

## MINUTES

### Eugene City Council Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

March 10, 2025  
7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Knudson opened the March 10, 2025, meeting of the Eugene City Council in hybrid in-person and virtual format at 500 E. 4th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401, North Building.

#### 1. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Knudson mentioned the proclamations for Women's History Month, Women in Construction Week, Spring Equinox Day, and Transgender Day of Visibility.

#### 2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Groves – shared updates from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding legislative priorities and policies and preparation for the upcoming legislative session.
- Councilor Yeh – noted the reactivation of the Harlow Neighbors Association and their upcoming meeting.
- Councilor Keating – noted his recent attendance at the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) awards dinner; congratulated Tai Pruce-Zimmerman for winning Outstanding Up-and-Coming Leader and Senator James Manning for winning Outstanding Elected Official; noted the work LCOG does in the community to support seniors.
- Mayor Knudson – noted the recent conclusion of the DisOrient Asian American Film Festival; spoke about the new Contemporary Indigenous Art Gallery hosted at the Hult Center.

#### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

##### A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- December 09, 2024, Meeting and Public Hearing
- January 22, 2025, Work Session
- January 29, 2025, Work Session
- February 12, 2025, Work Session

##### B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

#### Council Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – noted his recent absence due to the death of his mother; asked about updating the format of the minutes to indicate whether an absence was excused.
- Councilor Evans – indicated he is willing to discuss the proposal at a later date; noted there is a difference between excused or unexcused absences.

- Councilor Zelenka – stated he does not recall an unexcused absence in the last 18 years; believes there is not a benefit to differentiating between the types of absences.
- Councilor Clark – stated if the process was updated, it should be part of a process session.

**MOTION:** Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to approve the items on Consent Calendar 1.

**VOTE: 8:0 PASSED**

**IN FAVOR:** Kashinsky, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Clark, Evans, Leech, and Groves.

**OPPOSED:** None.

#### **4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION: 2025-2031 Capital Improvement Program.**

City Manager, Sarah Medary, introduced the topic and provided background information.

Mayor Knudson opened the Public Hearing.

There were no speakers for the Public Hearing.

Mayor Knudson closed the Public Hearing.

**MOTION:** Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to adopt the Proposed 2025-2031 Capital Improvement Program as recommended by the Budget Committee.

**VOTE: 8:0 PASSED**

**IN FAVOR:** Kashinsky, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Clark, Evans, Leech, and Groves.

**OPPOSED:** None.

#### **5. ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Stormwater Management Facilities; Amending Sections 7.010 and 7.143 of the Eugene Code, 1971; and Providing an Effective Date.**

City Manager, Sarah Medary, introduced the topic and provided background information.

##### Council Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – thanked staff for addressing the public’s concerns from the public hearing for this topic.

**MOTION:** Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech moved to adopt the ordinance at Attachment A to this AIS entitled “An Ordinance Concerning Stormwater Management Facilities; Amending Sections 7.010 and 7.143 of the Eugene Code, 1971; and Providing an Effective Date.

**VOTE: 8:0 PASSED**

**IN FAVOR:** Kashinsky, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Clark, Evans, Leech, and Groves.

**OPPOSED:** None.

**6. ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Stormwater Management; Amending Sections 9.6791, 9.6792, 9.6793, and 9.8030 of the Eugene Code, 1971; And Providing An Effective Date.**

City Manager, Sarah Medary, introduced the topic and provided background information.

**MOTION:** Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech moved to adopt the ordinance at Attachment A to this AIS entitled "An Ordinance Concerning Stormwater Management; Amending Sections 9.6791, 9.6792, 9.6793, and 9.8030 of the Eugene Code, 1971; and Providing an Effective Date.

**VOTE: 8:0 PASSED**

**IN FAVOR:** Kashinsky, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Clark, Evans, Leech, and Groves.

**OPPOSED:** None.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Lin Woodrich – spoke in favor of a police substation in Bethel.
2. Josh Easterlund – spoke in favor of decriminalizing psychedelics.
3. Joel Vaughan – spoke in support of alternative revenue streams.
4. Robin Bloomgarden – spoke in favor of reintroducing emergency sirens.
5. Stefan Strek – spoke against the mismanagement of city property sales.
6. Scott Oakley – spoke in favor of the fire service fee.
7. Scott Fife – spoke against MUPTs.
8. Claudette De Claudio Vera – spoke in favor of the decriminalization of psychedelics.
9. Aya Cockram – spoke in support building electrification.
10. Misty Bowman – spoke in favor of addressing light pollution.
11. David Igl – spoke about local historical events.
12. Joann ZumBrunnen – spoke in favor of decriminalizing psychedelics.
13. Danny Patch – spoke in favor of an audit of city finances.
14. Walker Mort – spoke in favor of the decriminalization of psychedelics.
15. Alexander Chamberlin – spoke in favor of preserving CAHOOTS' contract.
16. Mike McFarlane – spoke in favor of restoring three-minute public testimony.
17. Rich Locke – spoke about the downtown initiative and Eugene's public image.
18. Sarah Boom – spoke in favor of policing serious crimes over minor offenses.

**Council Discussion:**

- Councilor Keating – expressed appreciation for those who provided public comment; thanked Misty Bowman for her continued advocacy for dark skies.
- Mayor Knudson – noted the county has an Emergency Alert System (EAS) which broadcasts over various media such as radio, television, cable television, satellite radio and satellite television when there is an emergency; noted there is concern about reaching community members without a cell phone during an emergency.

Mayor Knudson adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Katie LaSala". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Katie" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "LaSala".

Katie LaSala  
City Recorder

*(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)*

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