

MINUTES

**Eugene Budget Committee
Harris Hall, 125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**October 14, 2013
5:30 p.m.**

Committee Members Present: City Council Members George Brown, Betty Taylor, Mike Clark, Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor, Alan Zelenka, Greg Evans, George Poling; Budget Committee Citizen Members Laura Illig (Chair), Ken Beeson, Robert Clarke, Chelsea Clinton, Will Shaver, Jill Fetherstonhaugh, Marshall Wilde

Committee Members Absent: Budget Committee Citizen Member Mark Rust

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. UPDATE ON PROGRESS AND UPCOMING MEETINGS

Chair Illig thanked the Finance Investigative Team (FIT) members for their dedication, and time spent helping with the budget process.

Mia Cariaga, City Manager's Office, provided Committee members with the final schedule and information relating to the Budget Committee Community Workshops occurring at local high-schools through the month of October.

Kristie Hammitt, Central Services Executive Director, provided a brief update on the work the FIT Team has completed, and what remains to be discussed. There are 31 items the Team has been working through. There are two meetings left, October 17th and October 22nd, for the Team to complete their work, which will be presented in summary format to the Budget Committee at a later date.

II. REVIEW FY14 PROPOSED BUDGET REDUCTION DECISION MATRIX

City Manager Jon Ruiz presented slide materials pertaining to the FY14 Proposed Service Reductions, discussing the six criteria that were utilized:

- Remaining funded services represented a balance of items designed to address all of the Council goals.
- They can be reduced rather than eliminated.
- They could realistically be provided by others, albeit at reduced levels or access.
- They could be efficiently restored if funding becomes available.
- Services that pay for themselves are not included, such as athletics.
- Services that cannot practically be provided by somebody else are not included, such as adaptive recreation.

Councilor Zelenka arrived at 5:54 p.m.

Budget Committee Discussion:

- Members of the Committee shared their thoughts and made comments on the proposed service reductions matrix for FY14 and the criteria used.

III. POLICY DISCUSSION – ASSET MAINTENANCE

Kurt Corey, Public Works Director, presented slides to the Committee on the City's asset maintenance objectives, and information on current gaps in funding for asset maintenance activities.

Budget Committee Discussion:

- Committee members discussed the policy question, "How should maintenance of our assets fit into a sustainable budget and be weighed against other service priorities?"

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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