

MINUTES

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

**May 12, 2015
5:30 p.m.**

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

Committee Members Absent: None.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Illig called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

I. PUBLIC HEARING ON FY16 PROPOSED BUDGET

1. *Deb Jones* – Representative, and co-chair, to the Neighborhood Leaders Council. Supports reinstating \$55,000 to neighborhood outreach communication and match grant programs.
2. *James Tapp* – Spoke against the proposed HACSA/Sponsors’ project at Acorn Park/Oak Patch.
3. *Josephine Tapp* – Is opposed to the proposed HACSA/Sponsors’ project at Acorn Park/Oak Patch.
4. *David Mason* – Urged the Committee to restore the funds to the Neighborhood program.
5. *Joshua Gillock* – Spoke in opposition to the proposed HACSA/Sponsors’ project at Acorn Park/Oak Patch.
6. *Jennifer Radke* – Representing the new Far West Neighborhood Board. Supports funding for neighborhood communication outreach and matching grants. Opposes the HACSA/Sponsors’ project.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

The Budget Committee received past meeting minutes for review and approval. The minutes pending approval were for the following meeting: May 5, 2015.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Mr. Clarke, moved to approve the minutes as described above. PASSED 16:0.

City Manager Jon Ruiz provided information on the HACSA/Sponsors’ project mentioned during the Public Hearing. There is no funding in the FY16 Proposed Budget related to any part of the project. If HACSA/Sponsors’ asks for the City’s support, it would first need to go through the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

III. COMMITTEE DELIBERATION AND ACTION ON FY16 PROPOSED BUDGET

MOTION: Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to transfer \$55K from the reserve account for large property tax appeals to Neighborhood Services for newsletter outreach and for matching grants, and to direct the City Manager to restore said reserve account using the Marginal

Beginning Working Capital (MBWC) in Supplemental Budget #1 after the capital transfer and any other prearranged expenditures are accounted for.

The Committee deliberated on the proposed motion. Citizen Member Bob Clarke announced a conflict of interest on this motion, and withdrew from debate and voting related to Councilor Brown's motion.

VOTE: PASSED 12:3, Citizen Members Fetherstonhaugh, Skov, and Councilor Poling opposed; Citizen Member Clarke abstains.

Citizen Member Will Shaver requested background information on the e-mail the Committee received from Peter Ruffier, concerning the use of Stormwater/Wastewater utility funds to offset a portion of the cost of City Hall. Public Works Director, Kurt Corey, provided background on the use of Public Works funds, describing the expenditure as an agreed upon opportunity to save the City money and potentially reduce Public Works leasing costs. The fourth floor add-on of the new City Hall would be more cost effective, if completed with the help of Public Works contributions, at the time of the building's construction. The proposal is to use \$135,000 per year from each of the four dedicated Public Works funds (Stormwater Fund, Wastewater Fund, Road Fund, and the Professional Services Fund) over a period of five years to help pay for the fourth floor space in the City Hall project (Phase 1 or later phase), which may or may not reduce costs for Public Works staff. These four funds are currently used to pay for leased space in downtown Eugene for Public Works staff.

The Committee returned to discussion on the FY16 Proposed Budget.

MOTION: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved that the Budget Committee recommend to the Eugene City Council the FY16 Budget for the City of Eugene that consists of the City Manager's Proposed FY16 Budget, including the property tax levies and/or rates contained therein, amended to reflect appropriations for prior year encumbrances and prior year capital projects, with the following amendments:

- transfer \$55K from the reserve account for large property tax appeals to Neighborhood Services for newsletter outreach and for matching grants, and
- direct the City Manager to restore said reserve account using the Marginal Beginning Working Capital (MBWC) in Supplemental Budget #1 after the capital transfer and any other prearranged expenditures are accounted for.

The Committee discussed the motion.

VOTE: PASSED 16:0.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Evans moved that the Budget Committee recommend to the Eugene City Council, acting as the Urban Renewal Agency Board of Directors, the FY16 Budget for the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency that consists of the City Manager's FY16 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. PASSED 16:0.

Chair Illig thanked the Committee for their work, and reminded the Committee there may be a meeting in the Fall, 2015 to review the Multi-Year Financial Plan.

III. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Chair Illig thanked the two Budget Committee Citizen Members who have terms expiring on June 30, 2015, Marty Wilde and Bob Clarke. An award was provided to them.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Mumme
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