

MINUTES

**Eugene Budget Committee
Hult Center, Studio One, One Eugene Center
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**July 23, 2013
9:00 a.m.**

Committee Members Present: City Council Members George Brown, Betty Taylor, Mike Clark, George Poling, Clair Syrett, Chris Pryor; Budget Committee Citizen Members Laura Illig (Chair), Mark Rust (Vice-Chair), Ken Beeson, Robert Clarke, Chelsea Clinton, Will Shaver, Jill Fetherstonhaugh, Marshall Wilde

Committee Members Absent: City Council Members Alan Zelenka, Greg Evans

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Illig called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

I. WELCOME AND ORIENTATION

Chair Illig provided a brief welcome. Denise Smith and Larry Hill, facilitators, introduced themselves and provided a review of the agenda and logistics for the day. Chair Illig provided an overview of the meeting goals for this workshop.

Councilor Syrett arrived at 9:10 a.m. Councilor Clark arrived at 9:12 a.m. Mr. Wilde arrived at 9:17 a.m.

II. ROUND ROBIN: INTRODUCTIONS AND INITIAL THOUGHTS

Budget Committee Discussion:

- Members of the Committee introduced themselves and provided initial thoughts on the upcoming Budget Committee Meetings occurring in the fall.

III. BREAK

IV. OUR BUDGETING CONTEXT

Vicki Silvers, Acting-in-Capacity (AIC) Assistant Finance Director, provided a "Budget 101" to the Committee. She spoke about the adopted budget document publication, timeline, and its role as a policy document.

Jon Ruiz, City Manager, provided a historical context to the Committee of where we have been, where we are at, and where we are headed with the City's budget.

Kristie Hammitt, Central Services Executive Director, asked the Committee to consider several policy questions, to be discussed as the Committee desires in the future.

Sue Cutsogeorge, Finance Director, provided information on the City's financial management goals and policies.

V. WORKING TOGETHER: ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND POLICIES

Budget Committee Discussion:

- Budget Committee Members discussed potential solutions to the budget going forward, as well as roles and responsibilities of all members.

VI. SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND REPORT BACK

The Committee members were assigned to four small groups. Each group discussed topics related to the FY15 budget process, including best and worst outcomes for the FY15 budget process, information needed to make budget decisions, potential solutions, policy issues that need further discussion, and potential public engagement processes.

Budget Committee Discussion:

- Committee members discussed best and worst outcomes for the upcoming FY15 budget process.

VII. NEXT STEPS

The process committee will review questions generated at the workshop, and identify a way in which those will be addressed.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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