

MINUTES
Eugene City Council
Public Hearing
Eugene, Oregon 97401

September 15, 2025
5:30 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Lyndsie Leech

Councilor Evans opened the September 15, 2025, Eugene City Council Public Hearing in a hybrid in-person and virtual format at 500 E. 4th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401, North Building.

1. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Leo Harris Parkway

Councilor Evans opened the public hearing in quasi-judicial format.

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

Councilor Evans provided time for Council to disclose any bias, conflicts of interest, ex-parte communications, or abstentions pursuant to EC 9.7065.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Groves – stated he had a meeting with Matt Roberts, a representative from the University of Oregon, and was provided information about this project; declared his ability to make an unbiased decision.
 - Councilor Clark – stated he also had a conversation with Matt Roberts; noted the conversation was a while ago; conversation consisted of facts about the project; declared his ability to make an unbiased decision.
 - Councilor Zelenka – stated he had conversations during which this vacation was discussed; noted the conversations happened before the application was received; declared his ability to make an unbiased decision.
1. Colin McArthur – spoke as the applicant representative in favor of the proposed vacation; provided information regarding the future use.
 2. Heron Boise – spoke of his neutral position to this vacation.
 3. Liam O’Grady – spoke in opposition to the proposed vacation.

Councilor Evans closed the public hearing and the record for this item.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – requested confirmation of the location of vacation; stated he was at an event last week and is impressed by the progress of the project; noted when turning on Leo Harris Parkway near the location of the science center, there are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) spots blocked off due to a yellow jacket nest; indicated concern around mitigating the situation of the yellow jacket nest before the next sporting event; requested the exact location of the vacation and inquired why it was not part of the initial project request.
- Councilor Evans – asked for clarification if access to the Cuthbert Amphitheater would be affected by the vacation.

Councilor Evans adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Rosa Roach)

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