



**Eugene Central Services
Finance**

A G E N D A
EUGENE BUDGET COMMITTEE
Monday, September 23, 2013
Lane County Public Service Building, Harris Hall
125 E 8th Avenue, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- 5:30 – 5:45 p.m. I. Community Meetings Plan
Meeting dates, locations and details will be presented with an opportunity for members to commit to participation.
Mia Cariaga, City Manager's Office
- 5:45 – 6:00 p.m. II. Council Goals Update
City Manager Ruiz will provide an update on the Council Goals discussion on September 18.
Jon Ruiz, City Manager
- 6:00 - 6:15 p.m. III. Council Goals Discussion
City Councilors will have an opportunity to share their thoughts, and citizen members may ask questions or make comments.
Laura Illig, Chair
- 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. IV. Policy Discussion
Members will discuss the policy question: Should we balance services or prioritize them? With either approach, how do we make decisions that achieve Council Goals and have the least impact on the community?
Laura Illig, Chair

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 14, 2013, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Lane County Public Service Building, Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Avenue

The City of Eugene is committed to access for all participants. All events are held in wheelchair accessible rooms. For individuals who are hearing impaired, an interpreter, note taker or FM assistive listening system (if available) can be provided with three business days' notice prior to the event. Materials can be made available in alternate formats if requested in advance and are available on the City's website at www.eugene-or.gov/budget. To arrange for services or for more information about the session, please contact the Finance Division at (541) 682-5022.

The City Council adopts goals that provide major policy direction for budget allocations and service delivery. The City Council adopted the following vision and goals in spring 2009.

VISION

Value all people, encouraging respect and appreciation for diversity, equity, justice, and social well-being. We recognize and appreciate our differences and embrace our common humanity as the source of our strength; Be responsible stewards of our physical assets and natural resources. We will sustain our clean air and water, beautiful parks and open spaces, livable and safe neighborhoods, and foster a vibrant downtown, including a stable infrastructure;

Encourage a strong, sustainable and vibrant economy, fully utilizing our educational and cultural assets, so that every person has an opportunity to achieve financial security.

GOALS AND OUTCOMES

Safe Community

A community where all people are safe, valued and welcome.

- **Decreased property crime**
- **Greater sense of safety (especially downtown)**
- **Visible and accessible police presence**
- **Better police/community relations**

Sustainable Development

A community that meets its present environmental, economic and social needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

- **Increased downtown development**
- **Strategic job creation/decreased unemployment**
- **Support for small and local business**
- **Decision-making that weighs economic, social equity and environmental (triple bottom line) effects**

Accessible and Thriving Culture and Recreation

A community where arts and outdoors are integral to our social and economic well-being and are available to all.

- **Accessible to all incomes**
- **Preserve strength in arts and outdoors**
- **Invest in arts and culture as an economic engine**

Effective, Accountable Municipal Government

A government that works openly, collaboratively, and fairly with the community to achieve measurable and positive outcomes and provide effective, efficient services.

- **Transparent and interactive community**
- **Public engagement that involves the community broadly**
- **Stronger partnership between government entities**

Fair, Stable and Adequate Financial Resources

A government whose ongoing financial resources are based on a fair and equitable system of revenues and are adequate to maintain and deliver municipal services.

- **A long-term sustainable budget**
- **New or expanded revenue sources**
- **Accessible and transparent financial information**

The citizens of Eugene are the most important part of the City organization. Councilors are elected by the citizens to represent their interests on the Council, and City services are directed to meet their needs. Public hearings are routinely held so that citizens can contribute to the planning and budgeting process of the City.

Another way for citizens to have input in how the City is governed is through the City's advisory groups. The City of Eugene uses three types of advisory groups. The first is the standing committee. The Mayor and City Council appoint citizens to serve on six standing committees: the Budget Committee, the Human Rights Commission, the Planning Commission, the Police Commission, the Civilian Review Board, and the Sustainability Commission. These committees make recommendations to the City Council on policy issues and advise City staff on certain operational matters.

The second type of advisory group is the ad hoc committee. The City Council appoints ad hoc committees to study and make recommendations on specific issues. These committees disband when the assigned task is completed.

The City's third type of advisory group is the departmental advisory committee. These groups are formed on an as-needed basis to develop recommendations for City staff. Members of these groups are appointed by City staff, work on one issue and meet for a limited period of time.

To insure a wide range of viewpoints on departmental advisory committees, members are selected from three pools. The special interest pool is made up of people with technical expertise or other previous involvement on the issue. The neighborhood pool is comprised of representatives from Eugene's neighborhood organizations. The voter pool is a randomly generated list of registered voters who have expressed a willingness to serve on advisory committees.