



Eugene City Council

500 E 4th Ave., Suite 302
Eugene, OR 97401
541-682-5010 • 541-682-5414 Fax
www.eugene-or.gov

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

September 14, 2026

7:30 p.m. CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Council meetings will continue to be held in hybrid format using in person and virtual meeting technology. Information about online or other options for access and participation will be available at <https://www.eugene-or.gov/3360/Webcasts-and-Meeting-Materials>

Meeting of September 14, 2026; Her Honor Mayor Kaarin Knudson Presiding

Councilors

Lyndsie Leech, President
Matt Keating
Alan Zelenka
Greg Evans

Eliza Kashinsky, Vice President
Randy Groves
Jennifer Yeh
Mike Clark

7:30 p.m. CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

A. Proclamations

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

3. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Interim Appointment to the Human Rights Commission

B. Approval of City Council Minutes

C. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Eugene City Council welcomes your interest in these agenda items. This meeting location is wheelchair-accessible. For the hearing impaired, an interpreter can be provided with 48 hours' notice prior to the meeting. Spanish-language interpretation will also be provided with 48 hours' notice. To arrange for these services, contact the City Manager's Office at 541-682-5010. City Council meetings are telecast live on Metro Television, Comcast channel 21, and rebroadcast later in the week.

El Consejo de la Ciudad de Eugene agradece su interés en estos puntos de la agenda. La sala de reuniones del ayuntamiento es accesible para sillas de ruedas. Para personas con dificultades auditivas, se puede proporcionar un intérprete con 48 horas de anticipación. También se puede proporcionar interpretación al español con 48 horas de aviso. Para organizar estos servicios, contacte a la Oficina del Gerente de la Ciudad al 541-682-5010. Las reuniones del Consejo de la Ciudad se transmiten en vivo por Metro Televisión, Canal 21 de Comcast y se vuelven a emitir durante la semana.

For more information, contact the Council Coordinator at 541-682-5010,
or visit us online at www.eugene-or.gov.

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Ceremonial Matters

Meeting Date: September 14, 2026
Department: Central Services
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 1
Staff Contact: Cherish Bradshaw
Phone: 541-682-8340

ISSUE STATEMENT

This item is to acknowledge awards and achievements and inform the public of proclamations by the Mayor. No action is required by the City Council.

BACKGROUND

Per City Council Operating Agreements, at the first regular meeting of each month, the first agenda item shall be used to acknowledge special recognition or awards given to the City of Eugene or for the Mayor to read proclamations which serve to encourage and educate the community. Proclamations shall be made and placed on the agenda at the discretion of the Mayor.

The following proclamations for the month of September will be highlighted during the September 14 meeting:

- September 1, 2026 – Eugene Opera Month
- September 4, 2026 – Fiesta Cultural
- September 12, 2026 – Cascade Chorus Barbershop Harmony Day
- September 20, 2026 – S.L.U.G. Queen Celebration Week
- September 28, 2026 – Food Waste Prevention Week

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Eugene Opera Month Proclamation
- B. Fiesta Cultural Proclamation
- C. Cascade Chorus Barbershop Harmony Day Proclamation
- D. S.L.U.G. Queen Celebration Week Proclamation
- E. Food Waste Prevention Week Proclamation

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Staff Contact: Cherish Bradshaw, Assistant, Mayor and City Council
Phone: 541-682-8340
Staff E-Mail: cabradshaw@eugene-or.gov

September 14, 2026 Meeting – Item 1

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City of Eugene, Oregon

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** Eugene Opera was established in September 1976, creating the foundation for Artistic Director Philip Bayles and over 100 volunteer musicians, singers, stagehands and opera fans to bring opera to Eugene, Oregon with their first performance five months later; and
- WHEREAS:** Eugene Opera is now celebrating its 50th Anniversary as the West Coast's major professional opera company between Portland and San Francisco; and
- WHEREAS:** Eugene Opera has been profiled nationally on National Public Radio and in *Opera News*; and
- WHEREAS:** Eugene Opera helped launch the careers of opera stars such as Deborah Voigt, Susan Graham, Stephen Mark Brown, Kelley Nassief, Gregory Turay, Lucas Meacham, and Joelle Harvey; and
- WHEREAS:** Eugene Opera's productions regularly feature stars from great opera houses nationwide, along with emerging stars, particularly those from the Pacific Northwest, working in collaboration with local musicians and other skilled personnel; and
- WHEREAS:** Eugene Opera has regularly conducted educational outreach programs, including collaborations with the Eugene-Springfield Youth Orchestra and the University of Oregon; and
- WHEREAS:** Eugene Opera's recent seasons have featured acclaimed performances of *María de Buenos Aires*, the Company's first Spanish language opera, as well as *As One*, its first opera by a female composer.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Kaarin Knudson, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim September 2026 to be

“Eugene Opera Month”

in Eugene and encourage all community members to join me in congratulating this fine organization for its fifty years of service to the cultural life of Eugene and Lane County.

Mayor Kaarin Knudson
City of Eugene
September 1, 2026

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City of Eugene, Oregon

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Fiesta Cultural began in 2014 and has grown into Lane County’s largest celebration of Latinx arts, culture, and heritage — reflecting more than a decade of dedication to uplifting Latin American cultural traditions in Eugene; and

WHEREAS: This annual celebration is made possible through broad collaboration among numerous partners including Lane Arts Council, City of Eugene Cultural Services, Centro Latino Americano, Oregon Arts Commission, local artists, cultural organizations, community groups, businesses, media partners, and sponsors who work together to produce and support the event each year; and

WHEREAS: To showcase the breadth and vibrancy of Latinx artistic expression, Fiesta Cultural features a wide array of multicultural programming such as art exhibitions, theatre, poetry readings, live music and dance performances, artisan marketplaces, workshops, hands-on family activities, bilingual guided tours, community celebrations including Día de los Muertos, for a total of over 40 events across Lane County from September through December; and

WHEREAS: Fiesta Cultural has a meaningful community impact by fostering belonging, strengthening cross-cultural understanding, expanding access to arts and culture, uplifting Latinx artists and cultural producers, and creating welcoming spaces for community connection and celebration throughout Eugene and Lane County.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Kaarin Knudson, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim September 4, 2026 to be the kickoff to

“Fiesta Cultural”

in Eugene and encourage all residents to participate in its events, honor the diverse cultural heritage it uplifts, and join together in celebrating the vibrant Latinx communities that strengthen and enrich our community.

Mayor Kaarin Knudson

City of Eugene

September 4, 2026

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
City of Eugene, Oregon

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The Barbershop Harmony Society (Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.) was officially organized April 11, 1938, in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS: The Eugene, Oregon, Chapter of the Society was chartered on October 19, 1946; and

WHEREAS: The Barbershop Harmony Society began as a small group and steadily blossomed into an international organization spanning the United States, Canada, and the world, of people of all ages, from all stations of life; and

WHEREAS: The Barbershop Harmony Society has actively preserved and presented a distinct style of vocal music that originated in North America, enriches cultural life through wholesome family entertainment in our communities, and encourages harmony amongst all people of the world through the universal language of music; and

WHEREAS: The Barbershop Harmony Society promotes music education in our schools through music scholarships, and brings harmony singing to tens of thousands of students each year; and

WHEREAS: The Cascade Chorus locally exemplifies the laudable attributes of the greater Barbershop Harmony Society, maintaining the Hugh Turnbull Youth Education Fund to assist young local singers pursue their music education; and

WHEREAS: The Cascade Chorus partners in civic service with public performances benefiting Food for Lane County and South Willamette Valley Honor Flights.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Kaarin Knudson, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim September 12, 2026 to be

“Cascade Chorus Barbershop Harmony Day”

in Eugene and encourage all members of our community to recognize the 80th Anniversary of the founding of the Eugene Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Kaarin Knudson
Mayor
City of Eugene
September 12, 2026

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City of Eugene, Oregon

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: For 43 years, Eugene has celebrated the fabulous, fanciful, farcical, and festooned while elevating the Pacific Northwest’s ubiquitous gastropod (a.k.a. the slug) to royal status; and

WHEREAS: The Queen of the Society for the Legitimization of the Ubiquitous Gastropod (S.L.U.G.) is a symbol of respect for nature, independence, free thought, and elevating the voices of the most vulnerable in community; and

WHEREAS: Since 1983, a new S.L.U.G. Queen has emerged each summer—buoyed by extravagant costuming, unforgettable live performances, quick-witted Q&A, and the attempted bribery of local judges—to “rain” as Eugene’s unofficial goodwill ambassador; and

WHEREAS: This summer included the coronation of the 44th S.L.U.G. Queen, Mugzy W. Slugzy, who slid into the Mollusca footsteps of Queen Hilaria Gastrognome and joined a storied lineage of Old Queens and Very Old Queens; and

WHEREAS: Queen Mugzy and their rescue slug-pup sidekick, Princess Pickles, have dedicated this forthcoming “rain” to celebrating every Eugenean’s inherent value and the community’s luminous majesty; and

WHEREAS: The S.L.U.G Queen remains an independent, community-led embodiment of Eugene’s free spirit, care for others, and an open invitation to celebrate.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Kaarin Knudson, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim September 20-26, 2026 to be

“S.L.U.G. Queen Celebration Week”

and I welcome all Eugeneans to join in recognizing our local Queens and the generous, glorious, glamorous, gregarious good-heartedness that oozes through our community.

Mayor Kaarin Knudson

City of Eugene

September 20, 2026

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
City of Eugene, Oregon

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Up to 35 percent of all food produced is wasted, even though much of it is safe and nutritious and could help feed those in need; and

WHEREAS: Everyone benefits from better utilizing food resources, creating stronger and more sustainable communities; and

WHEREAS: A family of four can save an average of \$3,000 annually by reducing food waste in their home; and

WHEREAS: K-12 schools and universities play a crucial role in educating the next generation on the importance of reducing, recovering, and recycling food; and

WHEREAS: We have an opportunity to conserve shared resources—such as land, water, and energy—that are used to produce and transport food that ultimately goes uneaten; and

WHEREAS: Food in landfills decomposes slowly, releasing methane gas, a potent contributor to climate change.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Kaarin Knudson, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim September 28 to October 4, 2026 to be

“Food Waste Prevention Week”

in Eugene and encourage all members of our community to commit to reducing food waste in their homes, workplaces, and communities.

Mayor Kaarin Knudson
City of Eugene
September 28, 2026

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Committee Reports and Items of Interest

Meeting Date: September 14, 2026
Department: Central Services
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 2
Staff Contact: Rosa Roach
Phone: 541-682-8497

ISSUE STATEMENT

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for the Mayor, Councilors, and City Manager to raise issues, present ad hoc motions, introduce resolutions and report on committee activities and actions. The time allotted for "Items" is subject to change to accommodate emerging issues.

BACKGROUND

Per Council Operating Agreements adopted on March 9, 2026 (Resolution 5481), at regular meetings held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, the first item on the agenda or following Ceremonial Matters and the Pledge of Allegiance, shall be "Committee Reports and Items of Interest from Mayor, City Council and City Manager."

ATTACHMENTS

None.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Staff Contact: Rosa Roach, City Council Coordinator
Phone: 541-682-8497
Staff E-Mail: rroach@eugene-or.gov

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Interim Appointment to the Human Rights Commission

Meeting Date: September 14, 2026
Department: Central Services/OECE
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 3A
Staff Contact: Fabio Andrade
Phone: 541-682-5009

ISSUE STATEMENT

There are two vacancies in the City of Eugene Human Rights Commission (HRC). Commissioner Martha Baldwin resigned from the HRC in June 2026, and Commissioner Brittany Banna resigned from the HRC effective July 2026. According to City Code 2.270, City Council can appoint a member of the HRC work groups to fill these vacancies. Council is being asked to take action to fill the current vacancies.

BACKGROUND

Commissioner Martha Baldwin resigned from the City of Eugene Human Rights Commission on June 30, 2026, with one full year left of her term. Commissioner Brittany Banna resigned from the City of Eugene Human Rights Commission on July 17, 2026, with two full years left of her term. According to City Code 2.270 (4):

Vacancies on the commission shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments. Except where the vacancy occurs because the member from the council or the mayor ceases to serve on the commission, the council shall appoint, within 90 days of the position becoming vacant, a person to complete the member's unexpired term from the non-commission members of the commission's standing committees.

Staff opened a special application period, which was promoted with members of the HRC work groups. Two HRC work group members submitted applications before the deadline. At their planning retreat meeting held on August 29, 2026, the HRC approved a recommendation for Sarah Koski to be appointed for the two-year vacancy ending on June 30, 2028 and Luna Chapman for the one-year vacancy ending on June 30, 2027.

Eugene Code 2.013 (6) states that "All appointments to the boards, commissions and committees of the city shall be made as indicated in subsections (1) and (2) above, or as designated by the ordinance or state law creating the board, commission or committee. In nominating or making appointments, the council, mayor, or city manager or designee shall take into consideration information provided by the citizen interest form, and shall nominate or appoint only those persons who at the time of appointment, reside within the city's urban growth boundary."

The current Code language is not clear regarding full-time or partial residency as a requirement for Human Rights Commission applicants. Luna Chapman is starting college at Oregon State University this fall but will keep Eugene residence through weekend stays with her father. The HRC discussed this issue and believes Luna's perspective as a young person, living with a disability, will provide valuable insights into HRC discussions.

September 14, 2026 Meeting – Item 3A

RELATED CITY POLICIES

Eugene Code 4.613 [Human Rights](#)

Eugene Code 2.260 [Human Rights Commission](#)

HRC commissioners provide recommendations primarily aligned with the following strategic focus areas and related strategies:

- Community Safety
 - Strengthen trust and transparency
 - Strengthen partnerships and services that support behavioral health, crisis response, and prevention/early intervention
- Thriving, Livable Communities
 - Expand economic and job opportunity for shared prosperity
 - Advance community resiliency, climate action, and environmental stewardship
- Housing & Homelessness.
 - Coordinate regionally on homelessness response
 - Support access to services that help people achieve long-term housing stability

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

[June 9, 2024 City Council Meeting](#)

Councilor Keating, seconded by Councilor Groves, moved to appoint Martha Baldwin to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2027.
Passed 8:0

[June 9, 2025 City Council Meeting](#)

Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Leech, moved to appoint Brittany Banna to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2028.
Passed 8:0

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. Appoint HRC work group member Sarah Koski to serve as HRC commissioner until June 30, 2028.

AND

2. Appoint HRC work group member Luna Chapman to serve as HRC commissioner until June 30, 2027.

OR

3. Take no action at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

None.

POSSIBLE MOTIONS

1. Move to Appoint Sarah Koski to serve on the Human Rights Commission until June 30, 2028.

AND

2. Move to waive the residency requirement for the periods of time that she is attending school in Corvallis and appoint Luna Chapman to serve on the Human Rights Commission until June 30, 2027.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Applications for Interim HRC Appointments.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Staff Contact: Fabio Andrade, Equity and Community Engagement Manager

Phone: 541-582-5009

Staff E-Mail: fandrade@eugene-or.gov



Interested Applicants

InterestedApplicants

Date Submitted: 7/16/2026 9:23:10 PM

Bella L. Chapman
Human Rights Commission

Name **Bella L. Chapman**
 Address **2686 Chuckanut Street**
Eugene OR 97408
 Occupation **Student**
 Business Address
Eugene OR 97408
 Evening Phone **541-912-1050** Day Phone **541-912-1050**
 Do You Live within the City Limits? **Y** If so how long? **2**
 Ward **4** Neighborhood **Cal Young Neighborhood**
 Employer
 Fax E-Mail **belliebean2008@gmail.com**
 How did you learn of this vacancy? **Word of Mouth**

Optional Information

Gender **Non-binary** Sexual Orientation **Queer** Age **0-18**
 Ethnicity **White**
 Additional Languages spoken **English** **English**

Education / Training

I just graduated highschool and i have internship experience at Branch engineering, i also went though first aid and cpr training for parks and rec work, although i am not currently certified.

Job Experience

I have worked with Parks and rec before, I've worked mostly with Pete barn doing fun for all and summer camps.

Community Service / Volunteer

ive volunteered with parks and rec, mostly for Halloween events.

Personal Interest

i really love reading books about and learning about disability rights, activism, and justice, and i also love to research insects, play videogames and tabletop games, sing, dance, and collect all sorts of things!

Contribution

I'd love to contribute by offering my valuable perspective based on personal experience, and i want to help create a more accessible and inclusive Eugene!

Personal Experience

i became disabled about halfway through high school and have been met with many ableist barriers since, including in school. People who don't experience inaccessibility towards them don't think about it as much but I've got experience in that.



Interested Applicants

InterestedApplicants

Date Submitted: 7/16/2026 9:23:10 PM

<u>Board or Commission</u>		<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Human Rights Commission	0	How has your employment, education, and/or volunteer experience prepared you to serve as a Human Rights Commissioner? Please be specific.	The high school i went to is very community based and involves a lot of group project based learning. Every senior must organize a senior project to graduate. I taught my choir class the ASL signs for the lyrics of one of our songs. Working with Parks and Rec is also so communal and you meet new people with different needs everyday, it helps you to think more about experiences other than your own. I'd say the same about volunteer work. You meet all kinds of people who you may teach, but they may teach you as well. That's one of the best things about jobs like this, you get to learn as much as you teach!
Human Rights Commission	1	How has your personal experience prepared you to serve as a Human Rights Commissioner? Please be specific.	As a white queer middle class disabled person who became disabled later in life, i have a unique view of things. I see inequalities now that i once did not which i think is really valuable. I know so many abled people don't consider every aspect of accessibility all the time which is understandable because they do not have to for their own survival, but i love to be that gentle reminder that everyone has different needs.
Human Rights Commission	2	What do you see as the three most pressing human rights issues in Eugene? Select the most important and explain why.	Accessibility, racial profiling, and homelessness. I think accessibility is a big one but i would probably say that about any city in our country. Just because it meets the ADA standards does not make it accessible. A stall that cannot fit an extra wide power wheelchair and a caregiver and a service animal is not accessible. A drop curb with a storm drain at the bottom is not accessible either. I think racial profiling is also a really big problem, especially here, especially from citizens, not just police. As a white person, i see it all the time and point it out to other white people who didnt notice. Homelessness is a really big issue too. We have so many available resources, but i think the biggest issue is that those resources don't have enough resources. This keeps homeless people alive, but at the bare minimum.
Human Rights Commission	3	Describe your specific strengths and weaknesses that would allow you to negotiate group situations in which members hold strong, differing opinions. Give a specific example if possible.	I prioritize equity above all, while thinking critically to consider others views, why they hold those views, and what experiences they may have. I am grateful for my ability to see most sides and have been raised in a home that explores as many intersectionalities as possible, while holding my own life experience and truth and knowing that I am the expert in my own experience. A great specific example of this is the regular thought experiments and debates we have in my home. Recently, we talked about why some people may wish they never had their disability at all and how some people are grateful for the lens their disability has given to their life.



Interested Applicants

InterestedApplicants

Date Submitted: 7/16/2026 9:23:10 PM

Sarah A. Koski
Human Rights Commission

Name **Sarah A. Koski**
 Address **3421 Elmira Road**
Eugene OR 97402
 Occupation **Community Resource Liaison**
 Business Address **3500 E 17th Ave**
Eugene OR 97403
 Evening Phone **5412281035** Day Phone **5412281035**
 Do You Live within the City Limits? **Y** If so how long? **10**
 Ward **8** Neighborhood **Active Bethel Citizens**
 Employer **Lane Transit District**
 Fax E-Mail **hello@koski.world**
 How did you learn of this vacancy? **Word of Mouth**

Optional Information

Gender **Female** Sexual Orientation **Heterosexual** Age **36-45**
 Ethnicity **White**
 Additional Languages spoken **English**

Education / Training

Graduated with honors from the Robert D. Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon as a Pioneer Presidential Scholar. Completed Willamette Family's Peer Support Certification. Combines academic training with direct street-level experience.

Job Experience

Nearly 20 years in nonprofit and humanitarian work including American Red Cross, Doctors Without Borders, and Volunteers in Medicine. Led a regional nonprofit, chaired the Lane County COAD, then served as a Safe Sleep case manager before joining LTD.

Community Service / Volunteer

Volunteers 10–20 hours weekly through direct street outreach, housing advocacy, and women's safety initiatives. Serves on the Oregon Women's Commission and chairs its Statewide Domestic Violence Prevention & Coordination Subcommittee.

Personal Interest

I enjoy exploring Oregon's communities by transit, reading history and public policy, mentoring emerging leaders, attending community events, discovering local coffee shops, and finding practical solutions to complex civic challenges.

Contribution

Co-designed services with people experiencing homelessness, improved public sanitation and water access, expanded local youth Safe Place partnerships, advanced transportation safety/equity, and serve on the Lane Co's DOJ Anti-Trafficking Task Force

Personal Experience

Lived experience with domestic violence, sexual assault, poverty, and homelessness allows me to bridge conversations between direct service, community advocacy, and boardroom decision-making with empathy and practical insight.

<u>Board or Commission</u>		<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Human Rights Commission	0	How has your employment, education,	I actually think this is the **most important question**



Interested Applicants

InterestedApplicants

Date Submitted: 7/16/2026 9:23:10 PM

and/or volunteer experience prepared you to serve as a Human Rights Commissioner? Please be specific.

on the application. Rather than treating it as a résumé, we should answer the unspoken question:

> ***"Why should the City trust your judgment on complex human rights issues?"***

I'd also recommend avoiding the phrase "I advocate" repeatedly. The Commission is an advisory body. Words like *listen, convene, collaborate, evaluate, advise, implement,* and *build consensus* better reflect the role.

Here's how I would answer it:

My employment, education, and volunteer service have prepared me to serve as a Human Rights Commissioner by giving me experience where public policy, lived experience, and community collaboration intersect.

As the Community Resource Liaison for Lane Transit District, I work daily at the intersection of transportation, homelessness, public safety, disability access, behavioral health, and community health. My role requires bringing together local governments, healthcare providers, nonprofits, law enforcement, neighborhood organizations, and people with lived experience to develop practical solutions that improve safety, accessibility, and dignity for all community members. Whether redesigning public restrooms with lived-experience input, expanding youth Safe Place partnerships, improving public water access, or collaborating on transportation safety initiatives, I have learned that human rights are most meaningful when they are reflected in everyday experiences.

My volunteer service has broadened that perspective beyond my professional role. I currently serve as Chair of the Oregon Women's Commission Domestic Violence Prevention & Statewide Coordination Subcommittee, participate on the Lane County Department of Justice Anti-Trafficking Task Force (CSEC MDT), and serve on the St. Vincent de Paul Housing Advisory Committee. These roles have strengthened my understanding of how violence, housing instability, discrimination, transportation, and access to services are interconnected human rights issues that require coordinated, cross-sector solutions.

My educational background in political science through the Robert D. Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon provided a strong foundation in public policy, constitutional principles, and civic engagement.

Equally valuable has been nearly two decades of nonprofit leadership, disaster response, humanitarian service, and direct street outreach throughout Lane County. Those experiences have taught me to listen first, seek common ground, evaluate issues from multiple perspectives, and build consensus among people with different backgrounds and viewpoints.

The Human Rights Commission's role is to help ensure that every Eugene resident can participate fully and



Interested Applicants

InterestedApplicants

Date Submitted: 7/16/2026 9:23:10 PM

			safely in community life. Throughout my career, I have worked to translate those values into practical action, and I would be honored to bring that same collaborative, solutions-oriented approach to the Commission.
Human Rights Commission	1	How has your personal experience prepared you to serve as a Human Rights Commissioner? Please be specific.	My personal experiences have taught me that human rights are not abstract principles—they are experienced through everyday interactions with our community, our institutions, and one another. I have experienced domestic violence, sexual violence, poverty, and homelessness. Those experiences fundamentally shaped how I view dignity, safety, and belonging. They also taught me that people are rarely defined by the hardest chapter of their lives. Recovery, stability, and meaningful participation in community are possible when individuals are treated with respect and when systems are designed to meet people where they are. Those experiences also influence how I approach public service. Before offering solutions, I try to listen. Before making assumptions, I try to understand the barriers someone may be facing that are not immediately visible. Whether someone is navigating a disability, fleeing violence, living without housing, aging, or struggling with behavioral health challenges, every person deserves to be seen as a whole person—not simply through the lens of the service they need. As both a woman and a longtime transit rider, I also understand how safety and accessibility shape whether people can fully participate in community life. Something as simple as a well-lit bus stop, access to a public restroom, or feeling safe walking home after dark can determine whether someone is able to work, attend school, access healthcare, or remain connected to their community. Those experiences have reinforced my belief that human rights are reflected in the everyday design of our public spaces and public policies. Perhaps most importantly, my personal experiences allow me to bridge conversations between people with lived experience and institutional decision-makers. I understand the language of both because I have lived in both worlds. I have learned that meaningful change happens not by speaking for people, but by creating opportunities for their voices to inform decisions. If appointed, I would bring empathy grounded in lived experience, a commitment to listening, and a collaborative approach focused on helping ensure every Eugene resident can experience dignity, safety, access, and belonging.



Interested Applicants

InterestedApplicants

Date Submitted: 7/16/2026 9:23:10 PM

Human Rights Commission	2	What do you see as the three most pressing human rights issues in Eugene? Select the most important and explain why.	I believe the three most pressing human rights issues facing Eugene are: 1. Access to safe and stable housing. 2. Safe, equitable access to public spaces, transportation, and essential community services. 3. Violence, discrimination, and social isolation experienced by vulnerable populations, including survivors of domestic and sexual violence, older adults, people with disabilities, LGBTQ+ residents, immigrants, and people experiencing homelessness. Of these, I believe access to safe and stable housing is the most significant because it influences nearly every other human rights issue. Housing is about far more than shelter. It affects personal safety, physical and mental health, educational opportunity, employment, family stability, and the ability to participate fully in community life. Without a stable place to live, it becomes exponentially more difficult to exercise many of the other rights we often take for granted. At the same time, I believe we must recognize that human rights are experienced through everyday systems. Whether someone can safely ride public transportation, access a public restroom, navigate sidewalks with a mobility device, report discrimination, or walk home after dark all shape whether they experience dignity, inclusion, and belonging. Human rights are not only protected through laws. They are reflected in the design of our public spaces, the accessibility of our services, and the way we treat one another. As a Human Rights Commissioner, I would strive to evaluate issues through that broader lens, asking how City policies affect those with the fewest resources and the least voice in public decision making. I believe the Commission is uniquely positioned to foster collaboration, elevate community perspectives, and help ensure that Eugene's policies reflect the universal principles of dignity, equality, and human rights for every resident. I would approach the role with a commitment to listening first, building partnerships, and helping translate those principles into practical improvements that strengthen our community.
Human Rights Commission	3	Describe your specific strengths and weaknesses that would allow you to negotiate group situations in which members hold strong, differing opinions. Give a specific example if possible.	One of my greatest strengths is my ability to work across disciplines and build relationships among organizations that do not always share the same perspectives or priorities. Throughout my career I have worked with local government, healthcare systems, nonprofits, law enforcement, transit operators, neighborhood organizations, faith communities, and people with lived experience. Those collaborations have taught me that lasting solutions rarely come from unanimous agreement. They come from listening carefully, identifying shared values, and helping people work toward common goals even when they approach an issue from very different viewpoints. I also enjoy thinking through complex problems.



Interested Applicants

InterestedApplicants

Date Submitted: 7/16/2026 9:23:10 PM

Human rights issues are rarely simple, and I try to understand the many factors influencing a situation before forming conclusions. I believe people are more likely to find common ground when they feel heard and respected.

One area I continue to work on is balancing my strong sense of justice with patience. When I encounter situations involving discrimination or the mistreatment of vulnerable people, my initial emotional response can be strong because these issues are deeply personal to me. Over time, I have learned that meaningful change is usually achieved not through emotion alone, but through thoughtful dialogue, relationship building, and persistence.

A recent example was my work following the death of Merle Dean Sheffield, an unhoused community member who was struck and killed while crossing Highway 99. In the aftermath, I heard comments suggesting that his life mattered less because he was experiencing homelessness and had a criminal history. That was deeply troubling and reinforced how easily a person's humanity can be overshadowed by labels and stigma.

Rather than responding with anger, I focused on bringing people together. I helped organize a ghost bike memorial to honor Merle's life while also using the moment to begin broader conversations about roadway safety and human dignity. I worked alongside City of Eugene planners, Vision Zero partners, transportation professionals, advocates, and community organizations to examine roadway design, signal timing, lighting, and pedestrian safety along Highway 99. Those conversations have since expanded into discussions about creating a lived experience advisory group so that people who regularly walk, bicycle, ride transit, or experience homelessness can directly inform future transportation planning and safety improvements.

That experience reminded me that effective leadership requires both compassion and the ability to work collaboratively with people who see the world differently. Even when opinions are deeply divided, I believe we can make meaningful progress by keeping the focus on shared values, practical solutions, and the dignity of every person in our community.

As a Human Rights Commissioner, I would bring that same approach by listening first, seeking common ground where possible, and remaining committed to protecting the dignity and human rights of every Eugene resident.

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Approval of City Council Minutes

Meeting Date: September 14, 2026
Department: Central Services
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 3B
Staff Contact: Rosa Roach
Phone: 541-682-8497

ISSUE STATEMENT

This is a routine item to approve City Council minutes.

BACKGROUND

Per City Council Operating Agreements, written minutes shall be taken for all City Council meetings in accordance with the Oregon Attorney General's Public Records and Meetings Manual. The minutes must give a true reflection of the matters discussed but need not be a full transcript, verbatim or recording.

As a matter of courtesy and efficiency a councilor should notify the Mayor and other councilors that they intend to propose an amendment to the minutes and should propose replacement text in advance of the meeting at which those minutes are scheduled to be approved. If the proposed amendment is a simple factual, grammatical, or spelling correction, the amendment may be proposed without consulting the minutes recorder. If the proposed amendment is substantive in nature or seeks to clarify the speaker's intent, the councilor should notify the minutes recorder and request verification of the proposed amendment.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to approve the minutes for the work sessions and meetings, on May 27, 2026, June 8, 2026, June 10, 2026, June 22, 2026, and June 24, 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. May 27, 2026 Work Session
- B. June 8, 2026 Meeting
- C. June 10, 2026 Work Session
- D. June 22, 2026 Work Session
- E. June 22, 2026 Meeting
- F. June 24, 2026 Work Session

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Staff Contact: Rosa Roach, City Council Coordinator
Phone: 541-682-8497
Staff E-Mail: rroach@eugene-or.gov

MINUTES
Eugene City Council
Work Session
Eugene, Oregon 97401

May 27, 2026
12:00 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 May 27, 2026, meeting of the Eugene City Council Work Session in a hybrid in-person and virtual format at 500 E. 4th Avenue, North Building, Eugene, OR 97401.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i)(Review and Evaluate Employment Related Performance)

2. WORK SESSION: Police Auditor Performance Evaluation

Mayor Knudson introduced Keri Beraldo, Employee Resource Center Director, who provided a brief introduction and noted this work session offered Council an opportunity to complete the annual performance evaluation of Police Auditor Craig Renetzky.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Leech – stated appreciation for the Police Auditor’s steady leadership during a complicated period; noted the clarity of his communication with Council during tense situations; stated the independent oversight structure strengthens community understanding and stated gratitude for ongoing responsiveness.
- Councilor Groves – stated appreciation for the Auditor’s strong credentials and credible work over the past nine months; asked for the Auditor’s impressions of departmental leadership and organizational culture and noted interest in how internal reporting practices support accountability.
- Councilor Kashinsky – stated appreciation for the Auditor’s proactive communication; noted his efforts have supported shared understanding between Council, community members, and the public.
- Mayor Knudson – stated appreciation for the Police Auditor’s clear and consistent communication; noted the value of helping the community understand the importance of an Independent Police Auditor who operates separately from the Police Department; stated this independence provides an accessible avenue for community engagement on public safety concerns and supports alignment with local policies and values; stated appreciation for the Auditor’s earlier collaboration to articulate a unified explanation of the three avenues of public-safety support: elected officials, the Mayor, and the Police Auditor; noted integrity and transparency

across those roles form a dynamic system that benefits the public; stated appreciation for the Auditor's willingness to acknowledge ongoing opportunities for improvement.

- Councilor Zelenka – stated the transition to a new Auditor had been smooth; stated his belief the Auditor was performing excellent work; noted the recent incident involving a police officer was handled well; asked whether any aspects of that response could have been approached differently; stated interest in understanding next steps for training related to department culture; stated appreciation for how the Auditor managed a challenging early situation.
- Councilor Kashinsky – stated support for treating council-appointed employees consistently with how other City employees are treated; stated because the Police Auditor is already at the top of the established salary range, she does not support providing a merit increase; stated her position is not a reflection of his performance, which she stated has been excellent; asked whether teaching at the University would involve one or two classes outside City work hours; noted the employment agreement specifies the Auditor must serve exclusively as a City employee; asked whether an amendment to the agreement would be required; stated interest in adding a narrowly tailored allowance to the agreement to permit teaching specifically, without authorizing broad outside employment.
- Councilor Leech – stated appreciation for the Auditor's work and noted the timing of a merit increase discussion was significant; stated the Auditor has served for less than one year and was placed at the top of the established salary range at the time of hire; noted next year's full performance review would be a more appropriate point to reevaluate the range; stated support for the Auditor's interest in teaching; stated her intent to including an additional provision to the motion; stated interest to amend the employment agreement to allow limited outside employment to specifically permit teaching rather than broader forms of outside work.
- Councilor Keating – stated appreciation for the Auditor's transparency, accessibility, and outreach plans; stated concern about discussing potential contract amendments without prior notice; stated interest in revisiting the topic of outside employment in a future year; asked about potential changes to complaint-submission timelines and noted openness to extending access to the process.
- Councilor Yeh – stated support for allowing the Auditor to share his expertise through teaching and noted such engagement could benefit the community; stated appreciation for his work; stated support for the proposed amendment allowing limited outside employment.
- Councilor Zelenka – noted allowing the Auditor to teach would benefit the community; noted confidence in the Auditor's ability to manage his time appropriately.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to recognize Auditor Renetzky's positive contribution to the City and to authorize the Council

President to execute an agreement amendment allowing for outside employment for local teaching purposes.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – stated mixed feelings about the proposed amendment, noting both initial reservations and potential community value; stated he would vote against the motion because of the timing of the proposal but acknowledged potential long-term benefits.
- Councilor Clark – stated support for allowing the Auditor to teach, noting that engagement with the University could strengthen connections between the City and the University and could support broader conversations about oversight of campus law-enforcement operations.

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

OPPOSED: Keating

3. WORK SESSION: Intergovernmental Relations 2026 Legislative Summary

City Manager Jenny Haruyama introduced the topic and Ethan Nelson, City of Eugene Intergovernmental Relations Manager and provided background on legislative priorities, state session outcomes, federal advocacy work, and the regional United Front partnership.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – asked for an update on behavioral health stabilization center funding; asked what strategies could assist in advancing future legislation related to threats against public officials.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Rosa Roach)

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

MINUTES

**Eugene City Council
Meeting
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**June 8, 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 June 8, 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Zev Wacks, member of the Youth Advisory Council (YAC), in honor of Flag Day on June 14.

2. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Knudson introduced proclamations for Eugene LGBTQ+ Pride Month, National Gun Violence Awareness Day, National Cancer Survivors Day, Last Day of School, Juneteenth, World Refugee Day, and Summer Solstice Day. Additionally, Goush Shaik, YAC member, provided a summary of the Youth Advisory Council Annual Report.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Mayor Knudson – noted appreciation for the graduating members of the Youth Advisory Council.
- Councilor Groves – shared updates from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding legislative priorities and policies and preparation for the upcoming legislative session.
- Councilor Clark – noted receiving notice of a potential building permit fee increase; stated concern about increasing permit fees during a housing shortage; stated permit costs should be reduced to encourage housing production; noted declining numbers of single-family permits; asked the City Manager to consider discounting fees instead.
- Councilor Yeh – noted a recent visit to the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center on River Road; noted her attendance at a ceremonial girder signing for Slocum Orthopedics' new ambulatory surgery center; stated gratitude for the Human Rights Commission's Chair Silky Booker's service and noted his departure for family reasons.
- Councilor Zelenka – stated congratulations to elected and re-elected officials following the recent election; noted Jennifer Smith won by a significant margin and candidates supported by the Chamber of Commerce had limited success; asked for Smith be invited as an observer to the upcoming financial retreat to support her transition into 2027 decision-making.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR 1

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

B. Approval of City Council Tentative Agenda

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Kashinsky – requested to pull the minutes for the April 27, 2026 Work Session from Consent Calendar 1 in order for staff to make a correction regarding a misattributed comment.

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.

5. ACTION: Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees

City Manager Haruyama introduced the topic and provided background information.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Emily Yates to the Budget Committee for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2030.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint DJ Kelly-Quattrocchi to the Budget Committee for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2030.

MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE: Councilor Zelenka moved to substitute Tim Black. Motion not seconded.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to reappoint Elise Josephson to the Civilian Review Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2029.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Amanda Walkup to the Civilian Review Board for a three-year term July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2029.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Kimberlee Voorhies to the Civilian Review Board for a partial term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2027.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Christine Silver to the Civilian Review Board for a partial term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2028.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Sara Connors to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2029.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Mahindra Kumar to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2029.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Leon Bote to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2029.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to reappoint Tiffany Edwards to the Planning Commission for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2030.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Ethan Clevenger to the Planning Commission for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2030.

MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE: Councilor Zelenka moved to substitute Thomas Hiura. Motion not seconded.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: 7:1 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: Zelenka.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Francesca Negri to the Toxics Board for a three-year Advocacy Representative term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2029.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Sorrel Arends to the Historic Review Board for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2030.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Stephanie Herro to the Historic Review Board for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2030.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Emily Sanderford to the Police Commission for a partial term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2028.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Nick Haile to the Whilamut Citizen Planning Committee for a partial term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2027.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Thomas Holser to the Whilamut Citizen Planning Committee for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2029.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Marco Longoria to the Whilamut Citizen Planning Committee for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2029.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to reappoint Michael Johnston to the Lane County Regional Air Protection Agency for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2029.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – as the Chair of the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA), noted his support for the reappointment of Michael Johnston.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to reappoint Dylan Plummer to the Lane County Regional Air Protection Agency for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2029.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – noted his support for the reappointment of Dylan Plummer.

VOTE: 6:2 PASSED**IN FAVOR:** Kashinsky, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Evans, and Leech.**OPPOSED:** Clark and Groves.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Nicole Ngo to the Lane County Regional Air Protection Agency for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2029.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – noted his support for the appointment of Nicole Ngo.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED**IN FAVOR:** Kashinsky, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Clark, Evans, Leech, and Groves.**OPPOSED:** None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Dan Carol to the Riverfront Urban Renewal Advisory Committee for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2028.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED**IN FAVOR:** Kashinsky, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Clark, Evans, Leech, and Groves.**OPPOSED:** None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Phil Farrington to the Riverfront Urban Renewal Advisory Committee for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2028.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED**IN FAVOR:** Kashinsky, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Clark, Evans, Leech, and Groves.**OPPOSED:** None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Joe Moll to the Riverfront Urban Renewal Advisory Committee for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2028.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED**IN FAVOR:** Kashinsky, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, Clark, Evans, Leech, and Groves.**OPPOSED:** None.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Dana Siebert to the Riverfront Urban Renewal Advisory

Committee for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2028.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

Council Discussion:

- Mayor Knudson – stated the night’s motions are the conclusion of the annual Boards and Commissions process that began in January; noted hundreds had applied for spots on the City’s Boards and Commissions; noted she had personally interviewed 18 applicants.
- Councilor Keating – stated he would prefer a process that allowed more candidates to make it to the final interview round; recommended a change to the process to allow candidates who received a minimum of three votes to move to the final round rather than the current threshold of four votes.

6. ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Increased Public Health Standards Coordination; Amending Sections 9.0500, 9.2460, 9.2461, and 9.4165 of the Eugene Code, 1971; and Providing an Effective Date.

City Manager Haruyama introduced the topic and provided background information.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to adopt an Ordinance Concerning Increased Public Health Standards Coordination; Amending Sections 9.0500, 9.2460, 9.2461, and 9.4165 of the Eugene Code, 1971; and Providing an Effective Date, included as Attachment A to this Agenda Item Summary.

MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to substitute in this motion from Version 3 to Version 4.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Groves – noted he was one of the Councilors who originally moved this motion forward; stated the original motion was made in response to pollution caused by JH Baxter and other heavy industry; noted the current version of the ordinance would regulate businesses that do not qualify as heavy industry; stated support for Version 4 to ease requirements on small businesses.
- Councilor Clark – stated support for Version 4 as endorsed by the Planning Commission; noted Version 3 is more complicated than just checking a box as some have implied; stated Version 4 protects neighbors while minimizing the burden on small businesses.
- Councilor Keating – read a letter from the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) in favor of Version 3; noted he would vote against the motion to substitute Version 4.
- Councilor Kashinsky – noted that some issues will never have perfect solutions; noted a preference for focusing requirements on use rather than zone; stated attestation helps applicants discover needed air or water quality permits early and improves coordination; stated support for Version 3.

- Councilor Zelenka – stated Version 3 will help businesses by providing early notice about permit needs; noted attestation only requires confirming research, not obtaining a permit; noted developers bear responsibility for understanding permit requirements, not City staff.
- Councilor Groves – encouraged colleagues to review the list of occupancies and uses requiring the attestation process.

VOTE ON MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE: 3:5 FAILED

IN FAVOR: Clark, Evans, and Groves.

OPPOSED: Kashinsky, Keating, Zelenka, Yeh, and Leech.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: 7:1 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: Groves.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Lin Woodrich – spoke in favor of a comprehensive plan for the Bethel area.
2. Jim Neu – spoke in favor of a local initiative petition trying to make it to the ballot.
3. Jennifer Linnaea – spoke about the increase in unanswered welfare check calls since the closure of Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets (CAHOOTS).
4. Linda Ague – spoke about effects of passing the Eugene library levy.
5. Robert Brock – spoke about culture and management issues at Eugene Police Department (EPD).
6. Justin Filip – spoke about culture and management issues at EPD.
7. Robert Parrish – spoke in favor of reestablishing a program like CAHOOTS.
8. Dru Winters – spoke about culture and management issues at EPD.
9. Jacob Trewe – spoke in favor of reestablishing a program like CAHOOTS.
10. Travis Pendergrass – spoke about culture and management issues at EPD.
11. Leonardo DiFranco – spoke about culture and management issues at EPD.
12. Thea Abbatoy – spoke about culture and management issues at EPD.
13. Roger Knudson – spoke against climate hushing.
14. Patricia Hine – spoke in favor of climate action.
15. Jay Smith – spoke about culture and management issues at EPD.
16. Curtis Blankinship – spoke in favor of restorative justice.
17. Athena Aguiar – spoke in favor of reestablishing a program like CAHOOTS.
18. Blair Hickok – spoke about strategies to reduce homelessness.
19. Lauren Olson – spoke about experiences with police.
20. Jo Martorana – encouraged Council to address community concerns.
21. David Igl – spoke about local history.
22. Josh Easterlund – spoke in favor of decriminalizing psychedelics.
23. Wyn Manselle – spoke in favor of the transparent use of surveillance technology.
24. Shelly Devine – spoke against racism and bigotry.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – stated the Human Services Commission would be interested in hearing data about gaps caused by the CAHOOTS closure; noted he had initiated a work session poll to change filing deadlines for minor and serious

misconduct complaints received by the Police Auditor's office; spoke about the effort to create a Eugene Clean Energy fund.

Mayor Knudson adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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

MINUTES
Eugene City Council
Work Session
Eugene, Oregon 97401

June 10, 2026
12:00 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 June 10, 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i)(Review and Evaluate Employment-Related Performance)

2. WORK SESSION: Municipal Judge Evaluation Process

Mayor Knudson introduced Becky DeWitt, Employee Resource Center Assistant Director, who provided a brief introduction and noted this work session offered Council an opportunity to complete the annual evaluation of Municipal Court Judge Gregory Gill.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Groves – stated appreciation for the work of the Municipal Court; noted the value in restorative justice efforts and how they can reduce pressure on the Circuit Court; asked about the transition to becoming a court of record and lessons learned during this transition.
- Councilor Yeh – stated appreciation for the judge’s leadership; noted how clear communication during the transition to a court of record strengthened community understanding; stated the court’s focus on long-term public safety, service connections, fairness, transparency, and compassion reflects values important to the community; stated the Municipal Court’s work often goes unseen and deserves greater recognition.
- Councilor Keating – stated appreciation for the judge’s communication and commitment to fairness and restorative justice; asked what aspect of the Municipal Court the judge is most proud to share with those unfamiliar with Eugene; asked what reforms might improve outcomes for defendants who are unable to stand trial due to qualifying mental disorders, and whether any legal or procedural changes at the local or state level could support more timely restoration processes.
- Councilor Zelenka – stated support for earlier comments praising the judge’s work; stated the Municipal Court is functioning well under his leadership.
- Councilor Kashinsky– stated appreciation for the judge’s continued communication with Council and noted gratitude for the work of the court and its staff.

- Mayor Knudson – stated the communication during the transition to a court of record was excellent; stated this transition was a major event for the community and expressed gratitude for the way the Municipal Court and its staff managed the process; stated Judge Gill’s efforts ensures the court continues to reflect the community just as the City’s municipal laws reflect the community; thanked him for upholding fairness throughout the process; stated appreciation for the opportunity this session provided to share this work with the public.
- Councilor Leech – stated appreciation for the judge’s steady leadership, compassion, and commitment to fairness; stated these qualities serve the community well and the City is fortunate to have such leadership at the Municipal Court.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to recognize Judge Gill’s positive contribution to the City.

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

OPPOSED: None.

3. WORK SESSION: Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update

City Manager Jenny Haruyama introduced the topic and Travis Worthington, Deputy Chief and Fire Marshal for Eugene-Springfield Fire who presented information about the wildfire protection plan annex to the Lane County plan including general information about wildfire risk assessment, community engagement, and draft mitigation goals.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Kashinsky – asked how much of the proposed defensible-space and home-hardening work is voluntary versus required; asked what funding sources support wildfire mitigation work and noted that some strategies appeared to rely on community safety payroll tax resources and state grants.
- Councilor Evans – asked whether wildfire risk analysis included lower-elevation areas such as West Eugene and Bethel; noting a recent brush fire posed neighborhood risk; emphasized the importance of wildfire planning remaining comprehensive to address risks across varied terrain.
- Councilor Keating – asked whether state-level programs could expand funding for defensible-space support so that municipal residents could access the same resources as nearby county residents; stated concern that renters lack authority to mitigate risks on their properties; asked how renters can raise concerns or request assessments; asked whether the City should shift fireworks restrictions from an educational phase to an enforcement phase.
- Councilor Groves – asked whether state or national fire organizations are working with insurance companies to encourage more consistency in risk-related expectations; asked whether youth conservation crews remain involved in vegetation mitigation; stated that environmental protection should be included among the plan’s primary goals; asked whether fire agencies were addressing risk at

the Wild Iris Ridge area, where youth activity and small fires pose seasonal concerns.

- Councilor Zelenka – stated support for adding environmental considerations to the goals of the wildfire plan; asked whether insurance companies were influencing homeowner premiums in high-risk areas; stated public perception of wildfire risk has increased significantly in neighborhoods bordering forested areas; noted recent wildfire incidents in Laurel Hill Valley; stressed the importance of community education and clear communication; noted concerns regarding limited access routes near Hendricks Park and asked about policies regarding gate closures.
- Mayor Knudson – asked where community members should sign up for emergency notifications, including wildfire and evacuation alerts; asked about the timing and location of wildfire fuels drop-sites offered as part of community engagement efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Rosa Roach)

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

MINUTES

**Eugene City Council Meeting and
Eugene Urban Renewal Agency Meeting and
Eugene City Council Public Hearing
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**June 22, 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 June 22, 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the reading of the Declaration of Independence were led by Susan Ban and Morgan Vierheller from the League of Women Voters, in honor of Independence Day on July 4.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Councilor Keating – noted his attendance at the recent Juneteenth celebration held at the Farmer’s Market Pavilion; noted he would be attending the upcoming Pride celebration at the Lane Events Center.
- Councilor Zelenka – thanked the volunteers from League of Women Voters for reading the Declaration of Independence; stated the document has become more relevant to him in the past year.
- Mayor Knudson – noted her attendance at the recent Poverty and Homelessness Board (PHB) meetings, as well as two subcommittees; stated the city’s affordable housing pipeline includes approximately 900 units across 14 developments funded through a mix of local and federal resources; stated appreciation for staff working on affordable housing, including grant management, trust fund, and planning teams; stated Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shifts toward 40-hour work or volunteer requirements for housing and Medicaid pose concerns; noted scientists from Nepal are visiting for a zebrafish symposium at the University of Oregon; stated the visit reflects Eugene’s life-sciences strengths and connects to ongoing Oregon Life Sciences Competitiveness Task Force work.

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.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION: Resolution Adopting the City's 2025-2027 Biennium Second Supplemental Budget; Making Appropriations for the City of Eugene for the Biennium Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2027

City Manager Haruyama introduced the topic and provided background information.

Mayor Knudson opened the Public Hearing.

1. Stefan Strek – spoke against the resolution.

Mayor Knudson closed the Public Hearing.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – asked if speaker comments must be specific to the agenda topic; believes the testimony did not address the agenda topic.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to adopt a Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget, Making Appropriations for the City of Eugene for the Biennium Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2027.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

5. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION: A Resolution Determining, Levying and Categorizing the Annual Ad Valorem Property Tax Levy for the City of Eugene for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026 and Ending June 30, 2027.

City Manager Haruyama introduced the topic and provided background information.

Mayor Knudson opened the Public Hearing.

1. Stefan Strek – spoke against the resolution.

Mayor Knudson closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to approve a Resolution determining, levying and categorizing the annual ad valorem property tax levy for the City of Eugene for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

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.

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION: Resolution Adopting the Urban Renewal Agency's (URA) 2025-2027 Biennium Second Supplemental Budget; Making Appropriations for the URA of the City of Eugene for the Biennium Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2027

Agency Director Haruyama introduced the topic and provided background information.

Mayor Knudson opened the Public Hearing.

1. Stefan Strek – spoke against the resolution.

Mayor Knudson closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to adopt a Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget, Making Appropriations for the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene for the Biennium Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2027.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION: Resolution of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene Declaring the Amount of Tax to be Certified for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026 and Ending June 30, 2027

Agency Director Haruyama introduced the topic and provided background information.

Mayor Knudson opened the Public Hearing.

1. Stefan Strek – spoke against the resolution.

Mayor Knudson closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to approve a Resolution declaring the amount of tax to be certified for the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

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

8. ACTION: Granting an Exemption from the Application of Section 6.200 of the Eugene Code, 1971, and Providing for a Sunset Date

City Manager Haruyama introduced the topic and provided background information.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to approve the Ordinance at attachment A to this AIS, Granting an Exemption from the Application of Section 6.200 of the Eugene Code, 1971, and Providing a Sunset Date.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – stated his enthusiasm for the ordinance; noted it was likely to be a dangerous fire season.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Nayeli Cisneros – spoke about harassment and intimidation experienced by the local immigrant community.
2. Stefan Strek – spoke about the issue of homelessness in the community.
3. Dylan Cianci – spoke about affordable housing and traffic safety on Hilyard.
4. Tim Lewis – spoke about safety issues near Washington Jefferson Park.
5. Linda Kelley – spoke about ways to incentivize greenhouse gas reductions.
6. Sam Samderson – spoke against Eugene Police Department (EPD) working with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
7. Pete Goldlust – spoke against EPD working with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
8. Tomoko Sekiguchi – spoke in favor of a local initiative petition trying to make it to the ballot.
9. Robert Brock – spoke in favor of affordable housing and mental health programs.
10. Eli Mazet – spoke against use of amplified sound in downtown Eugene.
11. Martin – spoke in favor of traffic safety.
12. Eliza Brock – spoke about the cancelled Pride march and EPD's role.
13. Kamryn Stringfield – spoke against mass surveillance and EPD's role in the cancelation of the Pride march.
14. Amanda Wolberg – spoke in favor of child safety.
15. Taryn Brevig – spoke about culture and management issues at EPD.
16. Roman Anderson – spoke in favor of hiring smaller, local contractors to build affordable housing.
17. Peter Dragovich – spoke in favor of climate action.
18. Bill O'Brien – spoke about high temperatures at the University of Oregon's graduation ceremony.
19. Ember – spoke about the sidewalk installed alongside the federal building.
20. Jan Bohman – spoke in favor of the home energy score program.
21. Wyn Manselle – spoke about the City's Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy.

22. Blair Hickok – spoke in favor of supportive housing.

23. David Igl – spoke about local history.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Keating – stated the 1059 Willamette project is an example of affordable housing connected to services; noted he is in favor of supporting opportunities for small, local, minority, and women-owned contractors; stated past support for expanding accessory dwelling units (ADUs) to improve flexibility and affordability; noted there will be a future work session on expanding Police Auditor complaint timelines; asked for data on gas-powered fleet vehicles and leaf blowers and any electrification plans; noted pedestrian safety concerns on Hilyard; spoke in favor of including resources on the City’s website to support communities threatened or intimidated by federal agents.
- Councilor Groves – asked if any work is being done to address the amplified sound problem at the Saturday Market; stated the City Council does not have the same authority as a federal judge to direct the federal government to remove a fence on its property.

Mayor Knudson adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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

MINUTES

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

**June 22, 2026
5:30 p.m.**

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

Mayor Kaarin Knudson opened the June 22, 2026, work session of the Eugene City Council in a hybrid format at 500 E 4th Avenue, North Building, Eugene OR 97401.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f)(exempt public records)

Mayor Knudson closed the June 22, 2026 work session of the Eugene City Council and convened a meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency.

2. WORK SESSION:

A. 1059 Willamette Redevelopment – Financial Assistance

Agency Director Jenny Haruyama introduced Amanda D’Souza Development Programs Manager, Anne Fifield, Economic Development Manager, and Will Dowdy, Community Development Director, who provided an update on 1059 Willamette redevelopment project.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka – noted housing and homelessness are the biggest problems facing the city; stated homelessness is a symptom of the lack of affordable housing and mental health programs; stated the city needs more affordable housing; noted the 1059 Willamette project is unique because it combines affordable housing with market-rate housing; noted no affordable housing is built in the city without subsidies; noted there are not many affordable housing projects built for households making 60 to 80 percent of area median income (AMI); noted the affordable housing term for this project is 35 years instead of the usual 20; stated he is in support of using Downtown Urban Renewal funds for this project.
- Councilor Groves – stated his support for this project; noted the project will pay prevailing wage; asked about the private equity investment group involved; noted the group is pushing for green construction and is taking a lower return than other groups might; noted two of the city’s biggest issues are housing and homelessness; stated this project may incentivize other downtown investment;

noted it is not unusual for projects to start late and cost more in the current business climate; noted it is a local developer.

- Councilor Keating – noted his support for this mixed-use affordable and market-rate housing project built on a transit line in the heart of downtown; asked if there is a project labor agreement (PLA) or community benefits agreement requiring prevailing wage and responsible labor practices for Urban Renewal or other City projects; asked about the Downtown Loan program; asked how long the affordable units are guaranteed to be offered at reduced rates.
- Councilor Yeh – stated her support for the project; noted while the price tag has increased, she believes this is a worthwhile project that reflects Eugene’s values; asked if staff needed direction on the loan financing.
- Councilor Kashinsky – noted the request for increased funding is coming at the end of the process and the project will fail without it; asked about the possibility of extending the term of the affordable housing requirement from 35 years; asked why the funding increase was coming from the Urban Renewal emerging projects bucket instead of the housing bucket; stated support for the project; noted she looks forward to seeing what is learned from this mixed-use affordable and market-rate housing pilot project.
- Councilor Clark – noted he had previously voted to expand the Downtown Urban Renewal District to fund housing projects like 1059 Willamette; stated his support for the project; noted the project will provide a strong community benefit.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to approve the use of up to \$8.66 million additional Downtown Urban Renewal tax increment funds to support the 1059 Willamette project.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

Mayor Knudson closed the June 22, 2026 meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency and convened a work session of the Eugene City Council.

B. 1059 Willamette Redevelopment – Revised Terms

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to approve the revised terms shown in strikethrough and bold text in Attachment A.

VOTE: 8:0 PASSED

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

OPPOSED: None.

Council Discussion:

- Mayor Knudson – stated this project represents decades of work towards dense, transit-oriented, urban housing built working with local teams; noted she is excited to see the project move forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Cherish Bradshaw)

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

MINUTES

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

June 24, 2026
12:00 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 June 24, 2026, meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency in a hybrid in-person and virtual format at 500 E. 4th Avenue, North Building, Eugene, OR 97401.

1. WORK SESSION: Downtown Tenant Improvement Program; ROW Projects Update

Agency Director Jenny Haruyama introduced the topic and Anne Fifield, Economic Development Manager and Dylan Huber-Heidorn, Development Analyst, provided background information on recent downtown physical improvement projects and explained the intent of the proposed grant program, its structure, eligible activities, and projected pilot funding.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Groves – stated support for investing in the downtown core and noted enthusiasm for the proposed pilot program; stated interest in staff experiences with similar programs in other cities; noted the benefit of public communication about the program; stated the importance of engaging property owners of vacant buildings; noted that Downtown Eugene Incorporated (DEI) considerations should be integrated into program rollout; stated concerns about emergency access and asked how the Fire Department would be involved in streetgrid planning.
- Councilor Keating – asked whether staff could provide a map illustrating vacant or underutilized commercial spaces downtown; noted interest in potential future discussions about vacancy taxes; asked why the proposed boundary included only part of the Riverfront Renewal District; asked about complications associated with converting older commercial buildings into mixed commercial and residential uses; asked about recent sidewalk conditions near the Federal Building.
- Councilor Kashinsky – stated support for moving forward with the project; noted earlier referenced projects such as the new trash receptacles have significantly improved downtown cleanliness and contributed to a more comfortable pedestrian environment; stated this visible improvement demonstrates how small, targeted investments can produce meaningful community benefits.
- Councilor Zelenka – asked how the program would ensure property-owner approval for tenant-led improvements; asked whether the grant selection process would be competitive or first-come-first-served; asked about evaluation criteria for denying

applications; asked why the program excludes businesses closed to minors; asked what percentage of downtown businesses might fall into that excluded category.

- Councilor Yeh – stated appreciation for a program that increases equity for businesses seeking to locate downtown; asked whether the grant cycle should allow bundled application review so marginalized business owners would not be disadvantaged by a first-come process; stated support for the program’s direction.
- Mayor Knudson – noted appreciation for staff outlining examples of how landscape and sidewalk improvements support positive activity downtown; stated interest in understanding how home-inspection workforce training and assessor certification might complement future downtown programs.
- Councilor Keating – asked whether local movie theaters could retain eligibility for grants despite showing films with age restrictions; noted appreciation for clarification that businesses must be always closed to minors to be ineligible.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to direct the Agency Director to bring back resolutions related to the Downtown Urban Renewal District and the Riverfront Urban Renewal District for a proposed tenant improvement program incorporating the program elements described in Attachment A to this AIS.

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

OPPOSED: None.

2. ACTION: Riverfront Urban Renewal District: Appointment to River Guides Advisory Committee

Agency Director Jenny Haruyama introduced the topic and provided background information on the Mayor’s nominations for the Riverfront Urban Renewal Advisory Committee and noted the need for Agency approval.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Zelenka – asked for clarification regarding the number of appointments included in the nomination list.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to appoint Dan Carol, Phil Farrington, Joe Moll, and Dana Siebert to the Riverfront Urban Renewal Advisory Committee (River Guides), for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2028.

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

OPPOSED: None.

Mayor Knudson closed the June 24, 2026 City Council meeting of the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency and called the June 24, 2026 City Council work session to order.

3. WORK SESSION: An Ordinance Establishing a Residential Energy Performance Disclosure Requirement; Adding Sections 6.760, 6.765, 6.770, 6.775, and 6.780 to the Eugene Code, 1971; and Providing an Effective Date

City Manager Jenny Haruyama introduced the topic and Danielle Klinkebiel, the Climate Policy Analyst and Ian Penn, Sustainability Manager, of Public Works, introduced the draft ordinance requiring Home Energy Scores at the time of home listing, provided background on community engagement, explained research from other Oregon jurisdictions, described program costs, and outlined proposed administration and enforcement practices.

Councilor Discussion:

- Councilor Clark – stated that ensuring home buyers have complete information is beneficial but asked how the proposed requirement compares with new federal appraisal forms mandating energy-efficiency data; asked for clarification on whether the local requirement duplicates federal effort and noted concern about unnecessary added costs.
- Councilor Zelenka – stated that voluntary energy-efficiency programs have historically not achieved desired results; noted that other cities' experience shows no increase in housing costs associated with mandatory Home Energy Scores; asked about potential funding sources, including whether fees associated with scoring could partially fund program staff.
- Councilor Evans – asked how homes with substantial code violations would be scored; asked whether revenue from unpaid civil penalties could be used to support compliance or program functions; requested a legal opinion on whether such liens could be applied at sale.
- Councilor Kashinsky – asked whether homeowners who make energy-efficiency improvements soon after scoring could avoid repeated scoring requirements; stated interest in seeing examples from other jurisdictions that have addressed similar timing issues.
- Councilor Keating – asked whether a portion of scoring costs could support the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; asked whether tenants could be incentivized to obtain Home Energy Scores on rental properties and asked how a homeowner might dispute an assigned score.
- Councilor Groves – stated support for energy-efficiency goals but noted concern that the proposal could create additional regulation; asked how the program aligns with federal requirements and stated interest in learning whether the program might disproportionately impact seniors and low-income households living in older buildings.
- Councilor Keating – asked whether large homes with higher total energy use are evaluated in a way that adequately accounts for square footage.
- Councilor Yeh – stated appreciation for detailed staff research and noted confidence that concerns about market effects have not materialized in other cities; asked whether staff outreach and training activities are included within proposed start-up costs; noted support for moving the ordinance to a public hearing.

- Mayor Knudson – stated interest in learning how home-inspection workforce programs could support assessor training; asked how the benefits of energy-efficiency improvements could reach current occupants rather than only future buyers.
- Councilor Clark – stated while the local energy-analysis program is voluntary, the federal requirement for professional appraisers is not voluntary; stated that, beginning November 2, 2026, all licensed appraisers nationwide must include energy-efficiency information in every appraisal to retain their licensure; noted this federal mandate requires completion of a predetermined appraisal form that incorporates an energy-efficiency section and stated that appraisers have no discretion to omit this information.
- Councilor Zelenka – noted, for purposes of full disclosure, that employees of the Oregon Department of Energy who report to him administer the federal contract with Earth Advantage; stated he receives no personal benefit from that relationship; noted that Earth Advantage is currently examining how the Home Energy Score system might apply to rental properties; stated the assessment process relies on standardized calculations such as total energy use, square footage, and energy use per square foot; noted that, because the scoring methodology is structured and data-driven, disputes about results are unlikely.

MOTION: Councilor Leech, seconded by Councilor Kashinsky, moved to direct the City Manager to schedule a public hearing on the Ordinance to Establishing a Residential Energy Performance Disclosure Requirement provided at Attachment A to this AIS and to set a date for Council deliberations and possible action.

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

OPPOSED: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie LaSala
City Recorder

(Recorded by Rosa Roach)

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



EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Approval of Tentative Working Agenda

Meeting Date: September 14, 2026
Department: Central Services
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 3C
Staff Contact: Katie LaSala
Phone: 541-682-5010

ISSUE STATEMENT

This is a routine item to approve the City Council Tentative Working Agenda.

BACKGROUND

Per City Council Operating Agreements, at each regular meeting of the Council, the City Manager shall present the Tentative Agenda. This shall be placed on the Consent Calendar. If there are any concerns about the items on the Tentative Agenda, it may be removed at the request of any councilors from the Consent Calendar and discussed separately.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

The council may choose to approve, amend or not approve the tentative agenda.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to approve the items on the Tentative Working Agenda.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. City Council Tentative Working Agenda

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Staff Contact: Katie LaSala, City Recorder
Phone: 541-682-5010
Staff E-Mail: klasala@eugene-or.gov



City Council Tentative Agenda

Updated September 10, 2026

Meeting materials and access information available at <https://www.eugene-or.gov/3360/Webcasts-and-Meeting-Materials>

Council Summer Break July 16 – Sept 8

September 2026

Date	Day	Time	Title	Length	Dept Contact
14-Sept	Mon	5:30 pm	Urban Growth Strategies Adoption Package #1 (Work Session) <i>Location: Council Chambers & Virtual</i>	60 min	R. Gershow, PDD
14-Sept	Mon	7:30 pm	Ceremonial Matters Committee Reports and Items of Interest Interim Appointments to the Human Rights Commission (Consent Calendar 1) Public Comment <i>Location: Council Chambers & Virtual</i>		F. Andrade, CS
16-Sept	Wed	12:00 pm	Long Range Financial Planning (Work Session) <i>Location: Public Virtual Only</i>	2.5 hrs	T. Miller, CS
21-Sept	Mon	5:30 pm	An Ordinance Establishing a Residential Energy Performance Disclosure Requirement; Adding Sections 6.760, 6.765, 6.770, 6.775, and 6.780 to the Eugene Code, 1971; and Providing an Effective Date (Public Hearing) <i>Location: Council Chambers & Virtual</i>		D. Klinkebiel, PW
23-Sept	Wed	12:00 pm	Pavement Bond Measure Annual Update (Work Session) Sidewalk Repair Program Update (Work Session) <i>Location: Public Virtual Only</i>	45 min 45 min	K. Marwitz, PW K. Marwitz, PW
28-Sept	Mon	5:30 pm	Community Safety Payroll Tax (Work Session)	45 min	K. Hammitt, CS

September 14, 2026 Meeting - Item 3C

			Boards, Committees and Commissions Recruitment Process (Work Session)	45 min	K. LaSala, CS
			<i>Location: Council Chambers & Virtual</i>		
28-Sept	Mon	7:30 pm	Committee Reports and Items of Interest		
			Consent Calendar 1		
			Public Comment		
			Consent Calendar 2		
			<i>Location: Council Chambers & Virtual</i>		

October 2026

Date	Day	Time	Title	Length	Dept Contact
12-Oct	Mon	5:30 pm	Lift Off EUG Feasibility Study (Work Session)	45 min	C. Stephens, PW
			Human Rights Commission Annual Report & Work Plan (Work Session)	45 min	F. Andrade, CS
			<i>Location: Council Chambers & Virtual</i>		
12-Oct	Mon	7:30 pm	Ceremonial Matters		
			Committee Reports and Items of Interest		
			Consent Calendar 1		
			Public Comment		
			Consent Calendar 2		
			<i>Location: Council Chambers and Virtual</i>		
14-Oct	Wed	12:00 pm	Community Safety Payroll Tax (Work Session)	45 min	Staff
			<i>Location: Public Virtual Only</i>		
19-Oct	Mon	5:30 pm	Emerald People's Utility District Franchise Agreement (Public Hearing)		N. Obringer, CS
			Moderate Income Revolving Loan (Public Hearing)		A. D'Souza, PDD

			Urban Growth Strategies Adoption Package (Public Hearing)	R. Gershow, PDD	
			<i>Location: Council Chambers & Virtual</i>		
21-Oct	Wed	12:00 pm	Library Levy Update (Work Session)	45 min	J. Bates, LRCS
			Topic Pending Confirmation (Work Session)	45 min	Staff
			<i>Location: Public Virtual Only</i>		
26-Oct	Mon	5:30 pm	Police Commission Annual Report (Work Session)	45 min	K. Boose, EPD
			Sustainability Commission Annual Report (Work Session)	45 min	Staff
			<i>Location: Council Chambers & Virtual</i>		
26-Oct	Mon	7:30 pm	Committee Reports and Items of Interest		
			Consent Calendar 1		
			Public Comment		
			Consent Calendar 2		
			<i>Location: Council Chambers and Virtual</i>		
28-Oct	Wed	12:00 pm	An Ordinance Establishing a Residential Energy Performance Disclosure Requirement; Adding Sections 6.760, 6.765, 6.770, 6.775, and 6.780 to the Eugene Code, 1971; and Providing an Effective Date (Work Session and Possible Action)	45 min	D. Klinkebiel, PW
			Voluntary Annexation Follow-up (Work Session)	45 min	T. Harding, PDD
			<i>Location: Public Virtual Only</i>		
28-Oct	Wed	5:30 pm	Budget Committee Meeting (Budget Committee)	TBD	Staff

November 2026

Date	Day	Time	Title	Length	Dept Contact
9-Nov	Mon	5:30 pm	City of Eugene 2027 Legislative Priorities (Work Session)	45 min	E. Nelson, CS
			North Butterfly Lot Development (Work Session)	45 min	Staff, PDD

<i>Location: Council Chambers & Virtual</i>					
9-Nov	Mon	7:30 pm	Ceremonial Matters Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag in honor of Veteran’s Day Committee Reports and Items of Interest (Consent Calendar 1) Public Comment (Consent Calendar 2)		
<i>Location: Council Chambers and Virtual</i>					
11-Nov	Wed	12:00 pm	Holiday – No Work Session		
16-Nov	Mon	5:30 pm	Rental Housing Code: Minor Code Updates (Public Hearing)	A. Cameron, PDD	
<i>Location: Council Chambers & Virtual</i>					
18-Nov	Wed	12:00 pm	Wastewater System Development Charge Methodology Update (Work Session)	45 min	J. Blackham, PW
			Transportation Safety: Automated Red Light Cameras (Work Session)	45 min	C. Charvat, PW
<i>Location: Public Virtual Only</i>					
18-Nov	Wed	5:30 pm	Budget Committee Meeting (Budget Committee)	TBD	Staff, CS
23-Nov	Mon	5:30 pm	Riverfront Urban Renewal Parcel 8 (URA Work Session)	45 min	Staff, PDD
			Urban Growth Strategies Adoption Package (Work Session & Possible Action)	45 min	R. Gershow, PDD
<i>Location: Council Chambers & Virtual</i>					
23-Nov	Mon	7:30 pm	Committee Reports and Items of Interest (Consent Calendar 1) Public Comment (Consent Calendar 2)		
<i>Location: Council Chambers and Virtual</i>					

December 2026

Date	Day	Time	Title	Length	Dept Contact
2-Dec	Wed	5:30 pm	Tentative: Budget Committee Meeting (Budget Committee)	TBD	Staff, CS
9-Dec	Wed	12:00 pm	Surveillance Policy Update (Work Session)	45 min	M. Rodrigues, CS
			Topic Pending Confirmation (Work Session)	45 min	Staff
			<i>Location: Public Virtual Only</i>		
14-Dec	Mon	5:30 pm	Urban Growth Strategies Draft Land Need: Housing, Jobs, Public Land (Work Session)	45 min	Staff, PDD
			Data Centers in the Zoning/Land Use Code (Work Session)	45 min	Staff
			<i>Location: Council Chambers & Virtual</i>		
14-Dec	Mon	7:30 pm	Ceremonial Matters		
			Committee Reports and Items of Interest (Consent Calendar 1)		
			Public Comment (Consent Calendar 2)		
			<i>Location: Council Chambers and Virtual</i>		
16-Dec	Wed	12:00 pm	Topic Pending Confirmation (Work Session)	45 min	Staff
			City Manager Update (Work Session)	45 min	J. Haruyama, CMO
			<i>Location: Public Virtual Only</i>		

Council Winter Break Dec 17 – Jan 10

Additional Information Regarding Upcoming Public Hearings

Date/Time	Topic/Title	Description	Staff Contact
September 21, 7:30 PM	Establishing a Residential Energy Performance Disclosure Requirement	The Eugene City Council will hold a public hearing to provide comments on a proposed ordinance regarding Establishing a Residential Energy Performance Disclosure Requirement. The proposed ordinance will be posted online: https://www.eugene-or.gov/1781/Proposed-Ordinances	D. Klinkebiel dklinkebiel@eugene-or.gov
October 19, 7:30 PM	Emerald People's Utility District Franchise Agreement	The Eugene City Council will hold a public hearing to provide comments on the Emerald People's Utility District Franchise Agreement. The proposed ordinance will be posted online: https://www.eugene-or.gov/1781/Proposed-Ordinances	N. Obringer nobringer@eugene-or.gov 541-682-5394
October 19, 7:30 PM	Urban Growth Strategies Adoption Package	The Eugene City Council will hold a public hearing to provide comments on an Urban Growth Strategies Adoption Package. The proposed ordinance will be posted online: https://www.eugene-or.gov/1781/Proposed-Ordinances	R. Gershow RGershow@eugene-or.gov 541-682-5635
October 19, 7:30 PM	Moderate Income Revolving Loan	The Eugene City Council will hold a public hearing to provide comments on an ordinance implementing a Moderate-Income Revolving Loan program, a new housing incentive program enabled by the State of Oregon. The proposed ordinance will be posted online: https://www.eugene-or.gov/1781/Proposed-Ordinances	A. D'Souza Adsouza@eugene-or.gov 541-682-5540

Approved Work Session Polls to be Scheduled	Councilor	Date Approved
Police Auditor Timelines for Filing Complaints - TBD	Keating	6/10/2026
Data Centers in the Zoning/Land Use - TBD	Kashinsky	8/19/2026

Materials and Information

The Eugene City Council welcomes your interest in these agenda items. The City Hall Council Chambers meeting location is wheelchair accessible. For the hearing impaired, an interpreter can be provided with 48 hours' notice prior to the meeting. Spanish-language interpretation will also be provided with 48 hours' notice. To arrange for these services, contact the receptionist at 541-682-5010. City Council meetings are telecast live on Metro Television, Comcast channel 21, and rebroadcast later in the week.

El Consejo de la Ciudad de Eugene agradece su interés en estos puntos de la agenda. La sala de reuniones del ayuntamiento es accesible para sillas de ruedas. Para personas con dificultades auditivas, se puede proporcionar un intérprete con 48 horas de anticipación. También se puede proporcionar interpretación al español con 48 horas de aviso. Para organizar estos servicios, contacte a la Oficina del Gerente de la Ciudad al 541-682-5010. Las reuniones del Consejo de la Ciudad se transmiten en vivo por Metro Televisión, Canal 21 de Comcast y se vuelven a emitir durante la semana.

For more information, contact the Council Coordinator at 541-682-5010, or visit us online at [eugene-or.gov/101/City-Managers-Office](https://www.eugene-or.gov/101/City-Managers-Office)

Meeting materials and information about how to access meetings available at: [Public Webcasts and Meeting Materials | Eugene, OR Website](#)

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Public Comment

Meeting Date: September 14, 2026
Department: Central Services
www.eugene-or.gov

Agenda Item Number: 4
Staff Contact: Rosa Roach
Phone: 541-682-8497

ISSUE STATEMENT

This item allows members of the public the opportunity to express opinions and provide information to the council. Comments presented during the public comment period should be on city-related issues and should not address items which have already been heard by a Hearings Official, items on the present agenda as a public hearing item, or items related to a quasi-judicial matter after the official record has been closed.

BACKGROUND

Per City Council's operating agreement, speakers at the public comment period will be limited to two and a half minutes and the total time will be limited to 90 minutes total. Speakers will be randomized, with persons who did not speak at the previous Public Comment prioritized ahead of persons who did speak at the previous Public Comment. Official representatives of Boards, Commissions, and Neighborhood associations will be prioritized during Public Comment ahead of other randomized speakers. No persons will be allowed to submit a "Request to Speak" form more than 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Persons wishing to speak must sign up to do so no later than 5 minutes after the meeting has been opened by the Mayor or presiding officer.

At the end of the public comment period each member of the Council has the opportunity to respond to comments made. The time allocated to each member of the Council for such responses shall be up to three minutes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Staff Contact: Rosa Roach, City Council Coordinator
Phone: 541-682-8497
Staff E-Mail: rroach@eugene-or.gov