

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

July 14, 2025
7:30 p.m.

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

City Council President Evans opened the July 14, 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

Councilor Evans mentioned proclamations for Independence Day, the Day of Compassion, and the 35th Anniversary of the American with Disabilities Act.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Groves – shared updates from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding the outcomes of the 2025 legislative session.
- Councilor Yeh – shared updates from the July 10 Police Commission meeting.
- Councilor Keating – noted his attendance at the July 10 Lane Regional Air Protection Meeting (LRAPA); noted they discussed the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) vehicle inspection program.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- June 9, 2025 Work Session
- June 9, 2025 Meeting
- June 18, 2025 Work Session

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, 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. CONSENT CALENDAR 2

A. Approval of A Resolution Requesting that Jurisdiction Over Portions of Crow Road, Greenhill Road, and La Porte Drive be Transferred to the City Of Eugene

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

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Lin Woodrich – spoke about safety issues in the Bethel area.
2. Steven Gilbert – spoke about the impacts of homelessness.
3. Ken Willis – spoke about data governance issues with Flock cameras.
4. Geoffrey Gordon – spoke about the Police Commission and the Eugene Police Department.
5. Ken Rothman – spoke in support of the City's sanctuary policy.
6. Rob Sheldon – spoke about safety and privacy issues with Flock cameras.
7. Kelly Sutherland – spoke about safety issues in downtown Eugene.
8. Janet Ayres – spoke about the Chambers connector project issues.
9. Naphtali Renshaw – spoke in favor of the City voicing support for immigrants.
10. Andrea Coit – spoke about safety issues in downtown Eugene.
11. Craig Wanichak – spoke about safety issues in downtown Eugene.
12. Franchesca Perez – spoke in favor of decriminalizing psychedelics.
13. Heather Scott – spoke against working with airlines who contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
14. Carrie Hellwig Christopher – spoke about safety issues in downtown Eugene.
15. Ron Green – spoke about safety issues in downtown Eugene.
16. Randall Collis – spoke about safety issues in downtown Eugene.
17. Bob Bussel – spoke against Avelo Airline operating out of Eugene Airport.
18. Jenny Bennett – spoke about safety issues in downtown Eugene.
19. Bill O'Brien – spoke against a proposed Amazon facility.
20. Katie Wilgus – spoke about safety issues in downtown Eugene.
21. Charlie Rojas – spoke about project delays with the Chambers connector.
22. Vivian Bennett – spoke about safety issues in downtown Eugene.
23. Ky Fireside – spoke about safety and privacy issues with Flock cameras.
24. Anne Bridgman – asked Council to speak against Avelo Airlines.
25. Josh Easterlund – spoke in favor of decriminalizing psychedelics.
26. Chloe Longworth – spoke about safety and privacy issues with Flock cameras.
27. David Igl – spoke about local historical figures.
28. Randy Prince – spoke in favor of a local warning system for fires.
29. Sarah Cassell – spoke about safety issues in downtown Eugene.
30. Michaela Marcotte – spoke about safety issues in downtown Eugene.
31. Bailey Gilmore – spoke about safety and privacy issues with Flock cameras.
32. Irina Pack – spoke about safety issues in downtown Eugene.
33. Kamryn Alexandria Stringfield – spoke against the actions of ICE in the city.
34. John Crowder – spoke about safety issues in the River Road area.
35. Boris Wiedenfeld-Needham – asked Council to publicly condemn ICE's actions.
36. Vicki Gray – spoke about safety issues in downtown Eugene.
37. Danny Patch – spoke about traffic issues in Eugene.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Kashinsky – noted her appreciation for the evening’s speakers and encouraged those who did not get a chance to speak to reach out via email; noted she works downtown and is familiar with downtown safety issues; affirmed her commitment to ensuring downtown is a safe, welcoming place for all to enjoy.
- Councilor Keating – noted his appreciation for speaker Vivian’s comments about her experiences downtown; noted Senator Manning recently supported and help to pass Senate Bill 1191, which protects individuals asserting their constitutional rights during law enforcement interactions; stated his support for Resolution 5174 and Ordinance 20579, affirming Eugene’s status as a welcoming and inclusive city for all residents, including immigrants.
- Councilor Yeh – noted the Police Auditor has initiated an investigation into complaints related to an incident on July 1; noted Council takes the sanctuary city ordinance seriously; encouraged those who are curious about the Flock license plate readers to watch the recording of the July 10 Police Commission meeting.
- Councilor Groves – noted his appreciation for speaker Vivian’s comments about her experiences downtown; noted there are safety issues across the City, including in downtown, Highway 99 North, River Road/Santa Clara, and the West 11th corridor; noted physical improvements can lead to increased safety, like the lighting along the Fern Ridge bike path; noted City Hall was purchased for 12 million dollars and allowed the City to stop paying several leases.
- Councilor Leech – noted the delayed construction of the Chambers connector project is due to contractor permitting issues and not related to the City’s sanctuary status; spoke in support of the City’s sanctuary ordinance; stated she will keep looking into Flock camera issues; noted while the City cannot control which airlines operate out of the Eugene Airport, she does condemn those that participate in deportations; thanked those who commented about safety issues in downtown.

Councilor Evans adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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