

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

**September 22, 2025
7:30 p.m.**

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

Councilors Absent: Greg Evans

Mayor Kaarin Knudson opened the September 22, 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. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Groves – shared updates from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding legislative priorities and policies and preparation for the upcoming legislative session; noted as the chair of the Metropolitan Policy Commission that they are waiting on an outcome from the state legislature to determine next year’s state transportation funding.
- Councilor Yeh – noted her attendance at the “Footnotes on the Butte” project at the Shelton McMurphey Johnson House, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities; noted the importance of museums in preserving complex and inclusive histories, especially amid federal funding cuts and political pressures.
- Councilor Zelenka – noted his attendance at the recent Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) meeting; noted concern about significant budget shortfalls in Lane County’s public safety system for the 2025–2027 biennium, including potential staff reductions in the jail, parole and probation, and reentry services.
- Councilor Keating – thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the trees at the Eugene Science Center; thanked the Whiteaker Community Council for presenting about the potential expansion of commercial train activities including a fueling transfer station and the impact of the potential Port of Coos Bay expansion; noted the recent Southeast Neighbors community picnic; noted his attendance at a municipal think tank in Durham, NC.
- Mayor Knudson – noted her attendance at the September Poverty Homelessness Board (PHB) meeting; noted shifts in federal funding for health and housing services; noted the opening of DevNW’s Nelson Place housing project in West Eugene and the grand opening of Everyone Village’s recuperation cottages and community health clinic.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

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B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

- C. A Resolution Requesting that Jurisdiction Over Portion of Gilham Road be Transferred to the City Of Eugene**
- D. An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Leo Harris Parkway**
- E. A Resolution Adopting a Policy Providing that the Affirmative Defense Described in ORS 166.370(3)(g) Does Not Apply to the Possession of Firearms in City Buildings Where Official City Meetings Are Held**

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka – asked for clarification on the impacts of the firearm resolution; asked if a person who brought a weapon into a public building could use an affirmative defense or if they would be arrested and charged with a misdemeanor.
- Councilor Groves – asked what action the City needs to take to implement the state legislation.

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

VOTE: 6:1 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: Clark.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Lin Woodrich – spoke in favor of public health standards and changes to zoning.
2. Brittany Quick-Warner – spoke about increasing the sense of safety in downtown.
3. Rick Osgood – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.
4. Justin Burns – spoke about the dangers of fascism.
5. Jo Martorana – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.
6. Athena Aguiar – spoke in favor of adding CAHOOTS to the October calendar.
7. Jesse Gandy – spoke about a property line dispute and experiences with City staff.
8. David Igl – spoke about local history.
9. Carolina Gonzalez Jackson – spoke in favor of funding the library.
10. Mike McFarlane – spoke in favor of creating a fire district.
11. Laurel Lisovskis – spoke in support of reinstating an alternative crisis response program.
12. Brian Thompson – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.
13. Ken Willis – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.
14. Tyler Hickson – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.
15. Danny Espinosa – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.
16. Pete Goldlust – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.
17. Danny Patch – spoke in favor of fiscal responsibility.
18. Annie Perkins – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.
19. Melanie Helms – spoke in favor of creating a fire district.
20. Geoffrey Gordon – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.
21. Ky Fireside – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.
22. Ellie Urbancic – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.
23. Chris Case – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.
24. Chloe Longworth – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.

25. Kevin Russell – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.
26. Fiona Gledhill – spoke about a property line dispute and experiences with City staff.
27. Josh Easterlund – spoke in favor of decriminalizing psilocybin.
28. Sophia Weir – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.
29. Carol Crum – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.
30. Maya Barlev – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.
31. Stefan (Ace Dog) Strek – spoke against Flock cameras and about the dangers of the low-head dam.
32. Dan Allred – spoke in favor of creating a fire district.
33. Hunter Hutchins – spoke in favor of changes to the industrial noise standards.
34. JoJo Breslin – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.
35. Kamryn Stringfield – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.
36. Jacob Trewe – spoke in support of reinstating an alternative crisis response program.
37. Robert Parrish – spoke in support of reinstating an alternative crisis response program.
38. Misty Bowman – spoke in favor of dark skies.
39. Richard Locke – spoke about the impacts of homelessness.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Yeh, moved to extend public comment to allow the last three people to speak.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – noted while he is supportive of hearing the last three speakers, he urged Council to be consistent about the 90-minute time limit in the future.

VOTE: 7:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

40. Jessica Lane – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.
41. Andrew Simrin – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.
42. Bailey Gilmore – spoke in favor of cancelling the contract with Flock cameras.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – thanked the public for their comments; acknowledged concerns about surveillance and civil liberties; expressed support for the upcoming October 8 work session on the use of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology by the Eugene Police Department; encouraged use of the City's independent Police Auditor; noted interest in Durham, North Carolina's Holistic Empathetic Assistance Response Teams (HEART) program, modeled after CAHOOTS.
- Mayor Knudson – thanked attendees for sharing their perspectives; noted public comment is one of many ways the Council engages with the community.

Mayor Knudson adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Katie LaSala", with a stylized, flowing script.

Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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