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Eugene City Council Work Session Eugene, Oregon 97401

June 9, 2025 5:30 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 June 9, 2025, work session of the Eugene City Council in a hybrid format at 500 E 4th Avenue, North Building, Eugene OR 97401.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h)

2. WORK SESSION: Vehicle Repair Program

City Manager, Sarah Medary, introduced Jeff Petry, Curbside and Administrative Services Director, to discuss potential revisions to the adopted Chapter 5 parking related ordinances to address repeat parking violators and to develop a proposal for a program that provides resources in addition to, or in lieu of, parking citations.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Leech asked about the effects of last year's changes to parking code; asked about the costs to tow and store impounded vehicles; stated while the proposed fund amount is low, it will have a profound impact; noted some may have difficulty completing the paperwork necessary to make a vehicle street legal; noted the fund may save money by decreasing enforcement work; stated her support for the proposed program.
- Councilor Keating noted his support for the proposed program; asked about the possibility of prohibiting vehicle parking in front yards; stated concerns about the safety and visual impact of long-term RV storage in front or side yards; asked about changing the code to regulate vehicle storage on private property.
- Councilor Groves noted while he is in support of the program, he would like to see a vehicle safety inspection component; stated he's seen several vehicles that would pose a significant safety risk in an accident; noted he is seeing fewer parking issues than he did previously; asked about the 72 hour parking prohibition in west Eugene; asked if the City is liable if a vehicle with known safety issues goes through the program; noted his interest in further exploring the topic of vehicle safety.
- Councilor Yeh asked if there will be a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the program; asked when the program would start if passed; stated tickets and towing will not solve homelessness; stated her support for the program; noted she may be interested in a vehicle safety component in the future; stated she is not interested in managing vehicles on private property.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to direct the City Manager to establish a one-year a pilot program for Vehicle Ownership Navigation Services.

VOTE: 7:1 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: Clark.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie LaSala City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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