

MINUTES

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

**May 23, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

Committee Members Present: City Council Members George Brown, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, George Poling, Mike Clark, Clair Syrett, Greg Evans, Chris Pryor; Budget Committee Citizen Members Laura Illig (Chair), Mark Rust (Vice-Chair), Ken Beeson, Robert Clarke, Chelsea Clinton, Doug Smith, Marshall Wilde

Committee Members Absent: Budget Committee Citizen Member Jill Fetherstonhaugh

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Illig called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

I. OPENING REMARKS

City Manager Jon Ruiz, Finance Director Sue Cutsogeorge and Senior Financial Analyst Twylla Miller presented the FY14 Proposed Budget and General Fund Forecast to the Committee.

II. QUESTIONS AND NEXT STEPS

Budget Committee Discussion:

- Reductions that are proposed have been in front of this group before and discussed extensively.
- Indication that the City needs more revenue. The Committee should look at things the City can cut that are less harmful than the proposed service cuts, and the need for fair, sustainable revenue going forward.
- The Council and Budget Committee must have a serious discussion about service priorities.
- The City has an ongoing, long-term problem with the budget deficit. The City needs to strive to use ongoing money for ongoing service.
- Indication there is willingness to cut services, as the City is living beyond its means, even though it will cause heart-ache and job losses.
- The Facility Replacement Reserves should be re-purposed to fund services.
- Request of staff to respond with what the fully allocated cost of the City Hall Rebuild would look like.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Mumme,
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