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>> Mayor Knudson: Welcome to the September 28, 2026 Eugene City Council meeting. Thank you for joining us in this hybrid meeting format. Anyone wishing to access the meeting remotely can do so by watching the livestream on our website, broadcast on Comcast channel 21 or following the access instructions listed on the city's public webcast and meetings materials page, the city of Eugene website. Tonight's meeting will include a public comment period. If you wish to speak please fill out a request to speak form on our public webcast meetings webpage or at the entrance to this room. We will accept request forms until:35 P.M. These forms are used to generate the order of speakers and accurately enter speaker's names into the public record. The public comment pertained is limited to 90 minutes or conclude by 10:00 P.M. If the number of speakers exceeds the time we have allotted we encourage speakers to consider abbreviating their remarks so the maximum number of speakers can be heard. Those joining the meeting remotely, you are open to e-mail your comments. Meeting conduct applies to all attendees. And they include 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, the person giving public comment should be the only person speaking. You are welcome to wave your hands in silent support. We encourage those who are ill to join us remotely rather than in person and we have masks available in the lobby if you need one.

In case of medical emergency an automated external defibrillator is located on the west side of the room and emergency exits through the double doors at the back of the room and the double doors near the front of the room. Doors to the patio can be used as needed W that I call the September 28, 2026 meeting of the Eugene City Council to order. We begin this evening with a land acknowledgement. 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.

>> Mayor Knudson: First item on tonight's agenda is committee reports and items of interest. I now open the floor to Council for committee reports or items of interest. Councilors? Councilor Keating.

>> Keating: Thank you, Mayor. I wanted to kick off this evening by thanking attendees, volunteers, donors of Greenhill humane society. Last night -- two nights ago I attended evening for the animals, packed event, at the graduate hotel, a benefit for Greenhill humane society. Great friends, and of course a stellar cause. BECCA and I sat with former animal services officer, her family, and friends. New friends from the Cascade raptor center. Pleased to announce that we were joined by Councilors Randy groves and Eliza Kashinsky. Thank you for attending as well. I will be brief, but George Carlin said life is a series of dogs. We certainly know that in our home and in our hearts. Every dog that I have had in my adult life, every dog for that matter that I have had in my life has been a dog that's been adopted. Vegas came from big animal ranch rescue, rescueme.org in Florida, NUBES came from the humane society in San Diego, and Bruno came from the Denver dumb friends league. When it was time to adopt our latest friend, Vince, we found this little dude at green hill. Treasure and a gem in our own backyard. Vince was previously Vinnie, he's now since been elevated and graduated to Vince. But Vince was at Greenhill for 150 days of his puppy life. And without the tender loving care and attention to detail, and the dedicated volunteer team and staff at Greenhill, Vince wouldn't be with us. And I want to just underscore bold and italicize my enthusiasm for the work that the team of volunteers and dedicated professionals do at Greenhill

high main society. I was honored to attend and chip in on Saturday night. Thank you, Mayor.

>> Mayor Knudson: Other Councilors with committee reports or items of interest to share? All right, then I will briefly share a few items of interest, and they are both appreciations. One of them is that as many of you might have experienced, on Saturday August 26, just this past Saturday, it was a remarkable day in our city center. From the beginning of the day with Saturday market and the lane county farmer's market, unloading and opening their booths at the park locks and market pavilion through the vintage fair that happened at Willamette and Broadway with our extraordinary partners, within the secondhand and vintage and thrifting universe to having the ducks downtown, the taste of track town partnership with so many local downtown restaurants and businesses, welcoming people into the city center. Culminating with the bright parade, a mile through downtown Eugene ending with a party at the market pavilion that truly was just an extraordinary show of creativity and community and connection. I want to express my appreciation to the bright parade organizers, to our colleagues in the slug queens who have done so much work to bring our community together around that annual celebration over the past few years. And in many years prior. And to all of the incredibly creative community organizations, nonprofits, schools, different people working in our community who had floats and entries in the parade. It was a wonderful experience to be a part of. And I had the incredible opportunity to bike alongside the Grand Marshall entry from the kinder foundation. I wanted to express my thanks to the kinder foundation for their support of the parade, and their selection of the theme of kindness for this year's experience. It was really a beautiful full day experience in the center of our city. I also want to say welcome to our new University of Oregon students, 150th convocation, the university was yesterday. And I think also congratulations are in order because as you like lie saw on the news, we also saw that a tentative agreement was reached between SEIU503 and university administration. That is great news in our community for a host of reasons. My most sincere welcome to that incoming class and the new members of our community who are here as a part of our university and college communities in Eugene. Many other touch points in these past few weeks as I've said to several people around our community. We really feel the month of September, every year, in the city of Eugene. There's a lot of work happening in our community and a lot of important events, a lot of people fundraising for really important events and community needs. I'm grateful to all of them to have had the opportunity to participate and be a part of so many. So with that, I will just say thank you. And concludes our first agenda item today. Second item on tonight's agenda is consent calendar 1, which includes approval of City Council minutes, approval of the City Council tentative agenda, authorizing the city manager to execute contracts to take on debt for a clean water state revolving loan fund and approval of voting delegate for the league of Oregon cities business meeting. If there are no questions from Council I'll turn to the President to put a motion forward.

>> Leech: Move to approve the items on consent calendar one.

>> Kashinsky: Second.

>> Mayor Knudson: Any discussion from counsel? Councilor Keating?

>> Keating: We're approving President leech to be a delegate as a member of leadership. Councilor leech and I will both be attending the league of cities event. I don't think that's enumerated in our agenda summary. It's not. Just a point of information. And I encourage colleagues to support. Thank you.

>> Mayor Knudson: Any other discussion from Council? Seeing none I will now take a met for this motion. Councilor lock in your votes on the tablets in front of you. The motion passes, with a vote of 6-0. Thank you Council. That concludes our second agenda item this evening. Our last item, third item on tonight's agenda, 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. Speakers should direct their comments to City Council and the Mayor and not to the audience. Staff can you please share the list and the number of speakers that have signed up to speak by 7:35 P.M. and announce the first speakers.

>> Thank you, Mayor, we have 17 speakers signed up this evening. I will announce two speakers' names at the time. When you are called to speak state your name and your ward or neighborhood if known before beginning your comments. When you are announced as the next speaker, 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. 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 flashes red when you have 15 seconds remaining to speak. Your microphone will be muted at the 2 1/2 minute mark. Please note the use of profanity is not permitted. Our first speakers tonight are Dillon Thomas followed by None YA.

>> I'm Dillon Thompson, co-chair of the friendly areas neighborhood association, ward 1. Here with Lisa, our secretary. I come speaking for our board. We unanimously adopted a resolution urging a moratorium on data centers on September 8. I sent a copy to your e-mail address and putting a copy in your in box. Quickly we're just asking for two things. That you write the city manager's ban on data center NDA into city code so it outlasts any administration. Adopt a temporary moratorium on data center development. The city says no zone allows large data centers today. But our understanding is that that rests on interpreting ambiguous code. The work session to clarify it isn't until December 14. Moratorium makes sure nothing slips through before then. When you write the new rules we ask that you name data centers as prohibited use. Thank you.

>> Thank you, our next speakers are None followed by WYNN. Is there a None in the room? All right, our next speaker is WYNN, and I'll call for none one more time.

>> Good evening, Council, Mayor, WYNN MANCELL, ward 7. I want to applaud the city for choosing to end NDAs, ban NDAs on data centers. I'm hoping as we go towards the December working sessions that we choose to do the work to make all NDAs that the city is entering into public and transparent. As we look forward to the December working sessions, I'm hoping that we can eventually see transparency in the contracts that the city has entered into, especially regarding software, any mass surveillance software the city might be considering. I have gotten to play with the permitting system recently, doing work at my house, great historical stuff. Haven't requested any microfiche yet. It seems like a decent corollary to look at contracts and whatever state they are able to be released for the city. On top of that, I'm sure everyone has heard the sad news of oakshire closing. So the 20th anniversary party is still going to be happening this Saturday. I hope to see some or all of you there. The thank you.

>> Thank you. One last call for none. Our next speakers are Josh easterland followed by Leonard DeFranco.

>> Hello, I'm Josh easterland, director of equitable access Eugene. I'm here to ask Eugene to change how we address the personal use of psychedelic plants and fungi. I drove up to Portland to attend their meeting, they are considering an ordinance to reprioritize natural psychedelics. 21 people came forward to testify, many sharing deeply personal stories. People spoke about mental health, trauma, addiction, personal growth, spirituality, and finding connection and meaning. I have spoken here before about the fact that many people who use psychedelics are order members of our communities. Sitting in that room made that point much more tangible. These weren't abstract statistics, it's people willing to stand in front of the city government, put their names and experiences into the public record and explain why this issue mattered to them. The Council listened. Some of the Councilors came in to the conversation with reservations but rather than ending the discussion there they listened to constituents, asked questions and whether the traditional approach still makes sense. Ultimately, the ordinance advanced to a second reading with the final vote this coming Wednesday. I don't bring it up because Eugene should do the same thing as Portland but Portland is having the discussion I've been wanting for years. Cities have limited public safety resources and enforcement should focus on conduct presenting the greatest risk to the community. It asks whether pursuing adults for personal noncommercial use of psychedelics is where it belongs. This is reasonable. We don't have to agree that psychedelics are right for everyone, pretend they're without risks, only whether people peacefully using or growing substances for themselves should be a priority for our criminal justice sis temperature. Portland is close to answering that question and I hope Eugene will be seriously considering it too. Thank you.

>> Our next speakers are Leonard DeFranco followed by Dillon CIANCI.

>> Good evening Mayor and Councilmembers. I'm Leonard DeFranco, I'm in ward 4. Have any of you been to the neighbors feeding neighbors under the Washington Jefferson bridge? Would you, any of you consider helping out the less fortunate? Hungry and unhoused neighbors? Breakfast is served Wednesday through Saturday, 9:30 until 11:30. EPD has been there, but not to help out but to arrest people. Our neighbors. It says on the EPD patrol car, "compassion." But unfortunately I don't see compassion for our neighbors. What I do see is arrest and destruction of the only possessions that they have. I saw where EPD threw away the man's dentures after pleading with them to give them back to him. Why the hell do they do evil things like this? My wife and I have been helping out and we've experienced so much gratefulness and politeness from our hungry neighbors. One last comment, I.C.E. needs to stop kidnapping our neighbors, now! When you -- when are you, Mayor, going to support our immigrant neighbors? And stop this madness. Aren't we so fortunate to be white privileged? With one exception, Mr. Evans, there may be -- may come a time when you could be next. Unfortunately it is happening in some places. I hope for your sake it doesn't happen. Thank you.

>> Thank you. Our next speakers are Dillon followed by Jennifer blazer.

>> Hi, convocation was really great, did you see the drone show? It was fantastic. I was working at the university during the convocation, a beautiful event. You heard last week, two weeks ago about data centers and the things people don't want in Eugene. Here's a thing I want, I started learning about Nike and really the history of what Phil did. And that famous shoe where they poured the plastic on the waffle iron or whatever. That was the last shoe ever made in America. They basically what they invented was offshoring production to Vietnam. The economy is so bad it is time to turn it around. I think it is time to build a sweat shop on west 11th and make Nike shoes here in Eugene, Oregon again. I think I would have been fantastic at showing -- Sewing shoes together, putting the plastic tips on shoelaces. I've been robbed of an opportunity, really. By not having enough manufacturing here. And I think here in TrackTown USA that's, you know, sure it is polluting and bad and all of those things. But that's real jobs. Over in Vietnam a job at a are Nike factory is a decent refrigerator. It is basically the equivalent of working for the university and uncle Phil here. It is an okay job that you have to fight constantly to keep from getting worse. I just, you know, equitable. I'd like to be the AGLET guy.

>> Thank you, Dillon. Jennifer blazer followed by Linda.

>> Hi, I'm Jennifer blazer, I do not have a ward right now -- I'm Jennifer blazer, I do not have a ward because technically I'm homeless, a I have a friend letting me stay at his home. A few years ago I was unfortunately roofied and assaulted, and then the next year assaulted again by a roommate. And guess who didn't help? That would be EPD, under -- I don't want to call him chief, just call him skinner, he's going to go by skinner. There were -- I have had also interactions with

drug dealers down at the market where I was trying to vend. I make beautiful jewelry. I'm not a good speaker, I have had a few concussions, it's not my FORTE, I'm actually an accountant. I just want to know why isn't EPD stepping up and helping people. Actually, the gentleman in the corner stepped up, he helped me a couple of times. But that was recently. I thank you, Mayor Knudsen, I had to leave town for a couple of years to heal from my assaults. I have just recently moved back and hoping to start again. It does seem that after I came back that things are better and it seems like you started it a couple of years ago, correct? Okay. I appreciate that. But what I think we need to focus on is EPD and making sure that they are helping the community at the roofying, it is insane on campus. I was roofied at the stadium, and I was with prominent people in the community with EPD. And nothing happened. Nobody helped me. I have texts, I sent in all of my pictures, it was humiliating. No help. I am devastated beyond belief but I'm a very strong person and I don't give up easily and I know that Eugene is my home, I was born and raised. I know that Eugene is an amazing city. We are inclusive, we love people, that's what we should stand on, not hate. Or ignoring people or assaulting people and roofying people. We need a new chief, too. Thank you.

>> Thank you. Our next speakers are Linda followed by Amanda Wallberg.

>> I'm Linda, I live in ward 4. It'll probably come as no surprise given my stylish attire that I am here to talk about the library. This time not about funding. I am here to celebrate our library. This year documentary called the librarians won an Emmy I was not about their powerful ability to maintain quiet in the library, just the opposite. It was about the Lowell of the librarian in protecting our right to be heard. The popular stereotype of the librarian is comfy shoes with a "SHH." Among the first line of defense against those who silence free speech. Intellectual freedom is protected by the first amendments and sometimes governments try to suppress it and librarians push back. That brings me to the week of October 4, banned book week, the one week that the American library association suggests that we celebrate reading. 5,668 books are banned from libraries in 2025. Even more were challenged. This is the highest number of titles censored in the year and highest censorship in more than 30 years. 39% represent the lived experiences of the LGBTQ+ community and people of color. 92% of those challenges were initiated by pressure groups, not individuals. Here in Eugene challenges require a live human meeting in person with one of our spectacular live librarians who make the case for individual choice over censorship. Across the country there were 713 attacks on library services, we gave our library big thumbs up. In honor have banned book we invite everyone to celebrate the right to read, listen, experience and express whatever they choose. This year that includes an invitation to get together for banned books out loud, a community gathering at hodge-podge books on Friday, October 9 at 7:00, featuring your local librarians reading from their favorite banned books. Or you can hear the raging grannies celebrate free speech outside the library Wednesday, the 7th at 1 clock whatever your schedule, take time this week to thank a librarian.

>> Thank you. Our next speakers are Amanda Wallberg followed by Steve Gladfelter.

>> I have a visual display for you. You guys all come here, you pretend everything is normal in this town, you don't talk about what is really happening. In these pictures there is a body of a child in the fireplace of the land building. There's organs and blood all over the floor of the parking garage of the hospital. What's not in the pictures was bloody, I don't know if they were ropes or some sort of fabric hanging down. A human bone I found outside of a frat house. There's bloody trash compactor from under the union apartments. And I can't, I see this stuff every day. The list goes on and on. A few weeks ago I heard screams for help and music playing over the sound of the screaming. I followed it, where did it lead me? To the J-4 building by the YMCA. They had kids in cages, playing music over it. And I can't make you guys care, I can't make you publicly address this, stand up to anyone, maybe are you part of it. I can't make you talk about it. What I can do is I can rip away this lie we're living that everything is okay here. It is not. There's people that are suffering every day, kids that are dying every day, there's kids being trafficked every day. And you guys want to come here and talk about parades and neighbors feeding neighbors, if you cared about homeless people you'd care about the homeless people getting their organs stolen.

>> Steve Gladfelter followed by Michael Maria.

>> Greetings, esteemed Councilors, Mayor Knudsen, Steve Gladfelter, equitable access Eugene. My story with amazing medicines, goes back to the 1990s. But I want to focus on a recent experience. In 2020 to early 2023 I was dealing with serious anxiety as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. During this time my anxiety got so bad I avoided all public places except absolutely necessary. As a result of this stress and depletion, I got very sick but not with Covid-19. In October of 2022, I had to be on a number of different medications for several weeks. After the long and difficult recovery, I started microdosing with mushrooms. Almost immediately I began to feel more hopeful and vibrant and felt a sense of gloom lifting. Around this time my wife, Jill, was enrolled in the first cohort of the subtle wind psychedelic facilitator training. After she got her certification the school held an outdoor overnight celebration. This was the first social gathering I had been to since the pandemic and marked the turning point. Not long after this, with a bit of effort, I was able to overcome the anxiety. It is difficult to state how this helped me. In 2020 Oregon voters approved 109 which established the therapy program along 110 decriminalizing FUNGI. In to 24, measure 110 was repealed by the legislature. Microdosing in a private residence is a crime. Currently Oregonians can only legally microdose at therapy centers which can cost thousands of dollars for a single session and may require long waits. Microdosing responsibly in your home is a crime. The same thing I did in 2023 when it was not a crime. Let's change this situation starting here in Eugene. I respectfully ask the City Council to please pass a resolution to decriminalize psychedelic plants and FUNGI.

>> Thank you. Michael Maria followed by amber.

>> Hi, today is a special day, I I'm back in school finishing my degree in neuroscience. I'm actually the same age as my mom was when she was studying there. Unfortunately she passed away from a brain related illness. I just thought it was like a special thing to share that I'm sort of getting the degree that she never could. And just that she really loved Eugene. She moved us here from Boston. I shared that with her. It's like, I feel like the rest of you really appreciate the town. That's also my friend, Amanda, I feel like she has that same passion and really caring about our community. So I just wanted to come and support everyone. I think it is very healthy and American and beautiful to share the stories and how we're all trying to work together to make this a better town. I just, I don't know if I should say what I said at the beginning, but this feels really important to me that even though my mother had this tragic death and couldn't finish her education at U of O, that now that I'm her age, and I even changed my last name to her name so that I can get the degree and her name can be on that degree. Learning about neuroscience and applying that I can help prevent that from happening to other people. I feel like that is really important. Thing for people to know a positive thing that's happening. Overcoming something negative that goes on in your Orlando. I feel like that is what Eugene is about -- in our world. What Eugene is about is solving meaningful world problems. Even though it's a small community. I feel honored to -- I love to travel and I always feel like this is such a great place to come back to.

>> Thank you. Our next speakers are EMBER followed by Sarah Kirby.

>> I'm EMBER. I live in ward 8. And two weeks ago this room was full in a way I have never seen. Where I found myself sitting out there on the floor listening to such impassioned testimony over the whisper of a potential data center proposal. I am so glad people came out for that. I just wish I saw the same urgency for threats that are already on our doorstep. Our immigrant neighbors are still being taken by I.C.E. Our unhoused neighbors are still being swept and displaced. Police chief skinner still has a job. People showed up, and people show up for these things, too, but nothing compares to the turnout for a hypothetical server farm. And City Council remains complicit. You say you oppose I.C.E. but I watch I.C.E. vehicles carry detainees through the county lot pretty regularly. You shut down flock surveillance and we are still waiting for accountability over our data. Concern sometimes feels like one of Eugene's most renewable resources. And this Council knows, I don't come here to talk to them. I am talking to everyone listening. You proved Eugene can pack this room when something feels threatening enough. And I want us to remember that when it is I.C.E. When it is another sweep through Washington Jefferson park. Or another police budget. Because maybe that's what the data center meeting actually taught us, that Eugene does know how to create urgency, and maybe we should start putting a data center next to everything. Want a new homeless center in tell people the alternative is a data center. Want real funding for crisis response? Data center. Harm reduction services that people spend years

developing, put a data center on the other side of the proposal. I am not diminishing the hyper scale data centers. Nor do I actually expect this Council to follow through. Because the question is not whether Eugene knows how to show up. The question is what else might change if we showed up like that every time. Thank you.

>> Thank you. Our next speakers are Sarah Kirby followed by SHAZ.

>> Hi, I'm Sarah, I last spoke to you 140 days ago. I told you about skinner taking bribes from local businesses. At that time I did not know about the bus stops at churches he was utilizing. There's a church in my neighborhood Fairfield Baptist church. And I saw cops there near constantly until I came and spoke to you. Literally the day after the cops disappeared from that parking lot. And at the time I was like, this is weird. Then that Friday, Tim released the rest of the individual yes detailing everything about the rest stops. And I think it is abhorrent that you guys just ignore it. That you haven't dug deeper into how much time was spent patrolling different religious institutions parking lots. This isn't a religious institution. You have no business allowing them to police only religious institutions. Especially when we have people that need help do. Your jobs.

>> Thank you, our next speakers are SHAZ followed by misty strawberry Bowman.

>> Hello everybody. Mayor, I'm SHAZ, I reside in Eugene, I can be corresponded with at PO box 1165. I am the subject of the Mack and cheese traffic stop. If you haven't seen it on lackluster, here's the deal, it's an Oregon EPD stop with over, almost a quarter million views. Result of that public outcry, the officer had to file a motion, pretty rare this happens, to have the case dismissed. The elements that he was alleging did not line up with the statute. The statute is 815-220, obscured windows. Subsection 2 which takes approximately 20 seconds to get to for a plain English reading it says that it only applies to the following windows. The windshield, the side wing windows and side passenger driver adjacent windows. When the officer came to my door I said to him, my side mirrors provide rear visibility and there's nothing in traffic code that covers an opaque window. Clearly the officer's memo showed that. I've filed a TORT claim notice, denied, and this is within immunity, it's a reasonable mistake to think that because it says obscured windows it's okay to be going to the second subsection and just ignoring that it says only these windows. He had no probable cause. In Oregon, that is required for a traffic stop. They must match. And it's already proven case law, there's no situation in which it's okay. EPD screwed up here clearly. It is in the public. And I got thousands and thousands and thousands, tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands of people on lackluster, waiting for updates on the situation. Dropping the ball and ignoring this as if it never happened and having no statement is not going to solve this problem. What is going to solve the problem is you folks looking at what happened, realizing we have got traffic stops occurring without probable cause, taking action, reeducating the police about 815-220, I believe it has been used as a fishing hole for 20 years. You may have to unwind all of these cases. I look for

competency. I showed up, I did the court thing, but they didn't even have a date for me. When the officer dismissed the ticket he filed a motion on the 16th of April, by April 20 it was dismissed. You know what, they didn't bother tell me. Ultimate disrespect.

>> Thank you. Misty followed by Jacob.

>> Good evening, misty Bowman, word 7. Big hearty congratulations to everybody in this room, statistically you have all used a lot of new words in the last 24 years. So many that Merriam-Webster added 5,000 words to their collegiate dictionary. Lovely words like dadbod and BINGABLE. They have added African-American vernacular. Eat your heart out Oxford English dictionary, this is an endorsement for Merriam-Webster. What was I talking about? Light pollution. As defined lie the 12th edition collegiate dictionary, artificial skylight as from city lights that interferes especially with astronomical observations. Added 19 of the. Nice. Now personally, I think that definition is a little incomplete. But what I want to say is how pleased I was to hear Councilor Keating suggest it is high time for a dark sky work session. This would present an opportunity to present to the city planner as well as counsel clarify the finer points of dark sky, businesses, environmental groups and neighborhood associations involved with this conversation. To that point dark sky can and should be understood as something that can be integrated into many aspects of Eugene's vision such as increasing tourism, our environmental goals, and here I would like to emphasize vision zero as something dark sky should be part of. Pedestrian cyclists and vehicle traffic at night is no doubt part of vision zero and we should understand poor nonstandardized, nonhomogeneous lighting contributes to poor traffic safety at night. Lighting should be controlled, warm, and effective so everyone can get home safe. Thank you for your time.

>> Thank you, our next speakers are Jacob true followed by Robin Bloomgarden.

>> Hello, Mayor, city manager, I'm Jacob true, ward 1. And I'm here to talk about public safety. I watch the work session, the CFPD work session, and I notice that there wasn't a lot in there about community alternative response. Why? Well there are three reasons for. That first one, is that cahoots like service has been absent since April of 2025. There's more to come. Will be a work session on 10-14 discussing the effects of the community safety patrol tax. There hopefully is more to happen. Three in city code 3.728, which was the bit of the city code passed in the ordinance enacting the community safety payroll tax, restricts funding for police, fire, EMS, prosecution, prevention homeless services, and the administration of the payroll tax. I suggest that if the City Council sees alternative community alternative response as a priority, you modify the Eugene code to include community alternative response. This sends a clear message, the community safety takes many forms. Talk about a few more things related to the work session. One thing jumped out, the large number of vacant police positions, how much funding is occupied by the vacant police positions. Use them in other areas. Police chief skinner has testified

that high acute calls for service were covered, well covered, but gaps exist for low and mid acuity calls for service. Those gaps were covered by the former cahoots service and we would be well served to cover them again. This ties into the recent U of O study that you may have seen reports of in the lookout article, that cahoots, when they were in Eugene, covered even more than they were given credit for. I suggest that we go ahead and encourage the community alternative response back here in Eugene again. It is a good use of money, effective and efficient, and is the best way for us to go forward. Thank you.

>> Thank you, our next and final speaker is Robin Bloomgarden.

>> Hello City Council. I'm in ward 8, I'm Robin bloomgarden. Okay, you have stated that no large energy intensive data centers will be allowed within city limits. Sounds great, right? Now, we have to look at areas just outside of our city boundaries. The small towns and cities in the county, who will be easy targets for these giant corporations. If these companies will be using fossil fuel powered onsite generators, how does banning them inside of the city make one Whit of difference as to how our already polluted air quality will be affected by all that. These companies may just discharge their toxic wastewater directly into streams or the ground. Is this really what we all want to see happening in the future? I sure hope not. Next, now we will have no NDAs allowed across the city but only for data centers. That was a clever move, Jenny, since you folks had already decided no large data centers were allowed within the city. Now, what are we to do about all of the other NDAs that you work with. I'm thinking how the Amazon warehouse was handled. This is still an unDemocratic process. Cutting us out of the loop on huge projects that could be objectionable, dangerous, and not something that makes life better in Eugene. I'm thinking about that whole mess with the flock cameras, which we told you was a bad idea and you found out we were right. After a lot of time and money was spent and lost. Who knows literally what other awful stuff is happening behind our backs right now. We sure don't. Another example is how the county handled the whole goshen recycling debacle. We only found out afterwards, not beforehand. And tons of public money is still being wasted on that one. I don't think you should be working with any companies who demand an NDA in order to do business with them. Jenny, can you make this happen? In the future, look at the bigger picture and utilize all of the smart talent available to you here in Eugene to help vet stuff like this beforehand. It is free advice. Use it.

>> Robin?

>> Sorry, I didn't realize I was out of time.

>> That was our final speaker, Mayor.

>> Mayor Knudson: Now close the public comment period. Are there any comments from City Council? Councilor Keating?

>> Keating: Thank you Mayor and everyone who came out tonight. I want to start with SHAZ and anyone who might experience a traffic stop without probable cause. We have an I understand interest police Auditor that should hear about such actions. They can be reached at Eugene-OR.gov. This isn't legal advice, just a point of information. The city of Eugene City Council has three employees. Our city manager, our municipal code judge, and the independent police Auditor. Anyone who needs to, to report such an incident, should report such an incident through the independent police Auditor. EMBER, thank you for your impassioned perspective and powerful testimony. Thank you. Linda, are you still here? Hi, Linda. Good to see you on Thursday, I thought about you on Friday, on Thursday we were celebrating the expansion of the imagination library. And the fourth floor space of the Eugene library. Friday I had the honor of joining the Governor and lawmakers from across Oregon in support of declaring 9 slash 25, September 25, 9-2-5, Dolly Parton day. Pretty cool way of denoting dolly's investment in the early literacy. I just want to thank a librarian and thank friends of the library, and the Eugene public library foundation board members and anyone who reads a banned book or visits the jewel and gem of our downtown, our library. Especially those who continuously come out and advocate for the library. I want to say thank you, thank you for bringing this to our attention banned book read. Read a banned book, support our library, thank a librarian and find out how you can amplify and support our imagination library. Thank you.

>> Mayor Knudson: Any other responses from Council this evening? I will just offer a couple of reminders related to later this fall. One is that there is a Council work session that is scheduled to follow up on surveillance policy, people who have been following along wondering when that conversation is coming back to this body, that is scheduled on our calendar. The other comment I want to appreciate and just share a few thoughts about is that in general this City Council, without the public feedback and very clearly with the public feedback, understands the concerns that our community has and that are not unique to our community regarding hyper scale data centers and intensity of resource use and all sorts of challenges and nuisance. Negative outcomes that have gone along in other places of developments. Public comment, there was an express concern that the city not allowing for the development of these facilities would there by expose our nearby rural communities to that type of development. Without their consideration. I just want to, this is, we won't have time to discuss this at length, likely come up in many other conversations. When you see this body having conversations about comprehensive land use planning because that exists in the state of Oregon. It doesn't exist in any other state in the country. What that says is that at a very high level, over 50 years ago, we as a state made a decision to conserve and protect natural resource lands, farm and forest, lands and to organize urban development in a way that is comprehensive. We have urban growth boundaries around our cities. To constrain the extent of urbanism. And it is easy to see when you travel to other places that do not have urban growth boundaries. As you leave the city you find yourself traveling on the highway that might have an indeterminant number of miles of stripped commercial development and a sort of confusing, I'm not anywhere, kind of feeling

about it. That is a hallmark of places that do not have organized approaches to the process of urbanization and development. I mention that also because in rural areas, our lane county board of commissioners those communities have access to decisionmaking, and our state has laws in place. So I just want to underscore that for anyone who might take away from public comment this evening that the city of Eugene is the only location that has any structures in place to guide and shape and approve the process of development, that there is much more in place all across our state. And that's be a area that's easily misunderstood. So many indeed you will all of the other conditions are in completely different land use context than we have here. I wanted to offer that point of clarification. And note that also we still are returning to a work session schedule related to data centers. That is also on our calendar just a handful of week's time. I will say thank to you everyone who came to public comment this evening. And for your comments, thank to you Council for their time in our work session earlier and meeting today. And I now close the September 28 City Council meeting. We are adjourned.