

MINUTES

**Eugene Budget Committee
Bascom-Tykeson Room, 100 West 10th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**June 5, 2013
5:30 p.m.**

Committee Members Present: City Council Members George Brown, Betty Taylor, Mike Clark, Alan Zelenka, George Poling, Clair Syrett, Greg Evans, Chris Pryor; Budget Committee Citizen Members Laura Illig (Chair), Mark Rust (Vice-Chair), Ken Beeson, Robert Clarke, Chelsea Clinton, Doug Smith, Jill Fetherstonhaugh, Marshall Wilde (*via conference phone*)

Committee Members Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Illig called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

I. PUBLIC HEARING ON FY14 BUDGET

1. *Cecilia Zerr* – spoke in favor of keeping Sheldon Pool open using one-time funds and urged the Committee to keep branch libraries, community outreach services, and the police services intact.
2. *Dawn Lesley* – advocated for the benefits of investing in sustainability.
3. *“Raging Grannies”* – a group of women provided testimony via song related to safety of citizens and helping the homeless.
4. *Abby Schwarte* – supported continued funding for Sheldon Pool.
5. *Heather Morrell* – spoke in favor of continued funding for Sheldon Pool and other City services.
6. *Leslie Cromwell* – requested the Committee continue funding for Sheldon Pool.
7. *Kathi Jaworski* – commended the City’s Sustainability Department, and asked the Committee to extend the budget for a period of time to allow for proper budget discussions.
8. *Paul Keppo* – voiced concern of the FY14 proposed budget and believed there is a way for the City to close down services without incurring a cost to do so.
9. *Sophia Lauf* – supported continued funding for Sheldon Pool.
10. *Jan Aho* – applauded the Committee for discussing restoration of funding to the Human Services Commission.
11. *Cindy Clarke*, President of AFSCME Local 1722 – urged the Committee to review the e-mail she sent to the Committee, and to look at the number of management positions remaining in the budget, in addition to the supervisor to employee ratios City-wide.
12. *Tim Cling* – supported funding for Sheldon Pool.
13. *Jon Hofer* – spoke about the Airport Fund, and advised the Committee to consider making it a public utility, EWEB, or an authority, such as Portland International Airport.
14. *Mike Ahten* – pleased the Committee listened to the community, and urged the Committee to give the funding issues the time and attention they deserve to develop a longer term solution.
15. *Adam Zawiclucha* – asked the Committee to not close Sheldon Pool.
16. *Mike Barnebey*, President of IAFF Local 851 – pleased with the decision by the Committee to fully fund the services on the cut list utilizing one-time funds.
17. *Andy Nonnenmacher* – advocated for continued funding of the CAHOOTS program.
18. *John Barofsky* – noted the Committee had to wait until after the May election to begin discussions on the FY14 proposed budget.

19. *Zachary Vishanoff* – requested the Police Commission meetings return to downtown, instead of Police headquarters on Country Club Road, as well as the Budget Committee looking at issues outside of the budget, such as building or bridge structural integrity issues.
20. *Chuck Gerard* – thanked the Budget Committee for their work on behalf of all voiceless citizens, and for continued funding of social services.
21. *Tom Mulhern* – commended the Committee for their proposal surrounding continued funding for the Human Services Commission.
22. *Steve Coatsworth* – requested the Committee continue funding CAHOOTS, White Bird, and outdoor program services in the future.
23. *Sid Davidson* – supported continued funding for CAHOOTS, White Bird and Sheldon Pool services, and urged the Committee to find a long term funding solution.

II. BREAK

III. COMMITTEE DELIBERATION AND ACTION

Chair Illig called the meeting back to order at 6:33 p.m. Mr. Wilde joined the meeting via conference phone.

MOTION: Councilor Clark, seconded by Mr. Clarke, moved:

That the Budget Committee recommend the following to City Council:

1. Fund FY14 budget with City Manager’s recommended cuts restored for one year by the following:
 - \$1.1 million, PERS savings
 - \$1.7 million, City Hall Facility Reserve
 - \$2.5 million, Reserve for Revenue Shortfall (RRSF)
2. Budget Committee shall make strong recommendations to Council to set up to six meetings with Budget Committee prior to December 31, 2013 to formulate a long term sustainable financial strategy for the City.
3. Budget shall include restored funding to Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority (LRAPA), \$30,000 from the General Fund and \$25,000 in-kind.
4. Request that the Chair of the Budget Committee, the Mayor, the Council President and the City Manager develop a proposed process for the additional Budget Committee meetings that would be held after the FY14 budget is adopted.

MOTION: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to amend the motion to delete the portion on using City Hall Facility Reserves, instead using RRSF funds.

Budget Committee Discussion:

- The City Council passed a motion three years ago stating no funds would be removed from the City Hall Fund.
- There is a policy in place to build a new city hall, and there has been no change in the City Council’s commitment to build a new city hall.
- The community is concerned that a given service is funded, not the source of the funding.

VOTE on Councilor Taylor’s amendment: PASSED: 9:7 Councilors Clark, Evans, Brown, Mr. Rust, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wilde voting no.

VOTE on Councilor Clark’s motion as amended: PASSED: 12:4 Councilors Zelenka, Poling, Mr. Rust, Ms. Fetherstonhaugh voting no.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mr. Smith, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to:

1. Take the FY14 service reduction transition costs in the amount of \$2,752,870 out of the FY14 General Fund operating budget and place these funds into the Reserve for Revenue Shortfall.
 2. Reduce the Reserve for Revenue Shortfall by \$250,000 and increase the Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance (UEFB) by the same amount in order to ensure compliance with the City Council policy of budgeting UEFB at two months of expenditures.
- MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to restore \$175,000 to the Human Services Fund from Reserve for Revenue Shortfall.

Budget Committee Discussion:

- The proposed budget would ensure the City's full share of funding for Buckley House. The additional \$175,000 for the Human Services Commission, if the motion passed, would go to the Commission for their board to decide how to distribute the funds.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mr. Clarke, seconded by Vice-Chair Rust, moved to extend to meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

- Human Services funding should be a topic of discussion that will occur over the next six months.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to call the question. MOTION CARRIED.

VOTE on the motion to restore \$175,000 to the Human Services Fund from Reserve for Revenue Shortfall. PASSED 9:7, Councilors Taylor, Zelenka, Clark, Poling, Mr. Rust, Mr. Clarke, Ms. Fetherstonhaugh opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Ms. Clinton, moved that the Budget Committee recommend to the Eugene City Council the FY14 Budget for the City of Eugene that consists of the City Manager's Proposed FY14 Budget, including the property tax levies and/or rates contained therein, amended to reflect appropriations for prior year encumbrances and prior year capital projects, and the budget amendments previously passed by the Budget Committee. PASSED 15:1, Councilor Poling opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved that the Budget Committee recommend to the Eugene City Council, acting as the Urban Renewal Agency Board of Directors, the FY14 Budget for the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency that consists of the City Manager's FY14 Proposed Budget, including the property tax levies and/or rates contained therein, amended to reflect appropriations for prior year encumbrances and prior year capital projects. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Smith has completed his final meeting as a member of the Budget Committee. He thanked the Committee and the staff for all of their work.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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