

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

**May 12, 2025
7:30 p.m.**

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

Councilors Absent: Alan Zelenka

Mayor Knudson opened the May 12, 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rebecca Knecht, Facility Manager for Public Works Maintenance and veteran of the U.S. Navy, led the Pledge of Allegiance in honor of Memorial Day on May 26.

2. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Knudson mentioned proclamations for Bike Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, International Worker's Day, Sabrina Ionescu Day, Public Works Week, and Memorial Day.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Groves – shared updates from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding bills in deliberation by the state legislature.
- Councilor Yeh – thanked Peter Ruffier for his service on the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission.
- Councilor Keating – expressed his appreciation for the Eugene Police Department's prompt response regarding a possible prowler; noted the upcoming Southeast Neighbors General Meeting on May 13.
- Councilor Clark – noted his recent attendance at a Santa Clara Community Organization meeting; noted there are plans to build a new YMCA in his ward.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- April 14, 2025 Work Session
- April 16, 2025 Work Session
- April 21, 2025 Public Hearing and Work Session

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

C. Ratification of FY 2025-26 Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC) Regional Wastewater Program Budget and Capital Improvements Program

D. Approval of Municipal Court Judge Evaluation Committee Nominees and Process

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

VOTE: 7:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

ABSENT: Zelenka.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR 2

- A. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor's Map 17-04-13-32, Tax Lot 05000 And Located at 1708 River Road) (City File: River Road LLC; A 25-1)**
- B. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor's Map 17-04-11-12, Tax Lot 00200 And Located at 3335 River Road) (City File: 3335 River Road LLC; A 25-2)**
- C. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor's Map 17-04-11-12, Tax Lot 03902 and a portion of Tax Lot 03900 And Located on Blazer Avenue west of River Road) (City File: Messiah Lutheran Church; A 25-4)**
- D. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Rights-of-Way (Areas of Right-of-Way Identified as: La Porte Drive; Crow Road Between West 11th Avenue and the Urban Growth Boundary; West 11th Avenue Between Terry Street and the Urban Growth Boundary; and Green Hill Road Between West 11th Avenue and the Urban Growth Boundary) and Voluntarily Annexing Adjacent, Privately Owned Parcels to the City of Eugene (Assessor's Map No. 17-04-31-14, Tax Lots 00100 and 01200; and Assessor's Map No. 17-04-32-00, Tax Lots 01300, 01600, 01700, 02100, 02200, 02400, 02500, 02600, 02700, 02900, 03000, 03100, 03500, 03800, 03900, and 05000) (City File: Crow Rd; A 25-05)**
- E. Approval of a Resolution Annexing Golden Gardens Park Property (Assessor's Map 17-04-16-00, Tax Lots 00100, 00200, 00300, 00400, 00500, 00600, and 00700) and Voluntarily Annexing an Adjacent Privately Owned Parcel (Assessor's Map 17-04-09-00, Tax Lot 02700) (City File: Golden Gardens Park; A 25-03)**

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – noted there are two Consent Calendars to allow public comment on annexations; suggested a future process change to combine the first and second Consent Calendars.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to approve the items on Consent Calendar 2.

VOTE: 7:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

ABSENT: Zelenka.

6. ACTION: Adoption of City of Eugene Annex to the Lane County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan 2020

Assistant City Manager Matt Rodrigues introduced the topic and provided background information.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to adopt a resolution adopting the updated City of Eugene Annex to the Lane County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan 2025.

VOTE: 7:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

ABSENT: Zelenka.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Lin Woodrich – spoke about the need for a police substation in Bethel.
2. Juliera Baeten – spoke in favor of funding the various City services.
3. Alfredo Gormezano – spoke against curb extensions.
4. Alison Hunter – spoke in favor of a kind inclusive community.
5. Dan Bryant – spoke in favor of a fire service fee.
6. Rich Locke – spoke in favor of a budget without redundancies.
7. Jojo Breslin – spoke in favor of funding various City services.
8. Charlotte Abernathy – spoke against the criminalization of homelessness.
9. Athena Aguiar – spoke against paid signature gatherers.
10. Stefan (Ace Dog) Strek – spoke about the City Manager recruitment and budget processes.
11. Violet Van Horn – spoke in favor of denser building.
12. Diane Bolte-Silverman – spoke in favor of funding animal services.
13. Maddie Crotts – spoke against the criminalization of homelessness.
14. Phoebe Smith – spoke against the criminalization of mutual aid.
15. Matt Cooper – spoke in favor of funding animal services.
16. Sarah Boom – spoke about reducing police funding.
17. Jennifer Van Sickle – spoke in favor of funding animal services.
18. Jahsun Bowman – spoke in favor of reviews and audits for various public officials.
19. Stephanie Skeie – spoke in favor of a transparent budget.
20. David Igl – spoke about local historical figures.
21. Danny Patch – spoke in favor of balancing the budget.
22. Misty Bowman – spoke about reducing police funding.
23. Jacob Trewe – spoke against the criminalization of homelessness.
24. Patrick Driggett – spoke against the criminalization of homelessness.
25. Brittany Quick-Warner – spoke in favor of a balanced budget.
26. Marra Watson – spoke in favor of funding animal services.
27. Renee Watts – spoke in favor of funding animal services.
28. Josh Easterlund – spoke in favor of decriminalizing psychedelics.
29. Lauren Easterlund – spoke in favor of decriminalizing psychedelics.
30. Lawrence Roper – spoke in favor of a master plan for the City.
31. Siobhan Cancel – spoke about the importance of the library and the Office of Equity and Community Engagement (OECE).

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Yeh – thanked those who came to speak; noted police services are only one piece of community safety; noted she works for Community Supported Shelters and they have tours available.
- Councilor Keating – noted his appreciation for the students in the audience; stated his support for funding services at Greenhill Humane Society; stated he is in favor of a stabilization fee to preserve vital City services.
- Mayor Knudson – noted appreciation for the evening’s speakers; noted the importance of advocacy in supporting essential City services; mentioned upcoming Budget Committee and City Council meetings.

Mayor Knudson adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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