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>> MAYOR KNUDSON: GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE, AND WELCOME TO THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 EUGENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN THIS HYBRID MEETING FORMAT TONIGHT.

ANYONE WISHING TO ACCESS CAN DO SO BY WATCHING THE STREAM, THE BROADCAST ON COMCAST 21, OR THE CITY OF EUGENE WEBSITE.

THERE IS ONE PUBLIC HEARING ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA.

PLEASE NOTE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY MAY SPEAK ONLY ON THE TOPIC THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE STATED HEARING.

FOR THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING, PLEASE FILL OUT A REQUEST TO SPEAK FORM AVAILABLE ON THE CITY'S PUBLIC WEBCAST AND MEETINGS MATERIALS WEBPAGE.

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

WE WILL ACCEPT REQUEST TO SPEAK FORMS UNTIL 5:35 P.M. TONIGHT.

THE RULES OF CONDUCT APPLY, INCLUDING NO FLAGS, SIGNS, LOUD OR DISRUPTIVE LANGUAGE, NOISE OR CONDUCT THAT OBSTRUCTS THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL.

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

THE PERSON ADDRESSING COUNCIL SHOULD BE THE ONLY PERSON SPEAKING.

WE ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR HAVE HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHERS WHO ARE ILL TO JOIN US REMOTELY RATHER THAN IN PERSON.

WE ALSO ENCOURAGE ATTENDEES TO SPREAD OUT AND WEAR A MASK IF YOU WOULD FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE DOING SO.

WE HAVE SOME AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY.

IN CASE OF MEDICAL EMERGENCY, A DEFIBRILLATOR IS LOCATED BEHIND THE STAFF TO YOUR LEFT OR WEST SIDE OF THE ROOM.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY EVACUATION, EMERGENCY EXITS ARE THROUGH THE DOUBLE DOORS AT THE BACK OF THE ROOM AND THE DOUBLE DOORS NEAR THE FRONT OF THE ROOM AND THE DOORS TO THE PATIO CAN ALSO BE USED AS NEEDED.

WITH THAT, I CALL THIS MEETING TO ORDER.

[GAVEL SOUNDS]

THE ONLY PUBLIC HEARING ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA IS PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RESIDENTIAL ENERGY PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT.

CITY MANAGER, WOULD YOU PLEASE INTRODUCE THE TOPIC?

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR.

CITY COUNCIL IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING TONIGHT ON AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RESIDENTIAL ENERGY PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT.

THIS ORDINANCE WOULD REQUIRE SELLERS TO DISCLOSE A HOME ENERGY SCORE WHEN A DWELLING UNIT IS LISTED FOR SALE.

COUNCIL ACTION ON THIS ORDINANCE IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 28.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: I NOW OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

AND BECAUSE IT IS NOT PAST 5:35 P.M., BEFORE TESTIMONY BEGINS, AS A REMINDER, THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP TO SPEAK IS 5:35 P.M.

AND WE WILL NOW WAIT FOR THESE NEXT 90 SECONDS OR SO TO PASS BEFORE THE CUTOFF TIME TO RECEIVE ANY FINAL SIGN UPS AND TO ALLOW STAFF TIME TO PREPARE OUR SPEAKER LIST.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE, FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING.

STAFF, CAN YOU PLEASE SHARE THE LIST OF SPEAKERS ON THE SCREEN AND ANNOUNCE THE FIRST SPEAKERS WHEN THEY ARE READY.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR.

STAFF IS STILL FINALIZING THAT SPEAKER LIST, AND IT WILL BE READY SHORTLY.

>> THANK YOU, EVERYONE, FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

IF YOU HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK VIA ZOOM, PLEASE TAKE THIS TIME TO ENSURE THAT YOUR SCREEN NAME IN ZOOM INCLUDES YOUR LAST NAME AND MATCHES THE NAME YOU USED TO SIGN UP TO SPEAK.

IF YOUR SCREEN NAME DOES NOT MATCH, WE CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO SPEAK WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN.

I WILL ANNOUNCE TWO SPEAKER NAMES AT A TIME.

WHEN YOU ARE CALLED TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WARD OR NEIGHBORHOOD IF KNOWN BEFORE BEGINNING YOUR COMMENTS.

IF YOU ARE PROVIDING TESTIMONY VIA ZOOM, WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN, WE WILL ANNOUNCE YOUR NAME AND ALLOW YOU TO SPEAK.

IF YOU ARE ANNOUNCED AS THE NEXT SPEAKER AND PHYSICALLY IN THE ROOM, PLEASE MOVE TO THE SEAT IN THE FRONT ROW DESIGNATED FOR THE NEXT SPEAKER.

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

PLEASE LEAVE ANY BAGS YOU MAY 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 1/2 MINUTES TO SPEAK.

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

YOUR MICROPHONE WILL BE MUTED AT THE 2 1/2 MINUTE MARK.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE USE OF PROFANITY IS NOT PERMITTED.

OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS IA COCHRAN, FOLLOWED BY DEBORAH MAGEE.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: IA, IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, THIS IS MAYOR KNUDSON.

WE CANNOT YET HEAR YOU IN THE ROOM SO PLEASE PAUSE YOUR PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY FOR A MOMENT, AND STAFF WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN WE HAVE RESOLVED THE ISSUE.

WE CANNOT HEAR YOU YET.

>> I WE WILL HEAR FROM OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND CITY MANAGER.

MY NAME IS DEBORAH MAGEE.

I LIVE RURALLY, BUT I HAVE BEEN BREATHING THE AIR AND LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY FOR YEARS.

BERKELEY HAS HAD A HOME ENERGY SCORE POLICY SINCE 2016.

IN AUGUST OF 2022, A STUDY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LAB, CALLED THE BERKELEY LAB, FOUND STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN A HOME'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY, HOME VALUATION, AND MORTGAGE REPAYMENTS.

RESEARCHERS AT BERKELEY LABS STUDIED OVER 25,000 HOMES THAT HAD RECEIVED A HOME ENERGY SCORE ASSESSMENT.

WE KNOW THAT A HOME ENERGY SCORE ASSESSMENT IS LIKE A MILES PER GALLON RATING.

WITH HIGHER SCORES INDICATING HIGHER EFFICIENCY.

AND IN THE COMING MONTHS THE BERKELEY LAB PLANS TO EXPAND THIS STUDY TO INCLUDE MORE THAN 2 MILLION HOMES RATED WITH HOME ENERGY SCORE RATING SYSTEMS.

THESE STUDIES ILLUSTRATE WHY HOME ENERGY SCORES ARE A VALUABLE TOOL FOR HOMEOWNERS AND FOR ANYONE LOOKING TO BUY, SELL, OR RENT A HOME.

EMPOWERING RESIDENTS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HOME ENERGY USE AND COSTS CAN HELP THEM MAKE INFORMED RENTAL AND PURCHASE DECISIONS.

HOME ENERGY SCORES ALSO ALLOW HOME SELLERS TO BETTER REFLECT THE MARKET VALUE FOR THEIR ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES WHILE ALSO GUIDING HOMEOWNERS THROUGH STEPS TO LOWER ENERGY BILLS AND IMPROVE HOME ENERGY PERFORMANCE.

EVERYONE WINS.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, DEBORAH.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM JIM NEW FOLLOWED BY IAEA COCHRAN.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER, AND STAFF.

THE CITY OF EUGENE COMMITTED TO CUTTING FOSSIL FUEL USE 50% BELOW 2010 LEVELS BY 2030 SEVEN YEARS AGO.

TO DATE, COMMUNITY CARBON REDUCTIONS HAVE ONLY REACHED AN 11% REDUCTION SINCE THE CRO WAS ADOPTED.

THE CRO LISTED ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION AS KEY COMPONENTS TO REACHING THE GOAL.

ELECTRIFICATION OF NEW AND EXISTING STRUCTURES WOULD HELP ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE HOME ENERGY SCORE, WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT TOOL IN GUIDING IN THAT DIRECTION.

A HOME ENERGY SCORE HELPS A HOMEOWNER DETERMINE ENERGY DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE STRUCTURE AND PROVIDES ALTERNATIVES THROUGH INCENTIVES, PROGRAMS, AND CORRECTING THOSE DEFICIENCIES WITH ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES.

THERE HAS BEEN A 31% INCREASE IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY TO MORE THAN 200,000 PORTLAND HOMES THAT HAVE USED AT THE HOME ENERGY SCORE PROGRAM.

I URGE THE COUNCIL TO IMPLEMENT THE USE OF HOME ENERGY SCORE HERE IN EUGENE WHICH WOULD PROVIDE LOWER COSTS AND REDUCING COMMUNITY WIDE CARBON EMISSIONS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> THANK YOU, JIM.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM IAEA COCHRANE, FOLLOWED BY MEREDITH TUFTS.

>> HELLO.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: YES.

>> DEAR MAYOR KNUDSON, CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCILLORS, THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY.

I AM IAEA COCHRANE, I WORK IN THE NONPROFIT SECTOR AND I RESIDE IN WARD ONE.

I JUST PULLED OVER TO GIVE THIS TESTIMONY, SO IF THERE'S ANY BACKGROUND NOISE I APOLOGIZE.

I SPEAK TONIGHT IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE HOME ENERGY SCORE POLICY.

I HAVE TRACKED AND ADVOCATED FOR CLIMATE FOR YEARS.

CITY STAFF HAS DONE EXTENSIVE OUTREACH, AND RESULTS ARE CLEAR.

PEOPLE WANT EFFICIENT AND CLEAN SYSTEMS IN THEIR HOMES BUT NEED INCENTIVES AND INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THIS PROCESS AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE AMAZING PROGRAMS WE HAVE THANKS TO EWAB WEB.

THIS POLICY WOULD NOT ONLY GIVE NEW HOMEOWNERS A COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW OF ENERGY USE AND WHERE IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE MADE, IT'S A FANTASTIC EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY TO POINT FOLKS TO INCENTIVES AND PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS.

THIS YEAR I BOUGHT A 100 YEAR OLD HOUSE THAT HAD I BEEN PROVIDED A HOME ENERGY SCORE WOULD HAVE SCORED VERY LOW.

IN GETTING A LOW HOME ENERGY SCORE WOULD NOT HAVE STOPPED ME, BUT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLY HELPFUL.

THIS IS ABOUT TRANSPARENCY THAT EVERY PROSPECTIVE HOME BUYER DESERVES DURING THIS CLIMATE AND COST OF LIVING CRISIS.

PLEASE PASS THIS COMMON SENSE POLICY.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

>> THANK YOU, IAEA.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM MEREDITH TUFTS, FOLLOWED BY BETSY HITS.

>> COUNSELORS, MAYOR, AND CITY MANAGER, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

MY NAME IS MEREDITH TUFTS, AND I AM A RESIDENT OF WARD 1.

I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION, BUT I'M NOT HERE IN THAT CAPACITY.

I HAVE ANOTHER COLLEAGUE HERE FOR THAT.

IN THE DECADES PLUS THAT I HAVE LIVED IN EUGENE, I HAVE WORKED IN NONPROFITS SUPPORTING THIS COMMUNITY AND HELPING ITS MEMBERS TO THRIVE.

I NOW WORK AS A COLLATION COORDINATOR FOR FOSSIL FOR EUGENE, STRIVING TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY COPE WITH THE GROWING CLIMATE CRISIS, AND I'M HERE TODAY TO VOICE SUPPORT FOR THE HOME ENERGY SCORE ORDINANCE.

EVERY ELDER DESERVES A HOME THAT IS SAFE DURING THE INCREASINGLY COMMON EXTREME SUMMER HEAT.

AND EVERYONE BUYING A HOME DESERVES TRANSPARENT INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR EXPECTED UTILITY COSTS SO THEY AREN'T SURPRISED LATER BY MASSIVE, UNEXPECTED BILLS.

THOSE WHO ARE ENERGY BURDENED HAVE THE MOST TO GAIN FROM THIS ORDINANCE AS THE GENEROUS PROGRAMS OFFERED BY EWEB CAN BE CONFUSING, COMPLEX, AND OFTEN OUT OF REACH FOR THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY STRESSED TRYING TO MAKE ENDS MEET OR DEALING WITH OTHER MAJOR LIFE TRANSITIONS AS THEY SELL THEIR HOME.

PROVIDING INFORMATION THAT IS SPECIFIC TO EACH HOME RATHER THAN GENERAL SUGGESTIONS IS AN INCREDIBLE VALUE.

IT IS SOMETHING THAT I WISH I HAD WHEN I MOVED INTO MY HOME.

IT'S STRAIGHTFORWARD, TRANSPARENT INFORMATION THAT I WISH FOR EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

AND THAT'S WHY I'M HERE ASKING YOU TO SUPPORT THIS ORDINANCE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, MEREDITH.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM BETSY HITS, FOLLOWED BY PETER DRAGGOVICH.

>> BETSY HITS.

I'M A FORMER RESIDENT OF EUGENE NOW LIVING IN SPRINGFIELD.

MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER AND STAFF, THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY.

MY NAME IS BETSY HITS.

I LIVE IN SPRINGFIELD'S WARD 2, ADJACENT TO COUNCILOR YEH'S WARD 4.

I AM TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED HOME ENERGY SCORE ORDINANCE.

AS EUGENE AND SPRINGFIELD SHARE THE SAME ATMOSPHERE AND BOTH EXPERIENCE THE UNCHECKED BUNCH BURNING OF FOSSIL FUELS, I AM MOVED TO SPEAK TONIGHT.

BECAUSE WE CONTINUE TO ALLOW FOSSIL FUEL CORPORATIONS TO FLOOD THE PLANET WITH HEAT TRAPPING GASES, OUR ENVIRONMENT IS GETTING MORE DANGEROUS EVERY DAY.

I LIVED IN EUGENE FOR 7 YEARS, AND WAS ACTIVE WITH 350 EUGENE IN ENCOURAGING THE COUNCIL TO CRAFT AND BEGIN TO ENACT ITS CLIMATE ACTION PLAN BASED ON GOALS OF THE CLIMATE RECOVERY ORDINANCE.

ONE OF THE GOALS IS TO REDUCE FOSSIL FUEL USE, THUS EMISSIONS, BY 50% OF 2010 LEVELS BY THE YEAR 2030.

AS OF THE LATEST GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY IN 2021, THERE HAS BEEN AN 11% REDUCTION IN EMISSIONS.

TO REACH THE GOAL OF 39% REDUCTION IS NEEDED IN LESS THAN FOUR YEARS.

THIS IS COUNCIL'S NINTH WORK SESSION FOCUSED ON THIS ORDINANCE OVER A SPAN OF SEVEN YEARS.

AT ISSUE IS NOT KNOWING WHAT THE PROBLEM IS OR HOW TO ADDRESS IT.

AT ISSUE IS COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CAP 2.0, WHICH INCLUDES A MANDATORY HOME ENERGY SCORE.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE COUNCIL'S ADOPTION OF THE HOME ENERGY SCORE ORDINANCE FOR THE GOOD OF ALL OF US.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OVER THE PAST SEVEN YEARS, AND ESPECIALLY NOW.

>> THANK YOU, BETSY.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM PETER FOLLOWED BY ALEJANDRO.

>> GOOD EVENING.

MAYOR KNUDSON, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, I'M PETER, RESIDENT OF WARD 5.

IN SUPPORT OF THE HOME ENERGY SCORE, I'LL QUOTE FROM THE ARTICLE HOME ENERGY SCORE: WHAT ARE LEADING OREGON REALTORS SAYING, PUBLISHED THREE HOURS AFTER THE MANDATORY HOME ENERGY SCORE WENT INTO EFFECT.

REESA ST. MARTIN SAID, A HOME WITH AN HES PROVIDES AN ADDITIONAL LEVEL OF DISCLOSURE, BY AN INDEPENDENT SOURCE, THAT REDUCES THE SELLER'S RISK.

ANOTHER SAID, IT MAKES IT EASIER TO TALK TO MY CLIENTS ABOUT THINGS LIKE INSULATION AND THE STATE OF THE HOME'S MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT.

THE HOME ENERGY SCORE IS AN ADDITIONAL REFERENCE POINT.

THAT SPEAKS DIRECTLY TO THE HOME BUYER.

AND CAN LEAD TO MAKING A SMARTER DECISION ON A HOME.

HILLARY OF THINK REALTY SAID, THE HOME ENERGY SCORE TAKES THE FOCUS AWAY FROM GRANITE COUNTERTOPS AND STAINLESS STEEL APPLIANCES AND ON TO AFFORDABILITY BY MAKING UTILITY INFORMATION CONSISTENTLY AVAILABLE UP FRONT.

ACCESS TO THE HOME ENERGY SCORE ALLOWS HOME BUYERS TO CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THE TOTAL COST OF HOMEOWNERSHIP AND ADEQUATELY PREPARE FOR FUTURE COSTS.

PORTLAND'S HES IS ESPECIALLY GOOD FOR FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS SO THEY CAN PLAN AND BUDGET.

HANNAH GREEN, JOHN L. SCOTT REAL ESTATE, SAYS, A SCORE IS SO SIMPLE TO UNDERSTAND AND OFFERS A WARM OPENER FOR A DEEPER CONVERSATION ABOUT HOME ENERGY USE AND ASSOCIATED COSTS.

THESE ARE REALTORS WITH DIRECT, NOT SURMISED, EXPERIENCE, DETAILING HOW IT HELPS CLIENTS, BOTH BUYERS AND SELLERS TO GIVE STRONG SUPPORT TO THE HOME ENERGY SCORE.

I URGE YOU TO ADOPT THIS PROGRAM FOR EUGENE.

I'LL LEAVE THE ARTICLE WITH YOU.

IT HAS ADDITIONAL SUPPORTIVE OBSERVATIONS BY REALTORS THAT I DID NOT HAVE TIME TO COVER HERE.

>> THANK YOU, PETER.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM ALEJANDRO, FOLLOWED BY LINDA KELLY.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON, EUGENE CITY COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER AND STAFF, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY.

I'M ALEJANDRO, AND I LIVE IN WARD 8.

I WAS HERE LAST WEEK TALKING ABOUT DATA CENTERS AND THEIR IMPACT AND A MORATORIUM.

I'M BACK AGAIN TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE THAT'S ALSO VERY NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART, FAIRNESS, TRANSPARENCY, AND PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST.

IT'S CLEAR THAT MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START WHEN IT COMES TO REDUCING EMISSIONS, LOWERING ENERGY BILLS, AND ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCES.

I WANT TO BE CLEAR.

IT'S NOT THEIR FAULT.

THE BARRIER OF ENTRY FOR THIS INFORMATION IS TOO HIGH FOR THE AVERAGE PERSON WHO CAN'T TELL YOU THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A HEAT PUMP AND A WATER HEATER.

THIS IS WHERE HOME ENERGY SCORE CAN HELP BRIDGE THAT GAP.

SIMILAR TO A CAR'S MILES PER GALLON FOR FUEL EFFICIENCY, A HOME ENERGY SCORE PROVIDES A RATING OF A HOME'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY BASED ON A VARIETY OF ENERGY FEATURES.

INSULATION, HEATING, COOLING SYSTEMS, WINDOWS, AND THE ROOF, JUST TO NAME A FEW.

IT'S A STANDARDIZED TOOL DEVELOPED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND CAN HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND HOW THEIR HOME USES ENERGY AND WHERE THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, COST SAVINGS.

CITY COUNCIL AND EWEB HAVE GOALS RELATED TO ALL THREE OF THOSE KEY AREAS, BUT THE ISSUE TIME AND TIME AGAIN IS AWARENESS, PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND OUTREACH.

THE GREAT WORK IS ALREADY HAPPENING.

THE CITY OF EUGENE, SPECIFICALLY THE SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER, EWEB AND U OF O PARTNERED AND CREATED THE SCORE PROGRAM, WHICH PROVIDED FREE HOME ENERGY SCORES, AND THEY REPORTED BACK ON THE FINDINGS.

BEFORE I GO INTO THAT, LET'S ESTABLISH A 1 ON THE HOME ENERGY SCORE SAYS THAT A HOME IS EXPECTED TO USE MORE ENERGY EACH YEAR THAN 85% OF THE HOMES IN THE U.S.

A 5 MEANS THE HOME IS EXPECTED TO USE 50%.

CAN ANYONE GUESS TO CARE THE AVERAGE EWEB CUSTOMER, WHAT THEIR SCORE LANDED ON?

AND LET'S KEEP IN MIND THAT THE MAJORITY OF THESE HOMES, THE AVERAGE, WAS BUILT IN 1977.

AND THE NUMBER IS 3.7.

IT'S NOT FAIR THAT HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS BE BURDENED WITH HIGHER BILLS JUST BECAUSE THEIR HOMES WERE BUILT BEFORE A CERTAIN YEAR.

HOME ENERGY SCORES ARE REQUIRED IN PORTLAND AT THE TIME OF SALE, AND IT'S TIME THAT EUGENE DO THE SAME.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE COUNCIL'S ADOPTION OF THE HOME ENERGY SCORE ORDINANCE.

>> THANK YOU, ALEJANDRO.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LINDA KELLY, FOLLOWED BY DEBORAH HIGBY.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS, STAFF.

I'M LINDA KELLY, AND I LIVE IN WARD 1.

I'D LIKE TO SPEAK THIS EVENING IN SUPPORT OF THE HOME ENERGY SCORE.

FIRST, AS A HOMEOWNER, WE HAVE INSTALLED DOUBLE PANED WINDOWS, ADDED INSULATION UNDER THE HOUSE AND IN THE ATTIC.

IN 2023, WE INSTALLED A DUCTED HEAT PUMP, FOR WHICH I AM THANKFUL ON EVERY HOT SUMMER DAY, AND WHEN I LOOK AT MY EWEB BILL.

OUR HOUSE IS MODEST.

IT'S A MANUFACTURED HOME ONLY 1,000 SQUARE FEET, AND YET IT LISTS AT $475,000 AND UP.

IF WE NEED TO SELL IT TO PAY FOR A MOVE INTO ASSISTED LIVING, FOR EXAMPLE, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OUR ENERGY IMPROVEMENT ADD SOME VALUE TO OUR HOUSE.

AS A PERSON PURCHASING A HOME, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THEY HAVE THE INFORMATION ON ENERGY USAGE ON THEIR POTENTIAL PURCHASE, AND ALSO BE GIVEN THE INFORMATION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR UPGRADES THAT EWEB OFFERS.

THIS IS A CONSUMER PROTECTION TOOL, AND ONE THAT IS DEFINITELY NEEDED WITH BOTH THE PRICE OF HOUSING AND THE COST OF ENERGY.

WE HAVE HAD A CLIMATE RECOVERY ORDINANCE SINCE 2014.

UNDER THAT, THERE IS A MANDATE TO REDUCE ENERGY USE AND SUPPORT METHODS THAT CAN FURTHER BE POSITIVE EXCUSE ME THAT CAN FURTHER THAT POSITIVE AND NECESSARY PIECE OF LEGISLATION.

THE COST OF A HOME ENERGY SCORE IS AROUND $300, I UNDERSTAND.

RELATIVE TO A $500,000 HOUSE, IT IS MINISCULE.

IT'S ABOUT .0006%.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE HOME ENERGY SCORE.

IT'S IMPORTANT FOR BOTH CLIMATE AND ENERGY, AND FOR A CONSUMER'S RIGHT TO KNOW.

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO MY TESTIMONY.

>> THANK YOU, LINDA.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM DEBORAH HIGBY, FOLLOWED BY TIFFANY EDWARDS.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

AS I SAID, MY NAME IS DEBORAH HIGBY, AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY.

I'M A RESIDENT OF UNINCORPORATED EUGENE.

AND I AM HERE TO THOROUGHLY URGE THE CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT A HOME ENERGY POLICY.

CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL, AND I AM A MOTHER OF TWO INCREDIBLE KIDS WITH TWO INCREDIBLE GRANDKIDS.

I WANT THEM TO HAVE A FUTURE WITHOUT RAMPANT FLOODS AND FIRES.

I'M A HOMEOWNER AND HAVE TRANSITIONED MY RESIDENCE TO ALL ELECTRIC WITH ENERGY STAR APPLIANCES, HEAT PUMP, HEATER, WATER HEATER, AND SOLAR PANELS.

IN ADDITION, I'M A LANDLORD OF A FEW HOMES AND ALL OF MY RENTALS EXCEPT ONE ARE ALL ELECTRIC.

IN OTHER WORDS, I HAVE ALREADY BEEN WORKING ON LOW HOME ENERGY SCORE IN MY RESIDENTS AND THE HOMES THAT I RENT OUT.

PORTLAND, HILLSBORO, AND BEND HAVE ENERGY SCORE POLICIES.

WHEN I LIVED IN CORVALLIS, I TESTIFIED AND ADVOCATED FOR A HOME ENERGY SCORE POLICY FOR MANY YEARS.

I WORKED WITH MARJORIE STEVENS, WHO SPEARHEADED A MANDATORY HOME ENERGY SCORE ORDINANCE IN CORVALLIS.

SHE WAS HONORED AS A MEGAWATT POLICY EDUCATOR FOR HER EXTENSIVE RESEARCH AND POLICY REBUTTALS CONCERNING THE HOME ENERGY SCORE.

SHE PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 24, 2024, BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE HOME ENERGY SCORE DIDN'T PASS IN CORVALLIS DURING HER MANY YEARS OF ADVOCACY NOR TODAY.

BUT IT SHOULDN'T BE THIS HARD TO PASS A COMMON SENSE LAW PROVIDING A PATH TO A LOW CARBON FUTURE.

EUGENE NEEDS TO SHOW CAR VALLIS IT'S NOT THAT HARD BY PASSING THIS ORDINANCE.

I DEDICATE MY TESTIMONY IN MEMORY OF MARJORIE STEVENS, AND RESPECTFULLY ASK COUNCIL TO SUPPORT AND PASS THIS VITAL POLICY.

A HOME ENERGY SCORE POLICY IS PRACTICAL, A HIGH IMPACT TOOL THAT PROTECTS CONSUMERS, IMPROVES OUR HOUSING STOCK, AND MOVES EUGENE CLOSER TO ITS SUSTAINABILITY GOALS.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR LETTING ME TESTIFY.

>> THANK YOU, DEBORAH.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM TIFFANY EDWARDS, FOLLOWED BY DYLAN PLUMBER.

>> GOOD EVENING.

MAYOR AND COUNSELLORS, I'M TIFFANY EDWARDS OF WARD 5.

I'M HERE SPEAKING FOR THE EUGENE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TONIGHT.

OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED HOME ENERGY SCORE REQUIREMENT, AND ONE QUESTION KEPT RISING TO THE TOP.

WHAT OUTCOME IS THIS NEW MAN DATE DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE, AND HOW WILL WE MEASURE THAT?

A SCORE MIGHT BE USEFUL INFORMATION, BUT REQUIRING EVERY SELLER TO GET ONE ADDS ANOTHER STEP, ANOTHER COST, AND THAT COST HITS A LOWER INCOME SELLER VERY DIFFERENTLY.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, GETTING A SCORE IS NOT THE OUTCOME.

IF THE GOAL IS REDUCED ENERGY USE OR EMISSIONS, THEN THE CITY SHOULD MEASURE WHETHER THIS POLICY ACTUALLY PRODUCES THAT RESULT.

WE URGE COUNCIL TO BUILD IN ACCOUNTABILITY.

CLEAR METRICS, COST TRACKING, AND A TWO YEAR REVIEW.

GOOD POLICY IS ABOUT RESULTS, NOT JUST IMPLEMENTATION.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, TIFFANY.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR THERE DYLAN PLUMBER, FOLLOWED BY ALEXI MILLER.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, MY NAME IS DYLAN PLUMBER.

I'M A RESIDENT OF WARD 2.

I'M TESTIFYING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE SIERRA CLUB'S CLEAN HEAT CAMPAIGN.

ON BEHALF OF OUR SUPPORTERS AND MEMBERS HERE IN EUGENE, I TESTIFY TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED HOME ENERGY SCORE DISCLOSURE POLICY AS WRITTEN.

THIS IS A COMMON SENSE CONSUMER PROTECTION MEASURE TO ENSURE HOME BUYERS HAVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION WHEN MAKING SUCH AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

HOME ENERGY SCORE REPORTS NOT ONLY PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CURRENT STATE OF THE HOME'S ENERGY USE, BUT ALSO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UPGRADES TO REDUCE COSTS AND INCREASE EFFICIENCY, ALONG WITH CRITICAL INFORMATION ABOUT INCENTIVES.

STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT HOMEOWNERS ARE MOST LIKELY TO MAKE LARGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THEIR HOME IN THE FIRST YEAR OF OWNERSHIP.

THIS POLICY WOULD ENSURE THAT WHEN MAKING THESE DECISIONS, HOMEOWNERS HAVE DETAILS ABOUT ACTIONS THEY CAN TAKE.

THIS POINT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT WHEN CONSIDERING THE INCENTIVES OFFERED BY EWEB TO SUPPORT ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ELECTRIFICATION, AND IN LIGHT OF THE CITY'S COMMITMENTS AND THEIR CLIMATE RECOVERY ORDINANCE GOALS.

ADDITIONALLY IN 2022, THE CITY ESTABLISHED A GOAL TO COMPREHENSIVELY DECARBONIZE EXISTING BUILDINGS BY 2045.

RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS MAKE UP ABOUT 11% OF THE CITY'S TOTAL EMISSIONS PRIMARILY DUE TO THE USE OF GAS FOR HEATING.

THIS POLICY IS A NECESSARY STEP IN SUPPORTING THE TRANSITION OFF OF POLLUTING GAS BY INCREASING AWARENESS AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT EXISTING INCENTIVES.

MARKET BASED SOLUTION, WHICH I KNOW THE EUGENE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LOVES.

SO SINCE 2017, THE CITY HAS BEEN WORKING TO ENCOURAGE HOMEOWNERS TO GET HOME ENERGY SCORE REPORTS.

NOW ALMOST 10 YEARS SINCE THE CONVERSATION BEGAN, IT IS TIME FOR THE CITY TO FOLLOW THE LEAD OF OUR FOUR OTHER CITIES IN OUR STATE AND ADOPT THE PROPOSED HOME ENERGY SCORE DISCLOSURE POLICY AS WRITTEN WITHOUT AMENDMENTS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU, DYLAN.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM ALEXI MILLER, FOLLOWED BY JACOB TRUE.

>> COUNCIL, MAYOR, THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE.

I'M ALEXI MILLER.

I LIVE IN WARD ONE.

AND I AM HERE TODAY AS VICE CHAIR OF THE EUGENE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION.

LAST WEEK IN OUR MEETING WE UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A LETTER TO COUNCIL TITLED SUPPORT FOR HOME ENERGY SCORE.

THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION EXPRESSES ITS SUPPORT FOR THE HOME ENERGY SCORE ORDINANCE.

THIS DOCUMENT REFLECTS THE LEARNING AND QUESTIONS PROPOSED DURING DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE POLICY AND RESULTS FROM SIMILAR ORDINANCES IMPLEMENTED IN FOUR OTHER OREGON CITIES SINCE 2018.

THIS ORDINANCE IS INTENDED TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY FOR THOSE PURCHASING A HOME BY PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THE ENERGY COSTS AND UPGRADES.

IT PROVIDES INSTRUCTIONS ON SIMPLE ACTIONS AND LINKS TO LOCAL PROGRAMS THAT CAN FINANCE ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS.

THIS ORDINANCE FOCUSES ON RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS PLANNED FOR SALE, MANY OF WHICH WERE BUILT DECADES AGO AND HAVE INSUFFICIENT HEATING SYSTEMS AND OUTDATED APPLIANCES.

PROVIDING THIS INFO AT LISTING IS ESPECIALLY VALUABLE.

THERE IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS PROGRAM TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY CREATING DEMAND FOR MORE ENERGY ASSESSMENTS AND DRIVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT INVESTMENT.

IT'S THE COMMISSION'S BELIEF THAT LOW INCOME HOME BUYERS ARE LIKELY TO BENEFIT FROM THE ORDINANCE BECAUSE IT WOULD PROVIDE GREATER TRANSPARENCY AROUND ENERGY COSTS.

THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR THE 1/3 OF LOCAL RESIDENTS THAT ARE CONSIDERED ENERGY BURDEN AND SPEND A LOT OF THEIR INCOME ON ENERGY.

IT REQUIRES ENERGY ASSESSMENTS AND PROVIDE HOMEOWNERS WITH INVESTMENTS THEY CAN CONSIDER WHICH CAN HELP REDUCE FUTURE ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND CONTROL ENERGY COSTS.

BASED ON COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS, THE COUNCIL MIGHT BE MINDFUL OF COMMUNITY CONCERNS FOR HOW THIS COULD AFFECT LOW INCOME HOMEOWNERS.

THE ADDED COST OF THE ASSESSMENT AND THE PERCEIVED RISK OF A LOW ENERGY SCORE MAY GENERATE HARDSHIP.

RESTARTING SCORE, AN ACRONYM, OR A SIMILAR PROGRAM, MAY BE BENEFICIAL TO LOWER CONSTRAINED INCOME SELLERS TO ELIMINATE THAT DIRECT COST OF GETTING THAT SCORE.

SCORE WAS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE U OF O, EWEB, AND THE CITY OF EUGENE WHICH PROVIDED FREE ENERGY SCORES TO RENTERS AND HOMEOWNERS.

THE COMMISSION APPRECIATES THAT OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THIS FEEDBACK TO COUNCIL.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, ALEXI.

NEXT, WE WILL HEAR FROM JACOB TRUE, FOLLOWED BY KALLEN PARTRIDGE.

>> HELLO.

I'M JACOB TRUE.

I LIVE IN WARD ONE.

CITY COUNCIL, MAYOR, CITY MANAGER, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

THIS PROPOSAL THAT YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU SEEMS LIKE A PRETTY COMMON SENSE PROPOSAL.

A LOT OF GOOD SELLERS OR LANDLORDS WOULD BE DISCLOSING THAT KIND OF INFORMATION ANYWAY.

SO HAVING A SCORE THAT IS MANDATORY HELPS LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD.

IT DOESN'T JUST, YOU KNOW IT MAKES IT SO IT'S NOT JUST THE FOLKS WHO ARE EAGER TO SHARE THE INFORMATION ARE ABLE TO GET THAT OUT THERE.

IT HELPS LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD.

ENERGY SURE WOULD HAVE BEEN FANTASTIC FOR ME PERSONALLY.

AS A RENTER, I ARE RENTED HOUSES IN WEST VIRGINIA, MARYLAND, AND HERE IN EUGENE.

EACH OF THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES IF I HAD AN ENERGY SCORE I WOULD HAVE HAD A BETTER IDEA WHAT I WOULD BE PAYING EACH MONTH.

AND WHEN I BOUGHT A HOUSE HERE IN EUGENE IN WARD ONE, I WOULD HAVE HAD A BETTER IDEA THAT TURNS OUT THAT THE ENTIRE MAIN FLOOR WASN'T INSULATED WHEN I BOUGHT IT.

AND I WOULD HAVE FOUND THAT OUT INSTEAD OF WHEN IT HIT WINTER AND IT WAS CHILLY IN THERE.

SO THE BIGGEST BENEFIT I SEE IS FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS HERE IN THE CITY OF EUGENE.

WE ARE DEFINITELY LOOKING FOR MORE PEOPLE TO BUY HOMES.

AND IF WE HAD THAT HOME ENERGY SCORE, PEOPLE WOULD HAVE A BETTER IDEA WHAT IT WAS THEY WERE ACTUALLY GETTING SO WE'RE NOT JUST TURNING MORTGAGES, YOU KNOW, AND PEOPLE GET INTO HOUSES THEY CAN'T AFFORD.

THAT'S NOT WHAT WE WANT.

WE DON'T WANT FORECLOSED HOUSES.

WE WANT PEOPLE TO BE LIVING IN PLACES THAT THEY CAN AFFORD AND SETTLING DOWN AND HAVING FAMILIES AROUND HERE.

LET'S SEE.

YEAH.

I THINK IT'S A PRETTY SIMPLE SITUATION.

I'M KIND OF SHOCKED IT'S BEEN THE DISCUSSION HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR SEVEN, 10 YEARS OR HOWEVER LONG IT'S BEEN.

I THINK IT'S A SLAM DUNK.

MARKET BASED SOLUTION.

EVERYBODY SHOULD BE LOVING IT.

ALL RIGHT.

I URGE YOU TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS IS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> THANK YOU, JACOB.

NEXT, WE WILL HEAR FROM CAROLYN PARTRIDGE FOLLOWED BY BETHANY COTTON.

>> HELLO, MAYOR KNUDSON, CITY COUNCILLORS AND STAFF.

MY NAME IS CAROLYN PARTRIDGE, AND I LIVE IN WARD 2.

MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE BOUGHT THREE HOMES IN EUGENE SINCE MOVING HERE IN 1982.

TWO OF THE THREE HOMES NEEDED EXTENSIVE AND COSTLY WEATHERIZATION UPGRADES.

SO NO SURPRISE I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE HOME ENERGY SCORE.

ALL OF US HAVE WATCHED THE COSTS OF BOTH HOUSING AND UTILITIES RISE VERY RAPIDLY.

ONE FACTOR HOMEOWNERS CAN CONTROL IS THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY THEY CONSUME IN THEIR HOME.

THIS ORDINANCE WOULD ALERT BUYERS TO THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF A POTENTIAL HOME PURCHASE.

THAT IS A FAIR AND REASONABLE DISCLOSURE WHEN SELLING A HOME.

IT ALSO WOULD PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT REBATES AND INCENTIVES AVAILABLE FOR UPGRADES.

AS PEOPLE BECOME AWARE AND MORE HOMES BECOME ENERGY EFFICIENT, EUGENE WILL COME CLOSER TO MEETING ITS CLIMATE RECOVERY GOALS.

I DO NOT SEE A DOWNSIDE TO THIS ORDINANCE.

HERE IS A PERSONAL STORY.

WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE IN OHIO, I RENTED AN APARTMENT FOR $95 A MONTH.

IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO.

THAT WINTER WAS EXTREMELY COLD.

THERE WAS NO INSULATION IN THE ATTIC, AND THE WINDOWS WERE SINGLE PANE.

MY HEATING BILL WAS OVER $100 A MONTH FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

THAT WAS MORE THAN THE RENT.

AND IT WAS QUITE A SHOCK TO MY BUDGET.

ALTHOUGH I DID NOT BECOME HOMELESS, I ATE SOME PRETTY MEAGRE MEALS THAT YEAR.

I REALIZE THAT THE CURRENT ORDINANCE APPLIES ONLY TO HOME SALES, BUT I WOULD ALSO ADVOCATE FOR A FUTURE CLEAN ENERGY SCORE THAT COVERS RENTALS AS WELL.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PUBLIC INPUT ON THIS TOPIC.

>> THANK YOU, CAROLYN.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM BETHANY COTTON, FOLLOWED BY RYAN MOORE.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, CITY MANAGER, AND COUNCIL.

I'M BETHANY COTTON, RESIDENT OF WARD 7.

I BOUGHT MY HOME IN SUMMER 2021.

I PAID FOR SEVERAL ADDITIONAL INSPECTIONS, INCLUDING SEWER SCOPING BECAUSE THE HOUSE WAS BUILT IN 1912.

NONE OF THESE INSPECTIONS GAVE ME AN IDEA OF THE HOME'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

THANKFULLY I WAS ABLE TO GET A HOME ENERGY SCORE VIA THE NOW DEFUNCT PARTNERSHIP IN THE SPRING OF 2024.

THE FRIENDLY FOLKS WHO CONDUCTED MY AUDIT WERE IN MY HOME FOR ABOUT AN HOUR, NOT REMOTELY BURDENSOME.

I RECEIVED A 3.8 SCORE, EKE, VIA EMAIL, RECOMMENDING UPGRADES.

THE DOCUMENT ESTIMATED THE ANNUAL ENERGY COSTS FOR MY HOME BROKEN DOWN BY ENERGY TYPE, HELPING ME BUDGET.

THE SCORE HELPED ME NAVIGATE THESE MUCH NEEDED UPGRADES AND ACCESS REBATES, INSIEVES, AND SUBSIDIES.

IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, I HAVE INSTALLED SEVERAL UPGRADES MAKING MY HOME MORE LIVEABLE.

THE BIGGER UPGRADES WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH EASIER FOR THE CONTRACTORS TO FINISH AND MUCH LESS DISRUPTIVE TO MY LIFE HAD THEY BEEN DONE BEFORE MOVE IN.

TIME OF PURCHASE IS THE PERFECT TIME TO MAKE UPGRADES.

THE IDEA THAT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EVERY HOME ON THE MARKET BEING AVAILABLE TO PURCHASERS IS SOMEHOW A NEGATIVE IS HARD TO COMPREHEND.

A HOME ENERGY SCORES AREN'T ACTION FORCING BUT THEY ARE FULL OF USEFUL INFORMATION FOR BOTH SELLERS AS THEY PREPARE A HOME FOR MARKET AND POTENTIAL BUYERS AND NEW HOMEOWNERS.

HOPEFULLY SCORES DO LEAD TO MORE EUGENE RESIDENTS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SUBSIDIES, REBATES AND ZERO INTEREST LOANS AND HOPEFULLY REDUCE ENERGY DEMAND AND LOWER UTILITY BILLS AS SO MANY PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING WITH RISING COSTS OF LIVING.

THIS COMMUNITY CARES ABOUT EDUCATION, TRANSPARENCY AND ACTION ON CLIMATE.

THE HOME ENERGY SCORE ORDINANCE IS A COMMON SENSE STEP, MAKING HOMEOWNERS MORE AWARE OF THEIR HOME'S ENERGY BURDEN, WHAT THEY CAN CHOOSE TO DO ABOUT IT, AND THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HELP THEM DO SO.

THE CITY CAN AND SHOULD PROVIDE THE FREE SCORE PROGRAM FOR LOW INCOME SELLERS.

PLEASE PASS THE ORDINANCE WITH ALL DUE HASTE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, BETHANY.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM RYAN MOORE, FOLLOWED BY JAN BOWMAN.

>> HI, MAYOR AND COUNSELORS.

I AM RYAN MOORE.

I CURRENTLY LIVE IN WARD 8, BUT MY HUSBAND AND I ARE LITERALLY BUYING A HOUSE RIGHT NOW.

WE MOVE IN AS EARLY AS THIS FRIDAY.

SO THIS IS EXTREMELY TIMELY.

AND I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT IN THIS CONTEXT, BECAUSE MOST OF YOU, I THINK, ARE HOMEOWNERS CURRENTLY.

YOU KNOW THE HOME I KNOW.

THE HOME BUYING PROCESS, THERE IS A TON OF PAPERWORK TO READ AND SIGN.

AND I THINK PARADOXICALLY, THAT IS A REASON TO DO THIS, TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION.

BECAUSE MY EXPERIENCE OF THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN ALL THIS PAPERWORK FEELS ALL ENCOMPASSING.

IT FEELS LIKE IT SHOULD BE EVERY LITTLE DETAIL WE ARE SUPPOSED TO KNOW.

NEITHER ME OR MY HUSBAND HAVE FAMILY TO HOLD OUR HANDS THROUGH THE PROCESS.

WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE A VERY TALENTED REALTOR TO HELP US AND FRIENDS WHO ARE EXPERIENCED IN THIS SECTOR ADVISING US.

BUT WITHOUT THAT, THERE IS A BUNCH OF INFORMATION WE WOULD HAVE MISSED.

FOR EXAMPLE, WE DIDN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT WHAT WE'D BE PAYING ON OUR EWEB BILL EVERY MONTH UNTIL OUR FRIEND ISAAC, WHO IS OUR REAL ESTATE AGENT, TOLD US TO LOOK INTO THIS.

THAT'S THE SORT OF DETAIL THAT WOULD BE ON THIS REPORT TO CONSIDER.

THERE IS ANOTHER REALLY IMPORTANT REASON, AND THAT IS BARGAINING POWER.

SORRY TO SOUND LIKE A UNION ORGANIZER, BUT I AM.

WHEN YOU ARE GOING INTO A PURCHASE OF A HOME, THERE IS, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF NEGOTIATION BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN BUYER AND SELLER.

SOME PEOPLE HAVE MENTIONED THAT BEFORE ME.

WITHOUT THIS REPORT, WE LACK CERTAIN PIECES THAT WE COULD BARGAIN OVER AND GET WINS ON IT, RIGHT, SOUNDING LIKE A UNION ORGANIZERS.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE HOUSE THAT WE ARE BUYING, THE GARAGE, THE WEATHER STRIPPING IS MISSING A COUPLE OF CHUNKS THERE THAT'S GOING TO IMPACT THE INSULATION FOR OUR GARAGE.

WE WOULDN'T HAVE CAUGHT THAT.

WE DID BECAUSE WE HAVE A VERY TALENTED REAL ESTATE AGENT, BUT NOT EVERYONE DOES.

THAT'S ANOTHER DETAIL THAT WOULD GO INTO THIS SORT OF REPORT THAT WOULD HELP BUYERS AND SELLERS BE ARMED WITH MORE INFORMATION, WHICH I THINK IS A REALLY GOOD THING.

SO I HOPE YOU PASS THIS ORDINANCE.

THAT'S ALL.

THANKS.

>> THANK YOU, RYAN.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM JAN BOWMAN, FOLLOWED BY DENNIS REYNOLDS.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR KNUDSON, CITY COUNCILLORS AND CITY MANAGER.

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU TONIGHT.

I AM HERE TO EXPRESS MY STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE HOME ENERGY SCORE ORDINANCE.

I'M A RESIDENT OF WARD 2.

I HAVE LIVED IN EUGENE FOR ABOUT 50 YEARS, AND MY ADULT CHILDREN AND MY GRANDCHILDREN LIVE HERE.

I AM A MEMBER OF YOUR SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION, THOUGH I'M SPEAKING TONIGHT AS AN INDIVIDUAL.

THE CLIMATE AND NATURE CRISIS IS BECOMING MORE REAL, AND MORE IN OUR FACES EVERY DAY.

IT IS AFFECTING ALL OF US IN PERSONAL WAYS, WHETHER THAT'S THE IMPACT OF FIRES ON OUR FORESTS AND THE RESULTING LOSS OF TREES OR DANGEROUS AIR QUALITY, INCREASING TEMPERATURES AND INTENSIFYING WEATHER EVENTS, OR MANY OTHER WAYS.

THE CITY OF EUGENE HAS A LOT OF CLIMATE GOALS.

AND THE CITY HAS WORKED HARD TO MAKE SOME PROGRESS TOWARD THEM.

BUT AS YOU ALL KNOW, WE ARE FALLING FAR SHORT.

WE NEED TO FIND MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE GREATER PROGRESS.

THE HOME ENERGY SCORE PROGRAM IS A SIMPLE, PRACTICAL MECHANISM TO HELP MORE HOMEOWNERS BY PROVIDING INFORMATION AND TOOLS THEY NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE ENERGY IMPACTS OF THEIR HOMES AND HOW THEY CAN REDUCE THOSE IMPACTS TO SAVE MONEY AND ENERGY AND LIVE MORE COMFORTABLY.

THE PROGRAM WOULD ALSO HELP CONNECT THEM TO EXISTING GENEROUS SUBSIDIES FROM EWEB SUCH AS HEAT PUMPS THAT PROVIDE BOTH EFFICIENT HEATING AND COOLING.

THE PROGRAM WILL BE ESPECIALLY HELPFUL FOR ENERGY BURDENED FOLKS OR FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS WHO MAY NOT HAVE THE EXPERIENCE TO INVESTIGATE THESE OPTIONS ON THEIR OWN.

THE HOME EQUITIES SCORE PROGRAM ALREADY EXISTS IN OTHER OREGON CITIES, AS YOU HAVE HEARD PREVIOUSLY.

RESEARCH SHOWED THAT HOMEOWNERS RECEIVING HOME ENERGY SCORES ARE MORE LIKELY TO PURSUE UPDATES AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF REBATES.

PLEASE APPROVE THE HOME ENERGY SCORE ORDINANCE, AND I WOULD SECOND WHAT SOME OTHERS HAVE SAID, IT WOULD BE AWESOME TO RESTART THE SCORE PROGRAM AS WELL THAT WOULD PROVIDE FREE SCORES FOR LOWER INCOME PEOPLE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> THANK YOU, JEN.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM DENNIS REYNOLDS, FOLLOWED BY TIM MORRIS.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR KNUDSON AND CITY COUNCILLORS AND CITY STAFF.

MY NAME IS DENNIS REYNOLDS.

I'M AN AFFILIATED COMMUNITY MINISTER OF THE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH IN EUGENE AND AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE INTERFAITH EARTH KEEPERS AND A FORMER MEMBER OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION.

I LIVE IN WARD 3.

I'M HERE TONIGHT SPEAKING AS AN INDIVIDUAL HOMEOWNER IN EUGENE.

PRIOR TO MY CAREER IN MINISTRY, I LIVED IN EUGENE FOR DECADES AND WAS DIRECTOR OF THE MOSS STREET CHILDREN'S CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, WHICH WAS THE FIRST PROJECT BACK IN 2004 AND 2005 UNDER THE UNIVERSITY'S NEW SUSTAINABILITY STANDARD.

IT'S WHERE I BEGAN TO LEARN ABOUT SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS.

I LEFT THE UNIVERSITY IN 2009 TO PURSUE A CAREER IN MINISTRY, LANDING ON WHITBY ISLAND, WASHINGTON, WHERE I LIVED IN A CO HOUSING COMMUNITY THAT WAS CO CREATED BY AN ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY ARCHITECT AND ANOTHER SMALL BUILDING ARCHITECT NAMED ROSS CHAPIN.

YOU DID A SLIDE PRESENTATION WITH A SLIDE OF MY HOUSE.

I BUILT A HOUSE IN EUGENE WITH A GOOD BASE OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT WHAT IS SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES WAS.

NOT EVERYBODY HAD THAT BASE OF KNOWLEDGE.

NOT EVERYBODY HAD THAT KIND OF ARCHITECTS AS THEIR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES.

THIS SCORE IS LONG, LONG OVERDUE.

THE CITY WAS A LEADER IN 2010 WHEN IT ESTABLISHED THE CAP 2.0 GOALS, GOALS WE ARE NOT MEETING.

WE NEED TO TAKE EVERY STEP, LITTLE SMALL ONES LIKE THIS ONE, AND LARGE ONES, TO TURN IT AROUND.

SO WE DON'T PAY OFFSETS.

SO WE'RE NOT BUYING CARBON OFFSETS TO DO WHAT THE CITY SHOULD BE DOING.

IT'S LONG OVERDUE.

USE YOUR OWN ADJECTIVE.

BUT IT'S FAR BLANK TIME BEYOND TIME TO DO THIS.

FINALLY, I JUST WANT TO BRIEFLY THANK COUNCILOR ZELENKA FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE.

I'M PROUD TO LIVE IN YOUR WARD.

WE'VE GOT AN AWESOME COUNSELLOR GOING TO JOIN YOU IN JANUARY.

PLEASE ENDORSE THIS, MAKE IT HAPPEN, AND THEN MOVE ON RENTERS.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, DENNIS.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM TIM MORRIS, FOLLOWED BY ABRAHAM KELSO.

>> MAYOR, CITY COUNCILLORS AND STAFF, THANK YOU.

I AM SPEAKING TONIGHT AS AN INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONER.

I'M A RESIDENT OF WARD ONE.

I'M IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE HOME ENERGY SCORE PROGRAM AND THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF GIVING RESIDENTS BETTER INFORMATION ABOUT THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE IN THEIR NEW HOMES.

THE TOP ISSUE AS A COMMISSIONER THAT WE HEAR ABOUT IS AFFORDABILITY, RESILIENCY, AND RELIABILITY OF HOME ENERGY.

AND A HOME ENERGY SCORE ACCOMPLISHES ALL THREE OF THESE TOP ISSUES, AND AN IMPORTANT KEY PIECE IN MEETING FUTURE CLIMATE GOALS FOR BOTH THE CITY OF EUGENE AND FOR EWEB.

FOR MANY EUGENE RESIDENTS, ENERGY COSTS ARE A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THEIR MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES, AND YET WHEN PEOPLE ARE LOOKING TO PURCHASE A HOME, THEY OFTEN HAVE LITTLE INFORMATION ON HOW TO HEAT, COOL, OR POWER THAT HOME.

AND A HOME ENERGY SCORE PROGRAM WILL INFORM JUST THAT.

IN OUR DIGITAL WORLD RIGHT NOW, YOU HAVE YOUR CELL PHONES ON YOU.

YOU CAN PULL OUT AND ACCESS YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS, YOUR FINANCIAL INFORMATION, YOUR CAR REPORTS AND OTHER THINGS ABOUT YOUR HOME, INCLUDING IF YOU HAVE RING CAMERAS OR OTHER SECURITY DEVICES.

IT MAKES SO MUCH SENSE THAT YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACCESS YOUR HOME ENERGY SCORE AS WELL AT POINT OF SALE.

I BELIEVE THIS PROGRAM IS COMPLIMENTARY TO THE WORK THAT EWEB DOES TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY USE THE ENERGY WE HAVE MORE EFFICIENTLY, AND IMPROVING THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE IN EXISTING HOMES BY REDUCING WASTED ENERGY, HELPING RESIDENTS MANAGE THEIR UTILITY BILLS, AND SUPPORTING BOTH OF OUR CLIMATE GOALS TOGETHER.

WE ARE BOTH FIGHTING FOR A CLEANER AND MORE RESILIENT FUTURE.

LET'S ADD ONE MORE TOOL TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

I ENCOURAGE YOU TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS ENERGY SCORE PROGRAM, AND CONTINUE TO WORK WITH EWEB AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO MAKE SURE THIS IS REACHING ALL RESIDENTS HERE IN EUGENE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, TIM.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM ABRAHAM KELSO FOLLOWED BY TOMAKO.

>> HELLO.

MAYOR KNUDSON, CITY COUNCIL, AS A TEACHING PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON'S ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE VICE CHAIR OF THE MANUFACTURED STRUCTURES BOARD, I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS ORDINANCE UNDER DISCUSSION TONIGHT.

WHILE THE BUILDING CODES DIVISION OF THE STATE OF OREGON IS ADVANCING ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING CODES THAT WILL HAVE IMMEDIATE MEASURABLE IMPACTS ON NEW CONSTRUCTION, MOST PEOPLE LIVE IN EXISTING STRUCTURES.

AND AS SOMEONE WHO BOUGHT A HOME IN EUGENE WITHOUT KNOWING THAT THERE WAS NO INSULATION IN THE WALLS, I THINK A MANDATE FOR TRANSPARENCY ABOUT A HOME'S PERFORMANCE IS A GOOD IDEA FOR EUGENE.

THE ECONOMICS OF A HOME'S STABILITY DURING OUR INCREASINGLY VOLATILE CLIMATE CONTEXT DESERVES THE SAME CAREFUL ATTENTION FROM HOME BUYERS THAT THEY GIVE TO LOCATION, SCHOOLS, NUMBER OF BEDROOMS, OR CONDITION BASED ON TRADITIONAL APPEARANCE, INSPECTION, OR DISCLOSURE.

THE LARGELY INVISIBLE NATURE OF MOST ENERGY EFFICIENCY TOOLS OFTEN LEAVE CITIZENS AND FAMILIES MAKING ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISIONS OF THEIR LIVES WITHOUT

ANY CLARITY ABOUT THE HIDDEN, DAILY, OR MONTHLY COSTS OF MAINTAINING THE HEALTH AND COMFORT FOR THE LIFE AND SITE.

WOULD YOU BUY A BOAT IF YOU COULDN'T PUT IT IN THE WATER TO SEE IF IT'S GOT HOLES IN IT?

I URGE THE COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THIS ORDINANCE SO HOME BUYERS IN EUGENE GET TO KNOW HOW THE WEATHER WILL HIT THEIR WALLET BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> THANK YOU, ABRAHAM.

SORRY.

THANK YOU, TIM.

NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM ABRAHAM KELSO, FOLLOWED BY TOMAKO.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR KNUDSON AND EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITY MANAGER AND STAFF.

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

I LIVE IN WARD 2.

I'M TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED HOME ENERGY SCORE ORDINANCE.

I WORKED FOR 28 YEARS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON'S ENERGY STUDIES AND BUILDINGS LABORATORY, WHERE I WAS INVOLVED IN RESEARCH RELATED TO BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE AND EFFICIENCY.

I AM ALSO A LONGTIME EUGENE AREA RESIDENT AND CLIMATE ADVOCATE.

SO I CARE ABOUT THIS ORDINANCE BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY.

AS A COMMUNITY MEMBER WHO WANTS PRACTICAL TOOLS TO HELP RESIDENTS MAKE INFORMED HOUSING DECISIONS.

LIKE MANY PEOPLE, I'M FEELING THE EFFECTS OF THE CLIMATE CRISIS.

SUMMERS USED TO MEAN SWIMMING AT THE RIVER, CAMPING AND ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS.

NOW FOR MANY OF US IS CARRIES A HEAVY SENSE OF DREAD.

EXTREME HEAT AND FIRES THAT ARE SIGNS OF CHANGING CLIMATE.

FOR ME, THE ANTIDOTE IS TO DO WHAT I CAN TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE.

ONE PLACE I FOCUS ON IS MY HOME.

I WANT TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO MAKE IT MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT AND KNOW THE IMPACT OF THOSE CHANGES.

THAT KNOWLEDGE GIVES ME ASSURANCE THAT I'M DOING WHAT IS WITHIN MY POWER, AND IT HELPS KEEP FEAR FROM BECOMING HELPLESSNESS.

THAT IS WHY A HOME ENERGY SCORE ORDINANCE IS SUCH A SENSIBLE AND CONCRETE PROPOSAL.

IT WOULD GIVE PROSPECTIVE HOME BUYERS USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT A HOME'S ENERGY PERFORMANCE AND HELP INFORM DECISIONS ABOUT IMPROVEMENTS.

IT CAN SAVE MONEY, IMPROVE COMFORT AND LIVEABILITY, REDUCE ENERGY WASTE, AND LESSEN THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF BUILDINGS ON OUR CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT.

IT WOULD ALSO HELP HOMEOWNERS FIND AVAILABLE REBATES AND INCENTIVES MAKING ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS MORE ACCESSIBLE AND PRACTICAL.

THIS IS A TRUE WIN WIN PROPOSAL.

I HOPE YOU WILL VOTE TO MAKE THIS AN ORDINANCE.

IT WILL NOT ONLY IMPROVE ENERGY PERFORMANCE IN BUILDINGS.

IT WILL ALSO HELP SHIFT HOW WE THINK ABOUT THE HOMES WE LIVE IN, BUY, SELL, AND IMPROVE.

BUILDINGS MAKE UP A SIGNIFICANT PART OF EUGENE'S

>> THANK YOU.

YOUR TIME HAS CONCLUDED.

MAYOR, THAT WAS OUR FINAL SPEAKER.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, STAFF.

AND I NOW CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL?

COUNCILOR ZELENKA.

I THINK YOU'RE STILL MUTED.

>> ZELENKA: SORRY I COULDN'T BE THERE IN PERSON TODAY.

FULL DISCLOSURE, THE PEOPLE THAT AT OTO WHO HELP IMPLEMENT HOME ENERGY SCORE WORK FOR ME.

AND THEY HAVE DONE GREAT WORK.

I HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING AND GETTING THIS PROGRAM SINCE I WROTE THE CLIMATE RECOVERY ORDINANCE BACK IN 2014.

IT'S TAKEN A LONG TIME, WAY TOO LONG OF A TIME TO FINALLY GET HERE, BUT IT'S GOOD THAT WE'RE HERE.

THIS WILL CREATE A VALUABLE TOOL TO GIVE PEOPLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ENERGY USE IN THEIR BIGGEST PURCHASE OF THEIR LIVES, THEIR HOMES.

AND/OR THE ONE THAT THEY PAY THE MOST FOR, WHICH IS RENTING THEIR HOUSE.

IT'S A PROVEN, EFFECTIVE TOOL ALREADY ADOPTED BY PORTLAND, HILLSBORO, MILWAUKEE, AND BEND.

ANDS IT TONS OF SCORES ALREADY IN OREGON.

IT CREATES AND PROVIDES ESSENTIAL INFORMATION THAT HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS NEED TO MAKE IN ORDER TO MAKE ENERGY EFFICIENCY INVESTMENTS.

AND IN THE VAST MAJORITY OF TIMES, THAT INVESTMENT MAKES HOUSING MORE AFFORDABLE BY REDUCING THEIR ENERGY COSTS.

LOW SCORING HOUSES CAN SAVE AS MUCH AS 20% TO 30%.

THAT'S A BIG SAVINGS FOR PEOPLE AND A REAL BIG INCREASE IN QUALITY OF LIFE AND AFFORDABILITY.

YOU CANNOT ACT WITHOUT INFORMATION.

SO YOU DO NEED A ROAD MAP TO ACT.

AND THAT'S WHAT THE HOME ENERGY SCORE DOES.

AND FINALLY, THAT ACT OF INSTALLING THOSE ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES CREATES JOBS, WELL PAYING JOBS.

IT COMBATS CLIMATE CHANGE, AND IMPROVES OUR ENVIRONMENT, AND IMPROVES THE OVERALL QUALITY OF HOUSING STOCK IN OUR COMMUNITY.

SO WE GET A WIN WIN WIN OUT OF THIS PROPOSAL.

FOR AN EXTREMELY LOW, MODEST COST, AS PEOPLE HAVE POINTED OUT.

AND I HOPE THAT THE EUGENE COUNCIL WILL ADOPT THIS POLICY AS WELL AS A CITY ORDINANCE.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: COUNCILOR GROVES.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR.

AND THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ZELENKA, FOR GOING INTO A LITTLE MORE DETAIL ON THAT.

I AM INTRIGUED BY THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING ABLE TO OFFSET THE COSTS FOR OUR LOWER INCOME RESIDENTS.

AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I HOPE WE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DISCUSS WHEN THIS COMES BACK BEFORE US FOR A VOTE.

EXCUSE ME.

I SUSPECT THIS WILL PASS.

AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE DOING WHAT WE CAN TO HELP THOSE THAT ARE YOU KNOW, $300 DOESN'T SOUND LIKE MUCH, BUT IT IS FOR SOME PEOPLE.

AND I JUST THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A WAY OF HELPING IF NOT COMPLETELY MITIGATING THAT, AT LEAST HELPING TO REDUCE THE IMPACT ON THESE FOLKS.

SO THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: COUNCILOR CLARK.

>> CLARK: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

WOULD AMENDMENTS TO ADD ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES AND METRICS FOR TO ADD METRICS ON MEASUREMENT CHANGE THE ORDINANCE SUFFICIENTLY TO REQUIRE A NEW PUBLIC HEARING, OR WOULD THAT BE A MINOR ADJUSTMENT?

>> THAT WOULD BE A MINOR ADJUSTMENT.

IT WOULD BE AN IMPOSITION FOR US AND NOT THE PUBLIC.

>> CLARK: COOL.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR KNUDSON: THANK YOU, COUNCIL.

I DO NOT SEE ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS RELATED TO THIS PUBLIC HEARING TODAY.

I HAVE TWO OF MY OWN.

AND A REFRESHER REALLY FOR THE PUBLIC, BUT I WOULD EXPECT THIS WILL COME BACK IN OUR WORK SESSION AS WELL, SO NO NEED TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS THIS EVENING.

ONE IS A QUESTION ABOUT THE NUMBER PER YEAR AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SCORE ASSESSMENTS THAT WERE COMPLETED WHILE THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY AND THE CITY OF EUGENE WAS IN PLACE TO UNDERSTAND THE REACH OF THAT PROGRAM.

AND I REMEMBER THAT WE DISCUSSED IT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, BUT IT WAS ONE THAT IS TOP OF MIND AS WE'RE DISCUSSING THIS TOPIC THIS EVENING.

THE OTHER QUESTION IS JUST A LITTLE BIT OF MATH.

AND I ALSO SUSPECT THIS IS IN OTHER MATERIALS.

BUT OUR ISSUE STATEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING TONIGHT BEGINS WITH THE SENTENCE, THAT 65% OF HOMES IN EUGENE WERE BUILT BEFORE 1990 PRIOR TO MODERN ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS.

I'M CURIOUS IF WE COULD QUANTIFY THAT PERCENTAGE INTO NUMBERS OF STRUCTURES, AND EVEN HAVE A SENSE OF THE TYPICAL BUILDING MATERIALS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION AT THAT TIME.

NOT IN ANY DETAILED SENSE, BUT I THINK UNINSULATED WALLS, METAL OR SINGLE PANED WINDOWS, CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE HEATING SYSTEMS WHERE THERE MIGHT BE AN ABSENCE OF ANY UNDERFLOOR OR ATTIC INSULATION.

THOSE TYPES OF COMPONENTS WILL BE PRETTY READILY KNOWN AT DIFFERENT POINTS IN TIME RELATIVE TO OUR ENERGY CODE.

I'M JUST CURIOUS TO HAVE THAT INFORMATION AS WE MOVE FORWARD.

I THINK IT'S USEFUL AS THIS TOPIC CONTINUES ITS PROCESS.

SO THANK YOU.

AND WITH THAT, I WILL SAY THANK YOU AGAIN, AND THIS CONCLUDES OUR AGENDA FOR THE EVENING.

AND I NOW CLOSE THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2026, PUBLIC HEARING, AND WE ARE ADJOURNED.

[GAVEL SOUNDS]