

MINUTES
Eugene City Council
Public Hearing
Eugene, Oregon 97401

September 21, 2026
5:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Knudson opened the September 21, 2026, Eugene City Council Public Hearing in a hybrid in-person and virtual format at 500 E. 4th Avenue, North Building, Eugene, OR 97401.

1. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Establishing a Residential Energy Performance Disclosure Requirement; Adding Sections 6.760, 6.765, 6.775, 6.780, and 6.785 to the Eugene Code, 1971; and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Knudson opened the public hearing.

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

1. Aya Cockram - spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
2. Debra McGee - spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
3. Jim Neu - spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
4. Meredith Tufts - spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
5. Betzi Hitz - spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
6. Peter Dragovich - spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
7. Alejandro Garcia Iboa - spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
8. Linda Kelley - spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
9. Debra Higbee - spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
10. Tiffany Edwards - spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance.
11. Dylan Plummer - spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
12. Alexi Miller - spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
13. Jacob Trewe - spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
14. Carolyn Partridge - spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
15. Bethany Cotton - spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
16. Ryan Moore - spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
17. Jan Bohman - spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
18. Dennis Reynolds - spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
19. Tim Morris - spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
20. Abraham Kelso - spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.
21. Tomoko Sekiguchi - spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.

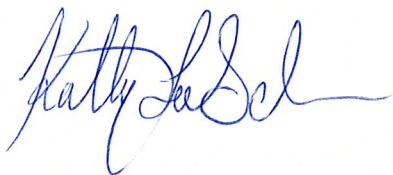
Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka – noted his long involvement with development of the Climate Recovery Ordinance; stated the Home Energy Score policy has taken significantly longer to advance than intended; stated this tool is already in use in multiple Oregon cities; noted the ordinance would provide essential information to homeowners and renters; stated lower-scoring homes often have the ability to reduce energy use by 20 percent to 30 percent, improving affordability and quality of life; noted that residents cannot act without information and that the Home Energy Score provides a needed roadmap for energy upgrades; stated that implementing the ordinance would support job creation, reduce climate impacts, and strengthen the overall quality of housing; stated support for adoption of the policy as written.
- Councilor Groves – stated interest in exploring ways to offset the cost of a Home Energy Score assessment for lower-income residents; noted that while the assessment cost is modest, it can still be burdensome for some households; stated desire for future discussion on mechanisms to reduce or mitigate cost impacts.
- Councilor Clark – asked whether adding accountability measures or metrics to evaluate policy outcomes would be a minor adjustment or whether such changes would require a new public hearing.
- Mayor Knudson – stated interest in receiving the total number of Home Energy Score assessments completed under the former partnership between the University of Oregon and the City of Eugene to better understand program reach; asked for quantification of the statement that 65 percent of homes in Eugene were built before 1990, including approximate numbers of structures and typical building characteristics associated with construction practices of that era; noted such information would help residents understand common energy-efficiency deficiencies found in older homes, such as uninsulated walls or single-paned windows.

Mayor Knudson closed the public hearing.

Mayor Knudson adjourned the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Rosa Roach)

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