

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

February 23, 2026
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 Leech opened the February 23, 2026, 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 Clark – stated he voted with the majority at the prior meeting against the Ordinance Concerning Unlawful Transfer on Vehicular Portion of Right-of Way to enable reconsideration at this meeting; noted he would not move to reconsider because the Mayor was absent; stated he hopes to bring back the ordinance in the fall; emphasized Council’s majority appeared supportive of the ordinance.
- Councilor Groves – encouraged Council to read the report from the Intergovernmental Relations manager for an update about the Oregon short session.
- Councilor Zelenka – stated he has served Ward 3 as a City Councilor for almost two decades and will not seek another term; noted concerns about a national climate of divisiveness and the safety of elected officials; stated pride in policy accomplishments including the Climate Recovery Ordinance, changes to the structure of road bonds, paid sick leave, plastic bag regulation, and affordable housing tools; expressed gratitude to constituents, colleagues, and family.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Electric Utility System Revenue Bonds and Revenue Refunding Bonds and Providing for Related Matters

AND

A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Water Utility System Revenue Bonds and Revenue Refunding Bonds and Providing for Related Matters

B. Approval of City Council Minutes

C. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka – asked if the water utility bonds are for capital improvements; asked about refunding for interest savings.

MOTION: Councilor Kashinsky, seconded by 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.

3. Action: Approval of Investment Policy.

City Manager Pro Tem Matt Rodrigues introduced the topic and provided background information.

MOTION: Councilor Kashinsky, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to adopt the Investment Policy included as Attachment C to this AIS.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

4. Action: An Ordinance Concerning Municipal Court Becoming a Court of Record; Adding Section 2.771 to the Eugene Code, 1971; Declaring Compliance with ORS 221.342(2); and Providing for an Immediate Effective Date.

City Manager Pro Tem Matt Rodrigues introduced the topic and provided background information.

MOTION: Councilor Kashinsky, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to adopt an Ordinance Concerning Municipal Court Becoming a Court of Record; Adding Section 2.771 to the Eugene Code, 1971; Declaring Compliance with ORS 221.342(2); and Providing for an Immediate Effective Date.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Lin Woodrich – spoke in favor of a police substation in Bethel and in favor of Version 3 of the Public Health Standards ordinance.
2. Erica Lyon – spoke against the Amazon e-commerce center.
3. Stan Taylor – spoke against the Amazon e-commerce center.
4. Greta Davis – spoke about the community's need for an alternative crisis response.
5. Misty Strawberry Bowman – spoke in favor of dark skies and against light pollution.
6. Faye Rachford – spoke against the Amazon e-commerce center.
7. Wyn Manselle – spoke about worker safety in the Amazon e-commerce center.
8. Jasmine Hatmaker – spoke about emergency room staffing changes at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend in Springfield.
9. Hava Kronen – spoke against the Amazon e-commerce center.
10. Andromeda Callan – spoke in favor of dark skies and against junk satellites.

11. JoJo Breslin – spoke in favor of expanding the alternative response request for proposals (RFP) and against the Amazon e-commerce center and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
12. Bill O'Brien – spoke against the Amazon e-commerce center.
13. Jacob Trewe – spoke in favor of a larger budget for the alternative response program.
14. Thea Abbatoy – spoke against automatic license plate reader (ALPR) technology.
15. Athena Aguiar – spoke in favor of expanding the alternative response RFP.
16. Robert Parrish – spoke in favor of expanding the alternative response RFP.
17. Shelly Devine – spoke against the Amazon e-commerce center, ICE, and ALPR technology.
18. Laura Schulte – spoke against the Amazon e-commerce center.
19. Charmane Landing – spoke against the Amazon e-commerce center.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – stated appreciation for comments calling to strengthen crisis response; noted interest in DarkSky initiatives; stated he is exploring an ordinance model similar to one adopted in Kansas City to bar approval of non-municipal detention facilities; asked about mechanisms for enforcing conditional use permits and possible council actions.
- Councilor Leech – stated gratitude to attendees; emphasized the Council listens closely and works behind the scenes to respond with action.

Mayor Knudson adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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