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Eugene City Council Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

November 24, 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 November 24, 2025, meeting of the Eugene City Council in hybrid in-person and virtual format at 500 E. 4th Avenue, North Building, Eugene, OR 97401.

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Yeh – noted her recent attendance at a Highway 99 walk audit and town hall hosted by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP); reported on the recent Police Commission meeting.
- Councilor Keating – noted his recent attendance at the National League of Cities' City Summit conference; noted his participation in sessions on housing, artificial intelligence (AI), advocacy with federal, state, and county partners, and immigration policy.
- Councilor Zelenka – noted his attendance at the recent Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC); noted they had restored full parole funding in Lane County.
- Mayor Knudson – noted her attendance at the Highway 99 town hall; noted her attendance at the recent Lane County Deflection Program graduation; provided an update from the Poverty and Homelessness Board.

2. PRIORITY GOAL ACTION: Adoption of a Resolution Discontinuing a Low-Income Rental Housing Property Tax Exemption for Reveille on 6th Avenue in Eugene, Oregon and Repealing Resolution No. 5396

Assistant City Manager Kristie Hammitt introduced the topic and provided background information.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to adopt A Resolution Discontinuing a Low-Income Rental Housing Property Tax Exemption for Reveille on 6th Avenue in Eugene, Oregon and Repealing Resolution No. 5396.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

- October 8, 2025 Work Session

- October 13, 2025 Work Session

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

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.

4. ACTION: An Ordinance Extending the Term of Ordinance No. 19775 and Ordinance No. 20397 Granting to Comcast of Oregon, II, Inc. a Franchise for Operation of a Cable Telecommunications System

Assistant City Manager Kristie Hammitt introduced the topic and provided background information.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Groves – asked if 18 months will provide sufficient time to resolve the franchise agreement negotiations.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to approve An Ordinance Extending the Term of Ordinance No. 19775 and Ordinance No. 20397 Granting to Comcast of Oregon II, Inc. a Franchise for Operation of a Cable Telecommunications System.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

5. ACTION: Transient Lodging Tax Code Amendment

Assistant City Manager Kristie Hammitt introduced the topic and provided background information.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to adopt an ordinance concerning Transient Lodging Tax and Amending Sections 3.775, 3.780, and 3.798 of the Eugene Code, 1971.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

6. ACTION: Urban Growth Strategies Initiation of 2026 Adoption Process

Assistant City Manager Kristie Hammitt introduced the topic and provided background information.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to initiate the proposed 2026 package of land-use plan and code amendments for Urban Growth Strategies, including: amendments to

the Envision Eugene Comprehensive Plan; adoption of a parcel specific Land Use Designation Map; amendments to the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan and adopted refinement plans; and amendments to Chapter 9 of the Eugene Code to remove barriers and increase development capacity for housing and jobs, to encourage compact development, and to designate Climate-Friendly Areas.

Council Discussion:

- Mayor Knudson – stated prior council discussion focused on workforce housing actions; asked how those actions fit into the upcoming urban growth strategy work.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Ralph Liam McDonald – asked Council to solicit an opinion from the Oregon Attorney General regarding the legality of Flock surveillance.
2. Lin Woodrich – spoke in support of public health standards.
3. Kristina Beggen – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility and use of Flock technology.
4. Bill O'Brien – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility.
5. Anna L – spoke against Immigration and Custom's (ICE) actions and use of Flock technology.
6. Lucienne Fischer – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility and use of Flock technology.
7. Hudson Lazzara – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility and use of Flock technology.
8. Glenn O. – spoke against ICE's actions and use of Flock technology.
9. Madison Fowler – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility and use of Flock technology.
10. Shelly Devine – spoke against ICE, the Amazon E-Commerce facility, and use of Flock technology.
11. John Brockman – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility.
12. Mark Peabody – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility.
13. Sue Craig – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility.
14. Nancy Ahnert – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility.
15. Scott Lambert – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility and use of Flock technology.
16. Howard Newman – read a poem against the Amazon E-Commerce facility.
17. Cody Rosenberg – spoke against ICE's actions and use of Flock technology.
18. Hannah Deebert – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility and use of Flock technology.
19. Drusilla Winters – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility.

20. Josh Easterlund – spoke in favor of decriminalizing psychedelics.
21. Steve Yamamori – thanked Council for supporting the Reveille project.
22. Debra McGee – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility.
23. Francis Starr OLeary – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility and use of Flock technology.
24. Clare Nelle – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility and use of Flock technology.
25. Charmane Landing – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility.
26. Kamryn Stringfield – spoke in favor of declaring a state of emergency related to the impacts of federal immigration enforcement.
27. Faye Rachford – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility.
28. Ken Willis – spoke against the use of Flock cameras.
29. Brenda Kame'enui – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility.
30. Bernadette Ross – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility.
31. Stan Taylor – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility.
32. Will Gibboney – spoke against ICE, the Amazon E-Commerce facility, and use of Flock technology.
33. Lynda Lanker – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility.
34. Kelly Johnson – spoke in favor of the City investing in the arts.
35. William (Chico) Schwall – spoke against the actions of ICE.
36. Ruth Wren – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility.
37. Wyn Manselle – spoke against ICE, the Amazon E-Commerce facility, and use of Flock technology.
38. Danny Revell Huffsmith – sang against Flock cameras.
39. Mary Moffat – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility.
40. Erica Lyon – spoke against the Amazon E-Commerce facility.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – noted appreciation for community turnout and passionate testimony opposing ICE raids; noted collaboration with partners from Hood River, Washington, and Ashland to advance a resolution strengthening sanctuary laws; stated the judiciary committee is discussing automated license plate reader technology; noted gratitude to staff and community members for their ongoing work and participation.
- Councilor Leech – asked how the City could declare a state of emergency in response to ICE detaining community members; requested that information be provided in a memo.
- Mayor Knudson – noted appreciation for community members working for decades to protect farm workers, migrants, and Spanish-speaking residents; thanked everyone who gave public comment and those who reached out through other channels.

Mayor Knudson adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Katie LaSala". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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