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EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

June 17, 2026

12:00 p.m. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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**Meeting of June 17, 2026;
Her Honor Mayor Kaarin Knudson Presiding**

Councilors

Lyndsie Leech, President
Jennifer Yeh
Mike Clark
Randy Groves

Eliza Kashinsky, Vice President
Alan Zelenka
Greg Evans
Matt Keating

12:00 p.m. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

1. WORK SESSION: Mass Surveillance Policy Discussion

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: Mass Surveillance Policy Discussion

Meeting Date: June 17, 2026
Department: Central Services
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Agenda Item Number: 1
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ISSUE STATEMENT

This work session is to discuss current surveillance technologies used by the City, governing policies for surveillance technologies, and for Council to provide feedback on guiding principles that are important to them when staff assess the use of surveillance technologies. This work session is informational only, in response to a Council work session poll.

BACKGROUND

On March 2, 2026, City Council passed a work session poll requesting a discussion to answer the question of “Should the City Council adopt a mass surveillance policy?” The work session will provide an overview of the City’s current equipment, which could be considered camera-based surveillance technologies, and accompanying policies. Staff will share protocols for collecting, storing, and sharing surveillance data. Staff will summarize highlights from recent state legislation regulating use of Automated License Plate Recognition for law enforcement purposes. The work session will also review policies adopted by other cities and identify which types of surveillance technologies are included in those policies. Council will consider guidelines to inform consideration and deployment of mass-surveillance equipment. Additionally, Council may consider roles for the Police Commission and the Police Auditor or Civilian Review Board, and the public input process that could accompany any Council decision.

Current Camera-Based Surveillance Technologies in Use

City departments currently use six camera-based security and management technologies. Access to each system is limited to authorized users and governed by established data retention protocols. None of these technology implementations utilize facial recognition. This information reflects the City’s initial inventory of camera-based technologies and may be refined as additional information is gathered.

1. Security Cameras

- a. **Fixed Security Cameras** – Currently five City departments use fixed cameras for a range of uses including building and facility security, traffic flow monitoring, traffic signal detection, and wastewater process monitoring. The predominate use is for building and facility security monitoring. Of the fixed cameras in-use by the City all are video only with no audio recording capability.
- b. **Portable Security Cameras** – Portable cameras are those that may be fixed to a pole, building or other structure for an indefinite amount of time, but exist as self-contained units that may be moved if desired. Portable cameras are used by Public

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Works (PW) Parks and Open Spaces to provide security monitoring for some parks and by Eugene Police Department (EPD), in compliance with EPD Policy [1210](#), as a crime prevention tool or to address criminal activity.

- c. **Mobile Security Cameras** – Mobile security cameras are typically trailer based, such as the Guardian trailers owned and deployed by PW Parks and Open Spaces Division and the EPD in compliance with EPD Policy [1210](#).
2. **Camera Security Screening Technology** – Currently the Hult Center, Cuthbert Amphitheater, Municipal Court, and Eugene City Council Chambers use passive security screening systems that utilize a combination of video, metal detection, and machine learning algorithms to detect potential concealed weapons.
3. **Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drones)** – Aerial Drones are used by EPD when a warrant is issued for use or where probable cause is established and exigent circumstances exist that make it unreasonable for the law enforcement agency to obtain a warrant and use of drone technology may be of assistance, in compliance with EPD Policies [908](#), [908A](#), and applicable sections of ORS 837. The Public Works Department also uses aerial drone technology for construction site inspection and to assess the physical conditions of facilities, infrastructure, parks, open spaces, and waterways. All City drone use is governed by Administrative Policy Manual (APM) 5.9 Small Unmanned Aerial Systems and the City of Eugene Small Unmanned Aerial Systems Operations Manual.
4. **In-Car Video** – In-car video is used in EPD police patrol vehicles. In-Car Video records video and audio data and is used in compliance with EPD Policy [1202](#). The use of In-Car Video, “can provide valuable documentation of police officer interactions with members of the community. Audio and video recordings can be objective evidence to document criminal and traffic violations, enhance officer safety, provide a record of police officer interaction with persons who are stopped, and can assist in the timely resolution of inquiries and complaints” (EPD Policy [1202](#)).
5. **Body Worn Cameras** – Currently EPD Body Worn Cameras are deployed to all EPD sworn personnel. Body Worn Cameras are used in compliance with ORS [133.741](#) and EPD Policy [1203](#). The use of Body Worn Cameras, “can provide valuable documentation of police officer interactions with members of the community. Audio and video recordings can be objective evidence to document criminal and traffic violations, enhance officer safety, provide a record of police officer interaction with persons who are stopped, and can assist in the timely resolution of inquiries and complaints” (EPD Policy [1203](#)).
6. **Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR)**
 - a. **Fixed ALPR** - The Planning and Development Department (PDD) Parking Services team uses fixed ALPR cameras at two parking garages and for parking management at the Eugene Airport, which is part of Public Works. These systems are not connected to law enforcement systems. They are used for parking enforcement, and at the Airport are included in the TSA approved Airport Security Program.
 - b. **Vehicle-based ALPR** - The Planning and Development Department (PDD) Parking Services team uses vehicle-based ALPR cameras mounted on parking services vehicles to identify parking violations and vehicles with unpaid parking fines. These systems are not connected to law enforcement systems and are used exclusively for parking enforcement. Use of ALPR for parking management complies with the

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[Parking License Plate Data Policy.](#)

Emerging Technologies Policy and New Technologies Under Consideration

- **EPD Emerging Technologies** – In addition to technology specific policies, [EPD Policy 1206](#) includes considerations for departmental staff when assessing the use of emerging technologies.
- **Automated Red-Light and Speed Safety Cameras** – The City of Eugene’s adopted Vision Zero Action Plan includes actions DB-3, “Install automated enforcement cameras for red light violations on the Vision Zero High Crash Network using a data-driven process Direct revenue generated by traffic citations directly back to the City’s Vision Zero Program” and DB-6, “Support legislation to allow the use of fixed stand-alone, unstaffed speed safety cameras on the Vision Zero High Crash Network and Intersections in Eugene.” Since the plan was first adopted in 2019, Oregon passed legislation allowing the use of automated speed safety cameras. The Public Works Transportation Planning Team is actively exploring the use of these technologies in alignment with the Vision Zero Action Plan and coordinating internally with partners to understand staffing and funding needs associated with developing an automated speed and red-light safety camera program.

2026 Oregon Legislative Session ALPR Changes

During the 2026 legislative session the legislature passed Senate Bill 1516 (SB1516), which was signed into law by Governor Tina Kotek on March 31, 2026, with an immediate effective date. SB1516 was a public safety omnibus package which included regulations for the use of ALPR technology by law enforcement agencies in Oregon.

Highlights of the legislation include:

- Use of ALPR for law enforcement tasks is restricted to crime and violation investigation, warrant checks, missing and endangered alerts, uninsured and unregistered vehicle detection, parking enforcement, and secure-area access.
- Non-investigation data must be deleted within 30 days unless it is retained for active legal proceedings.
- Agencies must maintain detailed logs of every ALPR query.
- Data sharing is restricted to law enforcement purposes, and all external access is logged and scoped.
- Monthly audits are required from vendors, detailing system use. Audit information must be publicly posted within two days.
- Agencies must publish ALPR policies covering security, training, retention, hot-list accuracy, and enforce contracts ensuring agency data ownership, encryption, CJIS compliance, prohibited vendor use, and vendor liability.
- Vendors are barred from accessing, selling, or sharing ALPR data except for support or audits, and face civil penalties for misuse.
- ALPR data is a conditionally exempt public record, and any release must be anonymized.

Cities with Surveillance Technology Policies

City surveillance technology policies are still relatively rare in the U.S., those policies implemented by U.S. cities typically derive from the American Civil Liberties Union's (ACLU) [Community Control Over Police Surveillance \(CCOPS\)](#) campaign which began in 2016. According to the ACLU website, over 26 cities have adopted policies based on CCOPS principles. The cited cities span a wide range of sizes and regions, including Seattle, San Francisco, San Diego, Grand Rapids, Madison, Nashville, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Boston, and New York.

In Oregon, Portland appears to be the only city with a surveillance technology policy (Portland's policy differs from CCOPS). After a significant community engagement process the policy was adopted on February 1, 2023, as Council Resolution 37608, "Establish a Citywide Surveillance Technology inventory and procedures on privacy, use, and acquisition of Surveillance Technology." Oversight of this program is currently provided by the Smart City PDX program and the Office of Equity and Human Rights and will be transitioning to a new City Data and Privacy Office, once it is established. Portland has phased in the process with Phase 1 completed in fall 2025 including an inventory of existing surveillance technologies and Phase 2 implementing a Privacy Impact Analysis and beginning evaluation of technologies for use.

Surveillance Technology Policy Design Considerations

When developing surveillance technology policies, jurisdictions often consider:

- Defining "surveillance technology" – Establishing which tools and systems fall under the policy.
- Determining which departments are covered – Clarifying whether the policy applies citywide or only to specific departments such as law enforcement.
- Specifying required reports and technology-specific policies – Identifying reporting obligations and whether each technology type requires its own risk assessment or use policy.
- Identifying who reviews and approves new technologies for use – Determining whether approval to use a new type of surveillance technology (separate from contract or procurement approval, which is an administrative decision under the authority of the City Manager) rests with City Council or an administrative process guided by Council approved rules.
- Deciding whether the policy applies retroactively – Determining whether existing technologies must undergo review and have policies created for them.
- Establishing exceptions – Defining the limited circumstances under which exceptions are allowed.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

Strategic Plan Focus Area: Urgent Community Needs

- Strategic Goal: Increase sense of safety

Strategic Plan Focus Area: Organizational Well-being

- [Strategic Goal: Improve organizational processes to increase efficiency, balance workload, and meet strategic priorities](#)

[Strategic Plan Focus Area: Culture of Belonging](#)

- [Strategic Goal: Strengthen relationships with the whole community, with emphasis on the inclusion of the most marginalized groups](#)

[Strategic Plan Focus Area: Communication and Outreach](#)

- [Strategic Goal: Increase community confidence in council and staff](#)

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

[October 8, 2025 Work Session](#)

(Substituted Motion) Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to recommend that the City Manager pause the usage of the ALPR camera system pending additional conversation.
Passed 8:0

COUNCIL OPTIONS

Informational only.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

None.

POSSIBLE MOTIONS

None.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Existing Camera-Based Surveillance Technologies by Department

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Existing Camera-Based Surveillance Technologies by Department*

Attachment A

Department	Program	Security Cameras	Camera Security Screening Technology	Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drones)	In-Car Video	Body Worn Cameras	Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR)
Central Services Department	Facilities	X					
Central Services Department	City Manager's Office	X	X				
Central Services Department	Municipal Court	X	X				
Eugene Police Department	Police Operations	X		X	X	X	
Library, Recreation, Cultural Services Department	Library	X					
Library, Recreation, Cultural Services Department	Cultural Services	X	X				
Library, Recreation, Cultural Services Department	Recreation	X	X				
Planning and Development Department	Parking Services	X					X
Public Works Department	Airport	X					X
Public Works Department	Engineering			X			
Public Works Department	Parks and Open Spaces	X		X			
Public Works Department	Public Works Maintenance	X					
Public Works Department	Wastewater Treatment Plant	X					

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