

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

June 9, 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 June 9, 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

Zev Wacks, a member of the Youth Advisory Council (YAC), led the Pledge of Allegiance in honor of Flag Day on June 14.

2. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Knudson mentioned proclamations for Eugene LGBTQ+ Pride Month, National Immigrant Heritage Month, National Gun Violence Awareness Day, Juneteenth, and National HIV Testing Day. Mayor Knudson recognized the nine graduating seniors of the YAC and invited Layla Schropp, co-chair of the YAC to present their annual report.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Groves – noted the Intergovernmental Relations Committee (IGR) update will come later this month in a report from the IGR Manager, Ethan Nelson.
- Councilor Keating – noted his recent attendance at a South Eugene High School Civics and Engagement class led by Mr. Yamada.
- Councilor Zelenka – expressed his appreciation for the public service of the YAC members; noted he would not be attending the June 11 Work Session due to a conflict.
- Mayor Knudson – noted former Mayor Lucy Vinis is proud of the work of the YAC.

4. PRIORITY GOAL ACTION: Approval of Resources for Housing Affordable to Low- and Moderate-Income People

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

Council Discussion:

- Mayor Knudson – noted she had served as a member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF); asked about the committee's support for the Floral Hill Community Land Trust project; noted the amount received by the project was the amount recommended by the committee.
- Councilor Zelenka – asked how the Floral Hill project is different from other affordable housing projects; noted the income requirements and price of the units.

- Councilor Keating – asked if the Cornerstone Community Housing development The Lucy was named after former mayor, Lucy Vinis.
- Councilor Groves – asked if there are income restrictions for future buyers of the units.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to approve the use of a) \$373,832 of Affordable Housing Trust Funds for Legacy Park by Cascade Housing Association, b) \$200,000 of Affordable Housing Trust Funds for Park Run by Community Development Partners contingent on maintaining state funding awarded in 2025 , and c) \$136,047 of Affordable Housing Trust Funds for The Lucy by Cornerstone Community Housing.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- April 14, 2025 Meeting
- April 23, 2025 Work Session
- April 28, 2025 Work Session
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- May 14, 2025 Work Session
- May 19, 2025 Public Hearing
- May 21, 2025 Work Session
- May 28, 2025 Work Session

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

C. Approval of Appointment to Police Commission

D. Approval of Police Auditor Employment Agreement

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.

6. ACTION: Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees

BUDGET COMMITTEE

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to reappoint Siobhan Cancel to the Budget Committee for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2029.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to reappoint Ryan Kounovsky to the Budget Committee for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2029.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to appoint Thomas Boyatt to the Budget Committee for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2029.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to reappoint Richard Roseta to the Civilian Review Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to reappoint Monique Griffin to the Civilian Review Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to reappoint Noah Coon to the Civilian Review Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to appoint Elise Josephson to the Civilian Review Board for a partial term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to appoint Brittany Banna to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to appoint Jamie Bowman to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to appoint Elaina Oommen to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to appoint Juniper Christopherson to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

TOXICS BOARD

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to reappoint Noemi Torres to the Toxics Board for a three-year Advocacy Representative term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to appoint Paul Ruscher to the Toxics Board for a partial term Advocacy Representative term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Groves – noted both Toxics Board positions were for advocacy positions; asked if that puts the board out of balance; asked if there were applications for the industry representative open position; asked if the application process was still open.

PLANNING COMMISSION

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to reappoint Diane Behling to the Planning Commission for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2029.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to appoint Kathleen Yang to the Planning Commission for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2029.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to reappoint Janice Bohman to the Sustainability Commission for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2029.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to reappoint Mitra Gruwell to the Sustainability Commission for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2029.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to appoint Jan Fillinger to the Sustainability Commission for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2029.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to appoint Emily Reynolds to the Sustainability Commission for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2029.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to reappoint Nathan Markowitz to the Historic Review Board for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2029.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to reappoint Lesley Yates-Pollard to the Historic Review Board for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2029.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

POLICE COMMISSION

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to appoint Katherine Wilgus to the Police Commission for a partial term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2027.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to appoint Martha Espinosa-Blank to the Police Commission for a partial term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

WHILAMUT CITIZEN PLANNING COMMITTEE

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to reappoint Josh White to the Whilamut Citizen Planning Committee for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to appoint Steve Gibson to the Whilamut Citizen Planning Committee for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to appoint Gabrielle Chadowitz to the Whilamut Citizen Planning Committee for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to appoint Ronald Pembleton to the Whilamut Citizen Planning Committee for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to appoint Stacy Hartman to the Whilamut Citizen Planning Committee for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Lin Woodrich – spoke about issues with the community survey and environmental justice.
2. Alan (Alfredo) Gormezano – spoke against recent road redesigns.
3. Nancy Buffum – spoke in favor of safer sidewalks and increased walkability.
4. Danny Patch – spoke in favor of financial accountability.
5. Larry Craig – spoke in favor of safer sidewalks and increased walkability.
6. Ellen Rifkin – spoke in favor of terminating Avelo Airlines contract with Eugene Airport.
7. John Barofsky – spoke in favor of funding affordable housing.
8. Kamryn Alexandria Stringfield – spoke against the new Artificial Intelligence (AI) Flock cameras.
9. David Igl – spoke about local historical figures.
10. Athena Aguiar – spoke in favor of keeping the fire fee on the ballot.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – noted he will have time to meet with folks about the sidewalk issue after the end of the state legislative session on June 29.

Mayor Knudson adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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