

MINUTES

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

**May 28, 2013
5:30 p.m.**

Committee Members Present: City Council Members George Brown, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, George Poling, 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, Jill Fetherstonhaugh

Committee Members Absent: City Council Member Mike Clark, Budget Committee Citizen Member Marshall Wilde

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. *Christine Enking* - spoke regarding the potential cuts to the Human Services Commission and Womenspace.
2. *Kirstin Lee* – spoke regarding the potential cuts to Looking Glass and Station 7 services.
3. *Judy Adamcyk* – asked the Committee to continue funding for the Meals on Wheels program.
4. *Tim Cling* – urged the Committee to continue funding for Sheldon Pool.
5. *Lane County Commissioner Pat Farr* – spoke in support of continued Human Services Commission funding.
6. *Peggy Whalen* – supports continued Human Services Commission funding.
7. *Jilynn Cherish* – urged the Committee to continue funding for Bethel Branch Library, and library services in general.
8. *Monica Wilton* – supports continued funding for library services.
9. *Brenda Nulty* – asked the Committee to continue funding for Sheldon Pool.
10. *Paul Keppo* – urged the Committee to continue funding for Sheldon Pool.
11. *Jeffery Winter* – supported continued funding for Sheldon Pool.
12. *John Barofsky* – stated he previously e-mailed a list of questions to the Committee with items he would be asking of staff if he were on the Committee.
13. *Bonny Bettman McCornack* – reviewed her written testimony previously submitted online to the Committee regarding the budget process. She urged the Committee to use reserves to pay for essential services on the City Manager’s proposed cuts list.
14. *Yasnyo Kamata* – spoke on behalf of continued funding for Sheldon Pool.
15. *Sabrina Parsons* – asked the Committee to continue funding for Sheldon Pool.
16. *Andrew Fischer* – voiced support for continued funding for Neighborhood Services.
17. *Howie Bonnett* – distributed written testimony to the Committee, which urged the Committee to seek a ‘Solution C’ approach, including the review of funds surrounding the Riverfront Research Park.
18. *William Wise* – asked the Committee if the expansion of homeless services at First Place, or the cat camping program, is part of the proposed Human Services Commission funding reduction proposal.
19. *Mike Barnebey* – urged the Committee to locate the funding to maintain staffing at the Fire Department.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mr. Smith, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to extend the public comment period for 20 minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

20. *Christine Donahue* – requested the Committee to study the importance of the services proposed for reduction. She urged the Committee to continue funding for Neighborhood Services.
21. *Pat Hadley* – asked the Committee to add a low-income seat on the Budget Committee.
22. *Jim Chaney* – spoke regarding continued Human Services Commission funding.
23. *David Fryefield* – supported continued funding for Sheldon Pool.
24. *Ray Brown* – asked the Committee to maintain funding for Fire Engine 2 and CAHOOTS services.
25. *Mark Gilhem* – suggested the Committee use the reserve balances to continue funding for the services proposed to be reduced or eliminated.
26. *Tom Mulhern* – requested the Committee continue funding for human services programs, such as Catholic Community Services.
27. *Paul Conte* – spoke against the proposed budget cuts.
28. *Jan Aho* – urged the Committee to not cut any funding to human services.

II. STAFF PRESENTATION ON FACILITY RESERVES

Finance Director Sue Cutsogeorge presented information on facility funding, City Hall, and the Facility Reserve.

Budget Committee Discussion:

- An inquiry as to how much rent the City pays to lease City office space in multiple locations, and the lease expiration dates.
- A request for staff to provide an abbreviated explanation of the \$1 million located in the Tax Appeal account.
- Request for an explanation of the \$43 million in fund balance shown in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).
- Request for staff to confirm that \$8.6 million is in the Facility Reserve.
- Budget Committee could recommend to Council the desire to place a bond measure on the ballot for the City Hall replacement.
- Request for staff to report back with information showing what a \$15 million bond for City Hall would cost the average person.
- Interest in more information about the 'Lapse Fund' concept, requiring a 2% reduction city wide in all departments.

III. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Budget Committee Discussion:

- Consider using one time funds to allow the Committee to work on funding solutions over a longer period of time, instead of on the compressed timeline.

MOTION AND VOTE: Chair Illig, seconded by Mr. Clarke, moved to add a Budget Committee meeting on Monday, June 3, 2013. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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