

MINUTES
Eugene City Council
Work Session
Eugene, Oregon 97401

January 28, 2026
12:00 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Greg Evans and Randy Groves

Mayor Knudson opened the January 28, 2026 Eugene City Council Work Session in a virtual format.

Mayor Knudson – acknowledged recent community concerns about safety, urging calm and peaceful protest; noted upcoming discussions with City leadership regarding steps to support public safety; asked community members to assemble peacefully and remain mindful of safety near Federal facilities.

1. WORK SESSION: Library Local Option Levy

City Manager Pro Tem, Matt Rodrigues, provided background information and introduced Joshua Bates, Library, Recreation and Cultural Services Executive Director, and Angela Ocaña, Library Director, who presented information about Councils’ request for additional services to Option 2 as part of the resolution for the library levy.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka – asked for clarification about the cost difference between Option 2A and 2B; asked for estimates of kiosks use from other cities such as cost effectiveness and circulation impact.
- Councilor Yeh – stated her support of Option 2A as a pilot to test one kiosk and assess results before considering expansion; indicated she wanted to hear other councilors’ preferences.
- Councilor Keating – stated the expansion language in prior polling was broad; noted concern that adding kiosks could distract from the strongest case for the levy; stated strongest case for levy is early childhood literacy; stated interest in performing a pilot program with the kiosks; stated he is not in support of Option 2B or Option 2C; stated his preference and support for Option 2A.
- Councilor Kashinsky – stated her support for adding kiosks; stated she is not in support of Option 2C; stated she is opposed to reducing early literacy collections; stated her support for Option 2A as a pilot.

- Councilor Zelenka – asked about the numbers from the last library levy election results; stated the levy lasts five years; indicated limited room for expansion in the current budget; believes the small difference between a couple dollars per year will not impact voter support; stated his support for Option 2B.
- Councilor Leech – stated agreement with other councilors concerning the importance of early childhood education and literacy; indicated she is not in support of Option 2C; stated she could support Option 2A if that is Council’s preference; stated Option 2B offers better program management and data.
- Councilor Clark – stated his support for Option 2A; asked for clarification around the possibility of promising services that might be cut later due to general fund changes.
- Councilor Kashinsky – stated her support for Option 2A or Option 2B; noted that a one cent difference in the rate would likely not determine voter support.

MAIN MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to direct the City Manager to return to Council with a draft resolution referring to the May 19, 2026 ballot a library levy measure consistent with Option 2B as described in this AIS.

MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE: Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to substitute the motion to direct the City Manager to return to Council with a draft resolution referring to the May 19, 2026 ballot a library levy measure consistent with Option 2A as described in this AIS.

VOTE: 2:4 FAILED

IN FAVOR: Keating and Clark

OPPOSED: Kashinsky, Zelenka, Yeh, and Leech

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – stated his intention to vote against the motion and reason; indicated he remained fully committed to helping pass the library levy; stated concern about expanding services when polling showed limited support for expansion in Option 3; stated his firm support for the library and its services; urged Council to remain united in their efforts.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: 4:2 PASSED

IN FAVOR: Kashinsky, Zelenka, Yeh, and Leech

OPPOSED: Keating and Clark

2. WORK SESSION AND ACTION: Updates to the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs)

City Manager Pro Tem, Matt Rodrigues, provided background information and introduced Michelle Miranda, the Director of Regional Wastewater Utility who presented an update regarding the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC).

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Yeh – noted appreciation for staff’s work; stated the MWMC regional board and staff are engaged and effective; stated MWMC has earned many awards for their quality of work and services.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to adopt the resolution at Attachment A to this AIS to approve the proposed updates to the primary IGA in substantial conformity with the Second Restated and Amended Intergovernmental Agreement for the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission at Exhibit 1 to that resolution.

VOTE: 6:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to adopt the resolution at Attachment B to this AIS to approve the proposed updates to the OM&A IGA in substantial conformity with the First Restated and Amended Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Operation, Maintenance, and Administrative Services to the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission at Exhibit 1 to that resolution.

VOTE: 6:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Rosa Roach)

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