

MINUTES

Eugene City Council Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

April 13, 2026
7:30 p.m.

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

Councilor Leech opened the April 13, 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. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Knudson introduced proclamations for Education and Sharing Day, Child Abuse Prevention Month, Dark Sky Month, Fair Housing Month, Earth Day, Eugene Marathon Weekend, Arbor Day, and Vietnamese Remembrance Day.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Leech – noted only three councilors had voted in favor of adding economic development positions at the recent work session on long range financial planning because two councilors needed to leave before the vote; stated the full council should weigh in on large budget decisions.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to direct the City Manager to include in Council's June 8th Work Session on unfunded needs information and an opportunity to discuss the three economic development staff positions, costing \$800,000 a year.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – asked if the impacts of the proposed added positions would be discussed at a future meeting; asked about the impacts of the motion; noted he is against reconsidering the motion.

VOTE: 5:3 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: Clark, Evans, and Groves.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

MOTION: Councilor Kashinsky, seconded by Councilor 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.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Lin Woodrich – spoke in favor of safety changes along Highway 99 and a police substation in Bethel.
2. Shasha Brisby – spoke against permitting a fence around the federal building.
3. Robert Parrish – spoke in favor of a robust alternative response system.
4. Connor Neal – spoke about the difficulty of accessing the meetings by bus.
5. Jackson Smith – spoke against permitting a fence around the federal building.
6. Ty Warren – spoke against permitting a fence around the federal building.
7. Jacob Trewe – spoke in favor of a robust alternative response system.
8. Michael Wallace – spoke against gas-powered leaf blowers.
9. Anna – spoke against permitting a fence around the federal building.
10. Jan – spoke against permitting a fence around the federal building.
11. Naphtali Renshaw – spoke against permitting a fence around the federal building.
12. Emily Beatty – spoke in favor of increased cyclist safety.
13. Debbie Williamson – spoke against permitting a fence around the federal building.
14. Justin Burns – spoke against permitting a fence around the federal building.
15. Andromeda Callan – spoke in favor of dark skies, against federal fence.
16. Jacob Schmidt – spoke in favor of increased cyclist safety.
17. Scott Lambert – spoke in favor of cyclist safety and improved public transit.
18. Shane Novak – spoke against permitting a fence around the federal building.
19. Dylan Twete-Cianci – spoke in favor of late bus routes and public housing.
20. Anabelle Rampersaud – spoke in favor of increased cyclist and pedestrian safety.
21. Jasmine Hatmaker – spoke in favor of increased cyclist and pedestrian safety.
22. Pete Goldlust – spoke against permitting a fence around the federal building.
23. Noah Birnel – spoke in favor of increased cyclist and pedestrian safety.
24. Kendsie Channing – spoke in favor of increased cyclist and pedestrian safety.
25. Emma Serena Lavin – spoke against permitting a fence around the federal building.
26. Meredith Jacobson – spoke in favor of increased cyclist and pedestrian safety.
27. Josh Easterlund – spoke in favor of decriminalizing psychedelic plants and fungi.
28. Janet Wright – spoke against permitting a fence around the federal building.
29. Charmane Landing – spoke against the Amazon e-commerce center.
30. Wyn Manselle – spoke against permitting a fence around the federal building.
31. Stan Taylor – spoke against the Amazon e-commerce center.
32. David Igl – spoke about local historical events.
33. Glenn O. – spoke against permitting a fence around the federal building.
34. Shelly Devine – spoke against the Amazon e-commerce center.
35. Misty Strawberry Bowman – spoke against violence.
36. Erica Lyon – spoke about unsafe drivers.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – thanked those who spoke in favor of increasing cyclist and pedestrian safety; spoke about the possibility of bringing back the pedestrian mall in downtown; thanked community members for their advocacy at the

federal building; asked about the City's role in regulating federal property; spoke in favor of safer protests to combat federal overreach; asked the if Council has authority to change street usage from vehicle to pedestrian.

- Councilor Zelenka – noted an upcoming work session on Vision Zero; noted excessive vehicle noise is illegal but hard to enforce; stated that while many on Council oppose the federal building fence, they do not have the authority to prevent it; noted Council cannot apply laws based on personal opinions or political disagreement.
- Councilor Yeh – thanked the evening's speakers for their comments; encouraged participants to share their ideas with Lane Transit District (LTD); asked about the City's options for the temporary right-of-way use permit associated with the planned federal building fence.
- Councilor Groves – stated his concern about traffic violence; asked attendees to show Council the same respect that councilors show to them while listening to public comment; noted Council must balance many viewpoints; asked if West 6th and West 7th Streets are part of the state highway system.
- Councilor Leech – thanked the evening's speakers.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR 2

A. Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor's Map 17-04-24-23, Tax Lot 04400, Located at 181 and 187 Marion Lane) (City File: A 25-15)

B. Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor's Map 17-03-09-34, Tax Lots 02900 and 03000, Located at 3425 Coburg Road) (City File: 3425 Coburg Road; A 26-01)

C. Resolution Annexing Land to the City of Eugene (Assessor's Map 17-04-02-33, Tax Lot 02600, Located at 776 Irvington Drive) (City File: Irvington Drive; A 26- 02)

MOTION: Councilor Kashinsky, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to approve the items on Consent Calendar 2.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – asked if these annexations are related to the new law around voluntary or spot annexations.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Evans – asked about the City's jurisdiction of streets in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).
- Councilor Groves – noted the City had taken over street maintenance and design for 6th and 7th Streets, but the State had retained authority over their use; stated his hope to increase safer pedestrian crossings on those streets.

Councilor Leech adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Katie LaSala', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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