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Eugene City Council Meeting and Eugene Urban Renewal Agency Meeting Eugene, Oregon 97401

April 27, 2026
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 April 27, 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

- Mayor Knudson – noted her attendance at the 25th anniversary celebrations for the Sheldon and Bethel branch libraries; noted her attendance at the 19th Eugene Marathon which brought over 10,000 visitors to the city; stated the General Services Administration (GSA) intends to install a temporary security fence around the federal building; noted the City is installing a temporary pedestrian path along Pearl Street to maintain accessibility around the federal building; stated every member of the community has the right to due process and personal safety; noted the City has no jurisdiction over the federal government and did not have legal grounds to deny their right-of-way permit; stated her confidence in the community's ability to remain inclusive, supportive, and connected.
- Councilor Keating – in response to the attack at the White House Correspondents dinner he stated he is opposed to violence in all forms; noted his recent attendance at the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) conference held in Pendleton, Oregon; noted the City had received a framed resolution in honor of their partnership with LOC.
- Councilor Yeh – noted her attendance at her first Human Rights Commission (HRC) meeting; noted the commission would be providing information about nondiscrimination protections for family and relationship structures.

2. PRIORITY GOAL ACTION: Eugene-Springfield 2026 HUD Annual Action Plan for Affordable Housing and Community Development

City Manager Haruyama introduced the topic and provided background information.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka – noted the federal funding for affordable housing has been declining for years; asked about economic development funding.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to approve the CDBG allocation specified in the Eugene-Springfield 2026 Annual Action Plan included as Attachment A to this AIS.

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

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, 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.

Mayor Knudson closed the meeting of the Eugene City Council and convened a meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency.

4. ACTION: Riverfront Urban Renewal District: Expand River Guides Advisory Committee

Agency Director Haruyama introduced the topic and provided background information.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to increase the number of members on the Riverfront Urban Renewal Guides advisory committee from seven to nine.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

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5. ACTION: Initiation of Ordinance Extending the Expiration Dates for Certain Land Use Approvals (Housing and Jobs Actions)

City Manager Haruyama introduced the topic and provided background information.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka – asked if this ordinance would make the extensions permanent; asked about the typical timeline for an application.
- Councilor Keating – asked how this extension would affect our urban growth boundaries.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to initiate a land use code amendment to extend unexpired Type II,

Type III, Expedited Land Division and Middle Housing Land Division land use approvals for three years.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

6. ACTION: An Ordinance Adopting Hazardous Substance User Fees

City Manager Haruyama introduced the topic and provided background information.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to adopt An Ordinance Adopting Hazardous Substance User Fees as provided in Attachment A to this AIS.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Lin Woodrich – spoke about addressing issues in the Bethel neighborhood.
2. Oliva Bell – spoke against Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
3. Ember Morgan-Wigmore – spoke against ICE.
4. Shelly Devine – spoke about local events in honor of International Workers Day.
5. Alexander Chamberlin – welcomed the new City Manager.
6. David Igl – spoke about local historical events.
7. Erica Lyon – spoke against the Amazon e-commerce center.
8. Amanda Wolberg – spoke in favor of children's safety.
9. Wyn Manselle – spoke in favor of free speech.
10. Bienn Quaas-Annsa – spoke against permitting a fence around the federal building.
11. Pete Goldlust – spoke against permitting a fence around the federal building.
12. Stan Taylor – spoke against the Amazon e-commerce center.
13. Josh Easterlund – spoke in favor of decriminalizing psychedelic plants and fungi.
14. Jacob Griffin – spoke in favor of fighting against tyranny.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Yeh – stated there is no residency test that determines when someone becomes entitled to engage in their community or have their perspective respected; thanked those who spoke in favor of peaceful protest; noted her support for people's rights.
- Councilor Keating – noted the leaders of boards and commissions are allowed to speak at the beginning of public comment; encouraged community members to connect with their neighborhood associations; noted he had been welcomed by the protesters at the federal building.

Mayor Knudson adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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