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE.

>> COUNCILOR CLARK.

>> CLARK: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

I APPRECIATE EVERYONE COMING, AND
EVERYTHING THAT THEY HAD TO SAY
TONIGHT.

I CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THE PASSION.

I HAVE CONCERNS JUST LIKE EVERYBODY
ELSE WHO LIVES HERE.

SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE
DISCUSSION THAT WE'LL HAVE AT COUNCIL.
I'M A LITTLE BUMMED THAT MY COLLEAGUE

STOLE MY THUNDER BECAUSE I WANTED TO SAY, IN ALL MY YEARS IN COUNCIL, NO ONE HAS EVER ASKED ME TO SIGN AN NDA, AND I PLAIN AND SIMPLY WOULDN'T DO IT.

AND THE REASON IS BECAUSE WHEN YOU'RE ELECTED TO SIT UP HERE BY THE PEOPLE IN YOUR WARD, YOU'RE THEIR REPRESENTATIVE, PERIOD, END OF STORY. AND TO AGREE NOT TO TELL THEM SOMETHING THAT YOU WERE DEBATING IS NONSENSICAL AT ITS BASE.

AND I ABSOLUTELY WOULDN'T DO IT.

SO I DON'T THINK THAT'S AN ISSUE FOR US.

I FEEL FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES FEEL SIMILARLY ABOUT THAT. FOR THOSE OF MY COLLEAGUES THAT -- I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS DISCUSSION WITH YOU.

THIS MAY BE A LITTLE OUT THERE.

BUT IF YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO DO SOME LISTENING TO PODCASTS AND RESEARCH, I WOULD RECOMMEND ED CITRON.

HE HAS A VERY INTERESTING PERSPECTIVE ON A.I. DATA CENTERS THAT I TEND TO THINK IS WORTH LISTENING TO AND

UNDERSTANDING, HIS IDEA ABOUT WE SHOULDN'T BE BUILDING THEM BECAUSE IT'S A WASTE OF EVERYTHING INVOLVED. AND WE'LL GET INTO THE DETAILS OF THAT LATER.

BUT I HIGHLY RECOMMEND LISTENING TO HIS THOUGHTS.

ESPECIALLY HIS INTERVIEW ON DIARY OF A CEO.

SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: COUNCILOR GROVES.

>> GROVES: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

I THINK I COVERED HOW I FEEL ABOUT DATA CENTERS ON THE FRONT END OF THIS MEETING.

BUT I DID WANT TO ADDRESS THE NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT.

I HAVE NEVER SIGNED ONE AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, AND I DON'T THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR AN ELECTED OFFICIAL TO SIGN ONE.

HOWEVER, GOING BACK IN MY CAREER, IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THERE WERE TIMES, FOR EXAMPLE, SECRET SERVICE

SECURITY DETAILS WHERE WE COULD NOT DISCLOSE FOR OBVIOUS REASONS WHAT THE PROTECTION WAS GOING TO BE FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT, AND THE DALAI LAMA AND OTHERS THAT CAME INTO TOWN.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THAT, I DON'T THINK THERE'S REALLY ANY REASON PUBLIC OFFICIALS SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN NONDISCLOSURE.

THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, COUNCILORS, FOR THOSE THOUGHTS AND FEEDBACK.

THANK YOU AGAIN TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO GAVE PUBLIC COMMENT THIS EVENING AND HAVE ALSO WRITTEN WITH INFORMATION ABOUT DATA CENTERS.

THIS IS A TOPIC THAT HAD A LION'S SHARE OF ATTENTION AT PUBLIC COMMENT TONIGHT.

I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T ALSO MENTION THERE WERE RESOURCES ON THE CITY OF EUGENE WEBSITE THAT SPEAKS TO

THIS DETAIL AND THE SPECIFIC AND
TECHNICAL LANGUAGE, AND FOR SOME OF
YOU WHO ALSO ARE LOOKING FOR MORE
INFORMATION AND RESEARCHING, THOSE
ARE VERY USEFUL RESOURCES AND
APPRECIATION TO OUR STAFF FOR
BUILDING THOSE FAQ'S.

WITH THAT SAID, I WILL ALSO NOW CLOSE
THE SEPTEMBER 14 CITY COUNCIL
MEETING, AND WE ARE ADJOURNED.

[GAVEL SOUNDS]