

MINUTES
Eugene Budget Committee
Bascom/Tykeson Room
100 W. 10th Ave
Eugene, OR 97401

Wednesday, May 22, 2019
5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: City Council Members Mike Clark, Emily Semple, Claire Syrett, Betty Taylor, Jennifer Yeh, Alan Zelenka; Budget Committee Citizen Members Jon Jasper (Vice Chair), Eliza Kashinsky, Shaun Londahl, Ryan Moore, Scott Nowicki (Chair), Tai Pruce-Zimmerman

Committee Members Absent: City Council Members Greg Evans and Chris Pryor; Budget Committee Citizen Member Alicia Voorhees

Guest: Mayor Vinis

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. *Ib Hamide* – Eugene resident for 50 years. Advocated for the multicultural liaison position explaining that this position will hopefully coordinate with City Executives who make decisions that affect marginalized communities.
2. *Steve Abbot* – Resident of Ward 2 and representing a working group for 350.org. Advocated for active transportation budgeting.
3. *Ibrahim Coulibaly* – Vice Chair of the Human Rights Commission, Vice President of NAACP and an immigrant. Requested funding for the multicultural liaison position emphasizing outreach capabilities for those who are new to the city and marginalized.
4. *Ana Molina* – Member of the WeCU work group of the Human Rights Commission. Requested funding for the multicultural liaison expressing importance of outreach capability of this position.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

The Budget Committee received past meeting minutes for review and approval. The minutes pending approval were for the following meeting: May 15, 2019.

MOTION: Citizen member Kashinsky, seconded by Councilor Semple, moved to approve the minutes as described above. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. BUDGET COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

Chair Nowicki opened the floor for motions and deliberation on the FY20 Proposed Budget, beginning with the motions recommended by the City Manager.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Zelenka, moved the Budget Committee to recommend that the Urban Renewal Agency Board allocate \$8 million of Riverfront Urban Renewal funds for the Park and \$4 million for the Plaza. Funds to come from Riverfront Urban Renewal funds. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION: Councilor Clark, seconded by Yeh, moved to recommend that the City Council allocate an additional \$2,267,000 to the Striker Field Park project to fully fund the project with a total budget of \$3,500,682. Funds to come from System Development Capital (SDC) Project Fund, the General Capital Projects Fund and the remaining \$267,000 from the voter-approved 2018 Parks and Recreation Bond funds.

Clark had a clarifying question about the motion before it was put to vote.

VOTE: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION: Citizen member Londahl, seconded by Syrett, moved to recommend that the City Council allocate an additional \$45,000 in one-time funding to the Human Services Commission FY20 Proposed Budget allocation to offset the expected reduction in Community Development Block Grant funding. Funds to come from Local Marijuana Tax Revenue.

Shaun had some points to share before the motion was put to vote.

VOTE: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION: Councilor Yeh, seconded by Moore, moved to recommend that the City Council allocate \$130,000 in ongoing funding for the purpose of funding 1.0 FTE Multicultural Liaison position, included in the April 2019 Unfunded Needs Assessment as item #99. Fund to come from Reserve for Revenue Shortfall in FY20 with the position becoming part of the base budget in the out years, beginning FY21.

Committee members discussed the motion before it was put to vote.

VOTE: PASSED 10:2. Council Taylor and Councilor Clark opposed.

MOTION: Citizen member Moore, seconded by Semple, moved to recommend that the City Council allocate \$170,033 in one-time funding to cover 50% of the three positions described by the County Administrator during the May 13th Joint Meeting on the TAC Report: A Strategic Initiatives Manager and two "Barrier Busters" which were described as the beginning of the implementation phase. Funding to come from a transfer of homeless shelter options funding in the General Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund.

Committee members discussed the motion before it was put to vote.

VOTE: FAILED 9:3. Citizen members Kashinsky, Pruce-Zimmerman and Moore in favor.

MOTION: Moore, seconded by Pruce-Zimmerman, moved to recommend that they City Council allocate \$2,150,000 in one-time funding and \$315,000 in ongoing funds to facilitate community-wide reductions in carbon emissions as described in the April 2019 Unfunded Needs Assessment, item #3: Climate Recovery Ordinance – Community-Wide Implementation. Funds for one-time costs and the first year of ongoing expenses to come from the Reserve for Revenue Shortfall. The City Manager shall provide a strategy to fund the additional years of ongoing costs as part of the FY21 budget process.

Committee members discussed the motion before it was put to vote.

VOTE: FAILED 10:2. Citizen members Moore and Pruce-Zimmerman in favor.

IV. BREAK

Chair Nowicki called for the Committee to be in recess at 6:55 p.m.

Chair Nowicki called the meeting back to order at 7:05 p.m.

V. BUDGET COMMITTEE DELIBERATION AND ACTION ON FY20 PROPOSED BUDGET

Moore opted to withdraw one of his previously drafted motions regarding one-time funding to build Mental Health Court capacity.

MOTION: Councilor Semple, seconded by Syrett, moved to recommend that the City Council allocate \$120,000 in ongoing funding to improve and address downtown sanitation services. Funding for the ongoing costs to come from Local Marijuana Tax Revenue.

Committee members discussed the motion before it was put to vote.

VOTE: PASSED 11:1. Councilor Clark opposed.

MOTION: Citizen member Kashinsky, seconded by Yeh, moved to recommend that the City Council allocate \$350,000 in one-time funding to fund a two-year pilot of a performance auditing function for the City of Eugene. Funds to come from the Reserve for Revenue Shortfall.

Committee members discussed the motion before it was put to vote.

VOTE: FAILED 8:4. Citizen members Kashinsky, Pruce-Zimmerman, Moore and Yeh in favor.

MOTION: Citizen member Moore, seconded by Semple, moved to recommend that the City Council direct the City Manager to determine the start-up and ongoing costs for a revolving loan program to assist renters in Eugene with paying their security deposits and to place this program on the 2020 Unfunded Needs Assessment.

The Budget Committee discussed the motion. Councilor Clark requested a friendly amendment to include down payment assistance program, and Councilor Semple requested a friendly amendment to include emergency rental assistance. Moore and Semple accepted both friendly amendments. The Committee discussed the motion further and then Moore reread the motion as amended by Clark and Semple.

MOTION AND VOTE: Moore moved, Semple seconded, to recommend that the City Council direct the City Manager to determine the start-up and ongoing costs for revolving loan programs to assist residents in Eugene, such as with paying their security deposits, emergency rental assistance and down payment or mortgage assistance, and to place these programs on the 2020 Unfunded Needs Assessment. PASSED 9:3. Councilor Taylor and Citizen members Londahl and Nowicki opposed.

With no other motions on the table, Chair Nowicki asked if there were any other intended motions.

MOTION: Citizen member Jasper, seconded by Pruce-Zimmerman, moved that the Budget Committee recommend to the Eugene City Council the FY20 Budget for the City of Eugene that consists of the City Manager's Proposed FY20 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:

1. Striker Field Park Motion as passed
2. Human Services Commission Motion as passed
3. Multicultural Liaison Motion as passed
4. Downtown Sanitation Motion as passed
5. Revolving Loan Program Procedural Motion as passed

VOTE: PASSED 11:1. Councilor Taylor opposed.

MOTION: Jasper, seconded by Semple, moved that the Budget Committee recommend to the Eugene City Council, acting as the Urban Renewal Agency Board of Directors, the FY20 Budget for the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency that consists of the City Manager's FY20 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 with the following amendment:

1. Riverfront Development Motion as passed

VOTE: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Chair Nowicki announced his resignation from the Budget Committee and shared his appreciation for the Committee, City Council, staff and the community.

Vice Chair Jasper noted that both himself and Ryan Moore's terms will expire in June. Both have been nominated for reappointment by Council, with results to be determined at the June 10th City Council meeting. Jasper then recognized and presented Nowicki with an award for his dedicated service to the Budget Committee since 2015.

ADJOURNED The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Ferber
Program Coordinator, Finance Division