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

April 24, 2019
5:30pm

Committee Members Present: City Council Members Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Chris Pryor, Emily Semple, Claire Syrett, Betty Taylor, Jennifer Yeh; Budget Committee Citizen Members Jon Jasper (Vice Chair), Eliza Kashinsky, Ryan Moore, Scott Nowicki (Chair), Tai Pruce-Zimmerman, Alicia Voorhees

Committee Members Absent: City Council Member Alan Zelenka; Budget Committee Citizen Member Shaun Londahl

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. Welcome

Chair Nowicki welcomed the Budget Committee members and went over the agenda for the evening. Jamie Garner, Budget and Analysis Manager (AIC), introduced “Eugene’s Budget at Work,” a video that highlights the current fiscal year’s investments that were made possible by City Council, the Budget Committee, the community and staff.

II. City Manager’s FY20 Proposed Budget and Unfunded Needs Assessment

City Manager Jon Ruiz presented the FY20 Proposed Budget. He reported that the City’s overall budget is stable, and that the City is living within its means. He characterized this year’s budget as a “bridge year,” explaining that the City has built a foundation of fiscal stability and is able to build a future where possibilities are becoming a reality. He highlighted results on keystone projects that will shape the community for decades to come and discussed work the City is doing for community safety, livability, engagement and infrastructure.

Maurizio Bottalico, Senior Financial Analyst, provided an overview of the General Fund, which is the City’s largest fund (representing one-third of the City’s total budget) and is tied closely to the City’s fiscal health. He explained that the General Fund operating budget is increasing more than the total of all funds due to a greater share of personnel costs compared to other funds. He then explained the variables that staff monitor as part of the General Fund Forecast. Lastly, he described the projected budget gap starting in FY22 and areas of uncertainty.

Jamie Garner, Budget and Analysis Manager (AIC), provided a background on the Unfunded Needs Assessment (UNA) and its purpose. She explained that the 2019 UNA categories include three City Council areas of focus, which are Housing and Homelessness, Climate Recovery Ordinance, and Community Safety Initiative. She also briefly described a number of strategic investments in the

community included in the FY20 General Fund budget. These investments generally fall into three categories: public safety, livability and community engagement. She also noted how the City does not work alone, highlighting some of the City's important partners.

III. Break

Chair Nowicki called for the Committee to be in recess for a break at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Nowicki called the meeting back to order at 6:40 p.m.

IV. Budget Committee Discussion

Chair Nowicki invited each Budget Committee member to provide three minutes of comments or feedback on the FY20 Proposed Budget in a round robin format. Budget Committee members asked some clarifying questions and stated their priorities related to the FY20 Proposed Budget and presentation.

After each of the Committee members had the opportunity to speak, Chair Nowicki opened the queue for questions and further discussion.

V. Wrap Up and Next Steps

Chair Nowicki reminded the Committee of their subsequent meetings on May 8th, May 15th, May 22nd and May 29th. He also went over motion procedures. Motions are due by May 22nd and he encouraged members to reach out to staff to write those motions.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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