

MINUTES
Eugene City Council
Work Session
Eugene, Oregon 97401

June 17, 2026
12:00 p.m.

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

Councilors Absent: Eliza Kashinsky and Greg Evans

Mayor Knudson opened the June 17, 2026, Eugene City Council Work Session in a hybrid in-person and virtual format at 500 E. 4th Avenue, North Building, Eugene, OR 97401.

1. WORK SESSION: Mass Surveillance Policy Discussion

City Manager Jenny Haruyama introduced the topic and Assistant City Manager Matt Rodrigues, who provided background, outlining the types of camera-based and related technologies currently in use by the City, emerging technologies under evaluation, and examples of policy frameworks adopted in other cities.

Councilor Discussion: Police Auditor's Office Annual Report

- Councilor Zelenka – asked the role of Council in establishing surveillance policy; noted when a matter becomes controversial or raises significant public concern, it becomes a policy issue rather than a management issue; stated the Council should approve the use of all surveillance technologies and should establish rules for their deployment; noted support for grandfathering existing technologies and emphasized the importance of a public input process; stated interest in drawing from Berkeley, Portland, and San Jose as policy models and expressed a desire to have a framework in place by the end of the year.
- Councilor Clark – stated in support of the San Jose model, citing its flexibility and focus on risk assessment; stated staff should exercise caution to avoid situations in which technologies generate public controversy; asked questions regarding geo-fencing warrants technology evaluation but emphasized broadly that a structured policy process is needed.
- Councilor Groves – stated support for developing a surveillance policy by the end of the calendar year; noted in support of staff exploring technologies that improve efficiency and stated the City bears responsibility for ensuring strong oversight; stated that data storage, data retention, and limits on data use are especially important; noted interest in learning more about existing programs; stated that policy development should include public engagement and potentially citywide polling.

- Councilor Yeh – stated support for a broad definition of surveillance technology and for applying the policy citywide; stated that including a risk assessment component would be beneficial, especially for emerging technologies; noted interest in staff returning with a realistic timeline for completing this work; noted meaningful public engagement may require multiple approaches and may extend the timeline; asked whether the City currently has a comprehensive understanding of all relevant technologies in use.
- Councilor Leech – stated support for implementing a surveillance policy which includes both a public process and a Council review component; noted new technology should not be introduced without early communication to both the public and Council; stated support for the San Jose approach and asked who would conduct risk assessments under such a framework; stated support for grandfathering existing technologies; emphasized the importance of a measured process to ensure transparency and community trust; asked staff for feedback on realistic timelines moving forward.
- Mayor Knudson – noted the strong shared interest in developing a citywide surveillance policy and expressed support for a strategic, phased approach that aligns with Council’s existing six-month work plan; stated by focusing early on emergent technologies, it would allow for efficient progress while broader elements of the policy are developed over time; emphasized that a policy framework within six months would be valuable.
- Councilor Zelenka – stated the City can accelerate its work by learning from cities that have already developed policy frameworks; noted the complexity of surveillance technologies and emphasized that existing technologies should be grandfathered while new technologies are reviewed under updated policies; stated a policy should be in place before any future work involving automated license plate recognition (ALPR).
- Mayor Knudson – stated she has been in communication with mayors from several cities referenced in the discussion and noted that each community approaches surveillance, public safety, and community engagement differently; noted the Mayor of San Jose is particularly forward-thinking regarding technology and artificial intelligence, influenced by his professional background in the technology sector; stated the examples from Berkeley, Portland, and San Jose offer valuable lessons and expressed interest in understanding how the City’s experience over the past year compares with recent state legislative action, including Senate Bill 1516; asked how the new legislative framework might support or guide the City’s own work; noted this discussion occurred simultaneously with intense community conversations about technology and internal efforts to learn from past practices; emphasized the importance of retaining lessons from the early termination of the Flock contract and asked for contextualization of how the City’s ongoing work aligns with the State’s evolving approach.

- Councilor Zelenka – stated the recently adopted state legislation on ALPR sets a baseline but does not go far enough in terms of security and transparency; noted the City should consider going beyond state requirements to strengthen protections.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Rosa Roach)

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