

MINUTES
Eugene Budget Committee Meeting
Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2020
5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: City Council Members Emily Semple, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, Jennifer Yeh, Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor, Greg Evans; Citizen Members, Eliza Kashinsky, Tai Pruce-Zimmerman (Vice-chair), Jon Jasper (Chair), Katharine Ryan, Randy Groves, Shaun Londahl

Committee Members Absent: Councilor Mike Clark, Alicia Voorhees, Ryan Moore

Guests: Mayor Lucy Vinis

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. Welcome

Chair Jasper welcomed all participants to the meeting and thanked all for joining in this new, virtual meeting format.

II. Minutes Approval

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The Budget Committee received past meeting minutes for review and approval. The minutes pending approval were for the following meeting: May 13, 2020.

MOTION AND VOTE: Citizen Member Eliza Kashinsky, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to approve the minutes as described above. PASSED 13:0.

III. Public Comment Section

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1. *Lin Woodrich*, Ward 6 and Ward 8, Bethel Citizen's Co-chair. Spoke in favor of neighborhood associations and their ability to help vulnerable residents during and following COVID-19 and outlined a desire to secure funding to provide communications in both English/Spanish.
2. *Stan Dura*, Ward 3, Laurel Hill Neighborhood Association Co-chair. Shared activities conducted by his neighborhood association. Encouraged council to continue funding for neighborhood associations.
3. *Ian Winbrock*, Ward 7, At-Large Board Member of Whitaker Community Council, and co-chair of Neighborhood Leaders Council. Presented three requests: (1) maintain funding levels for neighborhood associations, (2) condition 50% of city grants for neighborhood associations to conduct COVID-19 response, (3) allow neighborhood associations to be eligible for a portion of the \$520,000 in COVID-19 recovery funds in the amended budget.

IV. Budget Committee Deliberation

Chair Jasper invited each Budget Committee member to provide three minutes to provide comments or ask questions regarding the amendments to the FY21 Proposed Budget in a round robin format. After each of the Committee members had the opportunity to speak, Chair Jasper opened the queue for questions and further discussion.

V. Wrap-up and Next Steps

Chair Jasper discussed next steps by reminding the Committee that they will vote on motions at the final meeting on May 27th, and that all motions should be sent to City staff by 5 p.m. on Monday, May 25th so they can be circulated to the Committee prior to the final meeting.

ADJOURN

Chair Jasper adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby Alway
Program Coordinator, Finance Division