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Eugene City Council Meeting and Eugene Urban Renewal Agency Meeting and Eugene City Council Public Hearings Eugene, Oregon 97401

**June 23, 2025
7:30p.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 23, 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

John Hampton, Philip Edward Highwood, and William Alan Vollmer, from American Legion Post 83, led the Pledge of Allegiance and readings of the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights in honor of Independence Day on July 4.

2. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Knudson mentioned the proclamation for Steve Prefontaine Day on July 5, 2025, in honor of the 50th edition of the Prefontaine Classic.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Keating - thanked the guests from American Legion Post 83; noted his attendance at the June 14 No Kings Day protest; stated his appreciation for the work of Eugene Police Department during the peaceful protest.
- Councilor Groves - stated his appreciation for the guests from American Legion Post 83; noted he had attended their September 11 remembrance event last year; shared updates from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding the City's legislative priorities in the current legislative session; noted an end of session memo will be shared with Mayor and Council.
- Councilor Zelenka - thanked the guests from American Legion Post 83; noted a recent visit to Independence Hall in Philadelphia.
- Councilor Leech - noted her attendance at the Reimagining Resistance panel and awards ceremony held by the Human Rights Commission.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- May 12, 2025 Work Session
- May 12, 2025 Meeting
- June 11, 2025 Work Session

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

C. Approval of Appointment to the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission

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

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka - noted he has known and worked with Dawn Lesley, the appointee to the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission, for over 20 years and he highly recommends her.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

5. Public Hearing and Action: Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget; Making Appropriations for the City of Eugene for the Biennium Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2025.

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

Mayor Knudson opened the Public Hearing.

1. Ryder Hales - spoke against the proposed resolution.
2. Jacob Trewe - spoke in favor of the proposed resolution.
3. John Barofsky- spoke in favor of the proposed resolution.
4. Stefan (Ace Dog) Strek - spoke against the proposed resolution.

Mayor Knudson closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to adopt a resolution adopting a supplemental budget; making appropriations for the City of Eugene for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

6. Public Hearing and Action: A Resolution Adopting the Budget and Making Appropriations for the 2025- 2027 Biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027; A Resolution Determining, Levying and Categorizing the Annual Ad Valorem Property Tax Levy for the City of Eugene for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025, and Ending June 30, 2026; A Resolution Electing to Receive State Revenue Sharing Funds Pursuant to Section 221.770 of Oregon Revised Statutes; A Resolution Certifying that the City of Eugene Provides the Municipal Services Required by Oregon Revised Statutes Section 221.760 in Order to Receive State Shared Revenues.

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

Mayor Knudson opened the Public Hearing.

1. Lin Woodrich - spoke against the proposed resolutions.
2. Allison Straub - spoke in favor of the proposed resolutions.
3. JP Lempke - spoke against the proposed resolutions.
4. Greg Erwin - spoke in favor of the proposed resolutions.
5. Erik Parrish - spoke in favor of the proposed resolutions.
6. Danny Patch - spoke against the proposed resolutions.
7. Dana Fleming - spoke in favor of the proposed resolutions.
8. Kamryn Stringfield - spoke against the proposed resolutions.
9. Renee Buchanan - spoke in favor of the proposed resolutions.
10. David Van Der Haeghen - spoke in favor of the proposed resolutions.
11. Brett Deedon - spoke in favor of the proposed resolutions.
12. Jacob Trewe - spoke against the proposed resolutions.
13. Leah McCool - spoke in favor of the proposed resolutions.
14. Chris Edwards - spoke in favor of the proposed resolutions.
15. Laurel Lisovskis - spoke in favor of the proposed resolutions.
16. Stefan (Ace Dog) Strek - spoke against the proposed resolutions.
17. Sherry Shaefer - spoke in favor of the proposed resolutions.

Mayor Knudson closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to approve a Resolution electing to receive State Revenue Sharing funds pursuant to Section 221.770 of Oregon Revised Statutes.

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 approve a Resolution certifying that the City of Eugene provides the municipal services required by Oregon Revised Statutes Section 221.760.

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 approve a Resolution determining, levying and categorizing the annual ad valorem property tax levy for the City of Eugene for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

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 approve a Resolution adopting the budget and making appropriations for the City of Eugene for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Clark - noted this hearing concluded the budget process for the year; noted this is the last budget process for the retiring City Manager.

Mayor Knudson closed the meeting of the Eugene City Council and convened a meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency.

7. Public Hearing and Action: A Resolution of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene Adopting the Budget and Making Appropriations for the Biennium Beginning July 1, 2025, and Ending June 30, 2027; A Resolution Declaring the Amount of Tax to be Certified for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025, and Ending June 30, 2026.

Agency Director, Sarah Medary, introduced the topic and provided background information.

Mayor Knudson opened the Public Hearing.

1. Stefan (Ace Dog) Strek - spoke against the proposed resolutions.

Mayor Knudson closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to approve a Resolution of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene declaring the amount of tax to be certified for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

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 approve a Resolution of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene adopting the budget and making appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

Mayor Knudson closed the meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency and convened a meeting of the Eugene City Council.

1. Action: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of First Avenue West Located Within the Plat of Pioneer Resources Business Park and Providing for an Effective Date.

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

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to adopt an Ordinance vacating First Avenue West located within the Plat of Pioneer Resources Business Park and providing for an effective date, as provided in Attachment B to this AIS.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

2. Action: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Moss Alley and Providing for an Effective Date.

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

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka - asked if the site review requirements were put in place by a hearings official; noted the removal of the site review could change the route taken by delivery vehicles, thereby increasing neighborhood traffic; asked about the enforcement mechanisms for the proposed new route; asked about the proposed new routes given there is no enforcement mechanism to compel drivers to use them; noted the University of Oregon has not been willing to put together a voluntary conditional use permit or any other restrictions as they develop this section of the Fairmount Neighborhood; stated he believes it is up to the Council and the Planning Commission to preserve the quality of life in the neighborhood and to keep the University of Oregon accountable.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to adopt an Ordinance vacating a portion of Moss Alley and providing for an effective date, as provided in Attachment B to this AIS.

VOTE: 7:1 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: Keating.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Lin Woodrich - spoke about community survey limitations and the need for stronger environmental health protections.
2. Stan Taylor - spoke in favor of terminating Avelo Airlines contract with Eugene Airport.
3. Sue Pileggi - spoke in favor of a city resolution opposing deportations.
4. Rich Locke - spoke about public safety concerns and downtown crime.
5. Kris Topaz - spoke in favor of terminating Avelo Airlines contract with Eugene Airport.
6. Jacob Trewe - spoke against Avelo Airlines and Flock camera usage.
7. Sue Craig- spoke in favor of terminating Avelo Airlines contract with Eugene Airport.
8. Sarah Boom - spoke against widespread surveillance, urged limits on camera usage and data collection.
9. David Igl - spoke about local history.
10. William O'Brien - spoke against University of Oregon expansion projects.
11. Nick Bohl - spoke in support of funding for Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets (CAHOOTS).
12. Athena Aguiar - spoke in favor of changing Toxics Board membership rules, keeping the fire fee on the ballot, and funding CAHOOTS.
13. Mark Fremeth - spoke in favor of terminating Avelo Airlines contract with Eugene Airport.
14. Ethan Smith - spoke in favor of increasing affordable housing in Eugene.
15. Neil Penn - spoke in favor of terminating Avelo Airlines contract with Eugene Airport.
16. Misty Bowman - spoke in favor of dark skies.
17. Stefan (Ace Dog) Strek - spoke in favor of longer public comment.
18. Danny Patch - spoke against Broadway Street lane reductions.
19. Kamryn Stringfield - spoke against federal immigration enforcement.
20. Rob Sheldon - spoke against Flock cameras, citing lack of safeguards.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Keating - thanked those who spoke during public comment; stated concerns over the loss of CAHOOTS; noted hope for the prospects of Willamette Valley Crisis Care Team as a possible replacement; noted the City of Eugene is regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and is not allowed to ban certified air carriers from operating at Eugene Airport.
- Councilor Evans - stated he loves his lesbian daughter.
- Councilor Yeh - suggested those interested in learning more about the Flock license plate readers follow Police Commission agendas or email her.

Mayor Knudson adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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