

MINUTES

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

**April 29, 2014
5:30 p.m.**

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

Committee Members Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. CITY MANAGER'S FY15 PROPOSED BUDGET

City Manager Jon Ruiz presented the FY15 Proposed Budget to the Budget Committee. During the presentation, the City Manager provided General Fund budget strategies that would close a \$2.5 million budget gap - the same items shown to the Committee on March 5, 2014 - with one change being the addition of one-time funding for Track Town.

FY15 Proposed Budget Strategies		
Proposed Ongoing Reductions	FTE	Amount
Downtown Library Reduction in Hours	4.45	\$344,000
Community Events Transfer to Cultural Services Fund	0	\$50,000
Recreation Services Fee Increase and Service Reductions	0	\$200,000
Transfer Stormwater Services to Stormwater Fund	0*	\$605,000
Central Services Travel, Memberships & Miscellaneous	0	\$95,000
Equity, Human Rights, Neighborhoods & Sustainability	3.0	\$350,000
Parks Maintenance	2.0	\$300,000
Total	9.45	\$1,944,000
Proposed One-Time Funding		
Sheldon Branch Library	2.55	\$306,000
Human Services Commission Discretionary Payment	0	\$250,000
Track Town Funding	0	\$200,000
Total	2.55	\$756,000
Proposed Ongoing Funding	FTE	Amount
LRAPA	0	\$30,000

**5.81 FTE transferred from the General Fund to the Stormwater Fund*
Councilor Zelenka arrived at 5:34 p.m. Councilor Clark arrived at 5:38 p.m.

Twylla Miller, Senior Financial Analyst, presented information to the Committee on the General Fund and General Fund forecast. Under the current forecast, which is a snapshot in time with many factors influencing it, the City expects expenditures to be slightly above revenues. Over the forecast period, the City expects to be significantly short of reserve levels. It will be important to identify future one time dollars to add back to the reserve to stabilize savings and maintain the City's bond rating.

II. DISCUSSION

Chair Illig announced the Budget Committee's formal deliberations would take place on Thursday, May 1. She asked any members considering a motion to inform the Committee tonight. Councilor Poling indicated he may put out a motion asking for the Budget Committee to request the Council to fund library services by placing a ballot measure for public vote on the November, 2014 ballot.

Chair Illig announced the Budget Committee will meet on May 1 to hear public testimony on the FY15 Proposed Budget, as well as continue deliberations.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Mumme,
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