

MINUTES

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

**February 11, 2015
5:30 p.m.**

Committee Members Present: City Council Members George Brown, Greg Evans, George Poling, Chris Pryor, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka; Budget Committee Citizen Members Laura Illig (Chair), Ken Beeson (Vice-Chair), Bob Clarke, Chelsea Clinton, Jill Fetherstonhaugh, Will Shaver, Joshua Skov, Marty Wilde

Committee Members Absent: City Council Members Mike Clark, Claire Syrett

CALL TO ORDER

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

Councilor Brown arrived at 5:32 p.m.

I. BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTION

Chair Illig asked the Committee for Budget Committee Chair nominations.

MOTION: Mr. Wilde, seconded by Mr. Beeson, moved to re-elect Chair Illig as Budget Committee Chair.

MOTION: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to elect Mr. Beeson as Budget Committee Chair.

Mr. Beeson and Chair Illig briefly spoke as to why they would be successful as chair-person.

VOTE: The vote was called for the motion nominating Mr. Beeson as chair. FAILED 1:13, Councilor Poling in favor.

VOTE: The vote was called for the motion calling for the re-election of Chair Illig. PASSED 13:1, Councilor Poling opposed.

Chair Illig asked the Committee for Budget Committee Vice-Chair nominations.

Ms. Clinton, Mr. Beeson and Mr. Skov expressed interest. After Ms. Clinton and Mr. Beeson spoke to their interest in the vice-chair position, Mr. Skov asked to be removed from further consideration.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mr. Wilde, seconded by Ms. Fetherstonhaugh, moved to elect Ms. Clinton as Budget Committee Vice-Chair. MOTION FAILED.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mr. Clarke, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to elect Mr. Beeson as Budget Committee Vice-Chair. MOTION PASSED.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

The Budget Committee received past meeting minutes for review and approval. The minutes pending approval were for the following meetings: November 12, 2013; November 25, 2013; December 3, 2013; December 9, 2013; January 21, 2014; January 28, 2014; February 26, 2014; March 5, 2014; April 29, 2014, and May 1, 2014.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to approve the minutes as described above. PASSED 14:0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. *Alexis Biddle* – attends the University of Oregon and a daily biker. Encouraged the Committee to prioritize funding for the 13th Avenue protected bike lane project.
2. *Janice Howard* – volunteer dog walker at the First Avenue Shelter. Expressed concern about the current shelter, and urged the Committee to build a new public animal shelter.
3. *Misha English* – volunteers at First Avenue Shelter for nearly 3 years. Spoke of inadequacies of the shelter due to space and heating concerns, and encouraged the Committee to fund a new animal shelter.

IV. FY16 BUDGET OUTLOOK

City Manager Jon Ruiz provided the Committee with an update on the FY16 budget outlook. There is not a budget gap for FY16. Beginning in 2008, there was a million dollar budget gap, and a policy decision by City Council to absorb the Library Levy, approximately five million dollars, into the general fund. The recession began, the Eugene economy flattened, and Hynix closed. The City eliminated thirty million dollars in ongoing expenses that aided in achieving a stable budget. The City's goal is to have a reserve balance of 8%. In FY16, the forecast period showed revenues exceed expenditures, and the City could achieve a 3-4% savings rate, while adding back the Sheldon Branch Library as an ongoing expense.

V. STAFF PRESENTATION ON THE DRAFT FY16-21 CIP

Twylla Miller (Finance), Mark Schoening (Public Works), and Jeff Perry (Facilities) provided an overview of the draft Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY16-21. The City prepares a draft CIP biannually. The draft CIP includes projects that will be funded in FY16-21, and includes unfunded projects during this period. The Budget Committee and Council will review, and potentially modify, the CIP, which will become the Capital budget that will come before the Committee later this spring.

The Committee also received a draft list of Multi-Year Financial Plan (MYFP) projects. The MYFYP is developed biannually and includes a comprehensive inventory of unfunded opportunities and challenges. The MYFP includes unfunded costs for capital, ongoing operational, and maintenance projects. There is overlap between the CIP and MYFP. The MYFP includes some placeholder projects with the cost of \$1 noted. They are included in the MYFP because they are a known future need. The complete MYFP with detailed project pages will be made available to the Budget Committee later this spring.

Public testimony and adoption of the CIP and MYFP will occur at City Council on March 9, 2015.

The committee adjourned for a break at 7:04 p.m. and reconvened at 7:11 p.m.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mr. Clarke, seconded by Councilor Poling, moves to approve the CIP as presented by City staff. PASSED 12:0 (Councilors Evans and Pryor were absent for the vote).

VI. NEXT STEPS

Chair Illig informed the Committee that a memo from Finance staff would be passed out with upcoming Budget Committee Meeting dates for the FY16 Proposed Budget. The dates are currently scheduled as follows:

- City Manager's Presentation of the FY16 Proposed Budget
Wednesday, April 29, 2015, 6 p.m., Bascom/Tykeson Room, Downtown Library
- Budget Committee Deliberations
Tuesday, May 5, 2015, 5:30 p.m., Bascom/Tykeson Room, Downtown Library
- Budget Committee Deliberations
Tuesday, May 12, 2015, 5:30 p.m., Bascom/Tykeson Room, Downtown Library

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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