

MINUTES

Eugene Budget Committee
Bascom-Tykeson Room—Eugene Public Library
100 West 10th Avenue—Eugene, Oregon

April 25, 2012
7 p.m.

PRESENT: Claire Syrett, Chair; John Barofsky, Ken Beeson, George Brown, Chelsea Clinton, Pat Farr, Laura Illig, Andrea Ortiz, George Poling, Chris Pryor, Mark Rust, Doug Smith, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, members; Mayor Kitty Piercy; City Manager Jon Ruiz; Assistant City Manager/Planning and Development Director Sarah Medary; City Attorney Glenn Klein; Central Services Director Kristie Hammitt; Public Works Director Kurt Corey; Library, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director Renee Grube; Mia Cariaga, Sue Cut-sogearge, Pavel Gubanikhin, Larry Hill, Jeff Perry, Central Services Department; Scott Luell, Planning and Development Department; Mike Magee, Library, Recreation, and Cultural Services; Lori Kievith, Police Department; Robert Tintle, Public Works Department; Joe Zaludek, Fire and EMS Department.

ABSENT: Shanda Miller, Vice Chair; Mike Clark, members.

I. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Mr. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Farr, moved that, in lieu of the motion approved by the Budget Committee on April 18 concerning the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA), to amend the proposed budget as follows:

(1) Reduce the Council contingency by \$31,000 to fund the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) [this would leave \$47,000 in the Council contingency]; and

(2) Allocate to LRAPA \$30,000 from the savings resulting from the temporary closing of Sheldon Pool with another \$25,000 provided through in-kind contributions, contingent on *pro rata* participation by Lane County and Springfield. If the City is unable to provide the in-kind contribution to LRAPA, then the city manager will propose funding that \$25,000 as part of Supplemental Budget #1.

Responding to a question from Mr. Barofsky, Ms. Ortiz indicated that Lane County and the City of Springfield were hoping to make in-kind contributions.

The motion passed unanimously, 14:0.

Mr. Barofsky, seconded by Ms. Syrett, moved to recommend to the City Council that \$100,000 of the fiscal year (FY) 2013 marginal beginning working capital (MBWC) in the General Fund, after the \$900,000 transfer to the General Capital Projects Fund is transferred to the parks department as a onetime allotment for operations and maintenance.

Mr. Barofsky spoke in support of the motion, saying the fund in question was somewhat challenged and faced additional challenges created by the March 20 snowstorm, which damaged many trees. He believed it also maintained the committee's previous commitment to funding operations and maintenance.

Committee members asked questions clarifying the amount in the fund, the amount traditionally spent on operations and maintenance, and the type of maintenance that would be funded.

Mr. Zelenka supported the motion as a good start and said more funding was needed.

Mr. Rust asked if the City was still acquiring park land. City Manager Ruiz said yes. There was still money from the parks and open space bond passed by the voters but it could only be used for land acquisition and not for operations and maintenance.

The motion passed unanimously, 14:0.

Mr. Barofsky provided an overview of his second suggested motion, which was to recommend to the City Manager that if the \$85,000 of General Fund money allocated to the Road Fund was still available that staff work with Lane County for a possible swap of unrestricted General Fund money for restricted Lane County Road Fund money to help fund County needs that are important to the citizens of Eugene, such as the District Attorney's Office or Medical Examiner.

Committee members discussed Mr. Barofsky's proposal and the many competing service needs that existed. There was no consensus for the idea. Mr. Barofsky suggested the concept was something for the council to consider.

Ms. Syrett reviewed the budget changes made by the committee.

Mr. Poling, seconded by Mr. Barofsky, moved that the Budget Committee recommend to the Eugene City Council the FY13 budget for the City of Eugene that consists of the City Manager's proposed FY13 budget, including the property tax levies and/or rates contained therein, amended to reflect appropriations for the prior year encumbrances and prior year capital projects and the amendments previously approved by the Budget Committee. The motion passed 13:1; Mr. Brown voting no.

Mr. Poling, seconded by Mr. Barofsky, moved that the Budget committee recommend to the Eugene City Council acting as the Urban Renewal Agency Board of Directors the FY13 Budget for the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency that consists of the City Manager's proposed FY13 budget, including the property tax levies and/or rates contained therein, amended to reflect appropriations for the prior year encumbrances and prior year capital projects. The motion passed unanimously, 14:0.

Committee members debriefed the budget review process. Committee members were generally satisfied with the process. Mr. Poling expressed concern about back-to-back meetings because of the challenge it presented to both staff and committee members as it regarded time for staff to prepare responses to committee questions and the time it required for committee members to digest the responses. Mr. Pryor expressed a preference for more, shorter meetings. Mr. Barofsky appreciated that the committee was brought into the staff analysis process at an earlier stage. However, he was concerned about the accelerated time frame because it resulted in the committee was taking action on the City's budget before other local government agencies were considering theirs, making it difficult to know what overlapping needs might exist and how they could be funded cooperatively. Ms. Illig concurred with Mr. Barofsky and

suggested that if the committee was going to start its work earlier it needed to know what alternative services structures might look like earlier. She also concurred with Mr. Pryor about the length of meetings.

Several committee members acknowledged it would have been good to have more time for the review process and they would have benefitted from having the full budget document as their disposal.

Ms. Syrett acknowledged that she, Mr. Barofsky, and Ms. Miller were leaving the committee. Ms. Syrett and Mr. Barofsky thanked staff and the committee. Committee members thanked Ms. Syrett and Mr. Barofsky for their service to the City of Eugene.

The committee briefly discussed committee leadership given the pending departure of both Ms. Syrett and Ms. Miller. Mr. Rust indicated interest in committee leadership and in serving as the committee's representative to the Human Services Commission.

ADJOURN

Ms. Syrett adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

(Recorded by Kimberly Young)

FY13 Budget Committee Motions

Motion Passed

			FY13 Budget Changes						
#	Source	Motion	Revenue Change	Expenditure Change	Net Amount	1X\$	Vote	Opposed and Abstain Votes; Absent Members	Notes
1	Syrett	Move to recommend restoring \$175,000 in funding of budget strategy #6 to the Human Services Commission on a one-time basis and identify Opportunity Eugene funding from another source.	\$0	\$175,000	\$175,000	1X\$	14-1, passed	<u>Opposed:</u> Rust. <u>Absent:</u> Clark.	No net increase in FY13 approved budget, because the alternate funding source for Opportunity Eugene has not been identified yet.
2	Poling	Move to reallocate \$65,000 from the unspent one-time money that was earmarked for Occupy Eugene back to animal services.	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0	1X\$	13-2, passed	<u>Opposed:</u> Illig, Rust. <u>Absent:</u> Clark.	FY13 revenue increase is the beginning working capital increase associated with the unspent FY12 Occupy Eugene funds.
3	Ortiz	Move to allocate \$317,000 out of the Reserve for Revenue Shortfall to fund one-time dollars to keep the second fire company open at Fire Station #2.	\$0	\$317,000	\$317,000	1X\$	10-5, passed	<u>Opposed:</u> Barofsky, Illig, Poling, Smith. <u>Absent:</u> Clark.	
4	Farr	Move to instruct the City Manager to prepare Library reduction alternative #1 in the final budget.	\$0	\$0	\$0		2-13, failed	<u>Opposed:</u> Barofsky, Beeson, Brown, Clinton, Illig, Miller, Poling, Pryor, Rust, Smith, Syrett, Taylor, Zelenka. <u>Absent:</u> Clark.	
5	Brown	Move to allocate \$152,000 out of the Reserve for Revenue Shortfall to restore one-time funding for LRAPA.	\$0	\$0	\$0		2-13, failed	<u>Opposed:</u> Barofsky, Beeson, Farr, Clinton, Illig, Miller, Ortiz, Poling, Pryor, Rust, Smith, Syrett, Zelenka. <u>Absent:</u> Clark.	
6	Ortiz	Move to restore \$55,000 in LRAPA support, with \$25,000 to come from the Council Contingency and \$30,000 from in-kind contributions or from Sheldon Pool closure savings.	\$0	\$0	\$0	1X\$	11-4, passed	<u>Opposed:</u> Beeson, Brown, Rust, Smith. <u>Absent:</u> Clark.	This motion was subsequently replaced with Motion #8.
7	Brown	Move to allocate \$31,000 from the Reserve for Revenue Shortfall to LCOG.	\$0	\$0	\$0		4-11, failed	<u>Opposed:</u> Brown, Syrett, Taylor, Zelenka. <u>Absent:</u> Clark.	

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8	Pryor	In lieu of the motion approved by the Budget Committee on April 18, 2012, concerning LRAPA, I move to amend the proposed budget as follows: (1) Reduce the council contingency by \$31,000 to fund LCOG (this would leave \$47,000 remaining in the Council contingency); and (2) Allocate to LRAPA \$30,000 from the savings resulting from the temporary closing of Sheldon Pool with another \$25,000 provided through in-kind contributions, contingent on pro rata participation by Lane County and Springfield. If the City is unable to provide the in-kind contribution to LRAPA, then the City Manager will propose funding that \$25,000 as part of Supplemental Budget #1.	\$0	\$0	\$0	1X\$	14-0, passed	<u>Opposed:</u> none. <u>Absent:</u> Clark, Miller.	No net increase in expenditures; the partial restoration of LCOG and LRAPA dues is offset by a reduction in LRCS facility rates and the Council Contingency.
9	Barofsky	Move to recommend to the City Council that \$100,000 of the FY13 marginal beginning working capital (MBWC) in the General Fund, after the \$900,000 transfer to the General Capital Projects Fund, is transferred to the Public Works Department as a one-time allotment for Parks operations and maintenance.	\$0	\$0	\$0	1X\$	14-0, passed	<u>Opposed:</u> none. <u>Absent:</u> Clark, Miller.	No net increase in expenditures, as this motion does not amend the FY13 approved budget.
10	Poling	Move that the Budget Committee recommend to the Eugene City Council the FY13 Budget for the City of Eugene that consists of the City Manager's Proposed FY13 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 following amendments: [See approved motions above] .	N/A	N/A	N/A		13-1, passed	<u>Opposed:</u> Brown. <u>Absent:</u> Clark, Miller.	
11	Poling	Move that the Budget Committee recommend to the Eugene City Council, acting as the Urban Renewal Agency Board of Directors, the FY13 Budget for the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency that consists of the City Manager's FY13 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, and the following amendments: [None] .	N/A	N/A	N/A		14-0, passed	<u>Opposed:</u> none. <u>Absent:</u> Clark, Miller.	
Total Budget Committee Approved FY13 General Fund Ongoing Motions			\$0	\$0	\$0				
Total Budget Committee Approved FY13 General Fund 1X\$ Motions			\$65,000	\$557,000	\$492,000				