

MINUTES

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

**January 28, 2014
5:30 p.m.**

Committee Members Present: City Council Members George Brown, Mike Clark, , Chris Pryor, Alan Zelenka, George Poling, Betty Taylor, Greg Evans; Budget Committee Citizen Members Laura Illig (Chair), Marshall Wilde, Ken Beeson, Robert Clarke, Will Shaver, Jill Fetherstonhaugh

Committee Members Absent: City Council Member Alan Zelenka; Budget Committee Citizen Members Mark Rust (Vice-Chair), Chelsea Clinton

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Illig called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

I. AGENDA REVIEW

II. PUBLIC HEARING ON SIX POTENTIAL BUDGET REDUCTION OPTIONS

1. *Kathi Jaworski* – urged the Committee to continue funding for the Sustainability program.
2. *Sandy Karsten* – asked for continued support of the Human Services Commission funding.
3. *Peggy Whalen* – stated human services and public safety funding should be prioritized.
4. *Anne Harris* – supports continued support of the Human Services Commission discretionary funding.
5. *Abraham Likwornik* – spoke about the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), and asked how any surplus funding was being used.
6. *Andrew Thompson* – requested continue funding for the Equity and Human Rights program.
7. *Devin Monte* – stressed the need for continued funding of Fire Engine 2 in the Whitaker neighborhood.
8. *Shawn Boles* – does not support any of the six reduction options, instead, suggested the City fund capital projects with bonds, discuss revenue sources, and continue the Sustainability program funding.
9. *Kirk Kneeland* – advocated for continued funding of the Sheldon Branch Library.
10. *Jennifer Geller* – requested the preservation of library funding at current levels, including the branch libraries.
11. *Kelly Sutherland* – thanked the Committee for past funding, and asked for continued Human Services funding.
12. *Caitlin Whitlow* – supports continued Human Services Commission funding.
13. *Sue Wolling* – requested continued funding for the Sustainability program, and supports the continued funding of branch libraries.
14. *Howard Bonnett* – does not support any of the six reduction options, and supports continued funding of the Sustainability program. Urged the Committee to look at the use of other funds to fill any budget gap.
15. *Bill Aspegren* – not supportive of the six reduction options, instead provided some alternatives to the Committee: save the branch libraries, close main library for one day per week, absorb park maintenance into the Stormwater fund, use City Hall funds to cover any additional short fall.
16. *David Sonnichsen* – urged the Committee to continue funding for Neighborhood Services.

17. *Bob Cassidy* – advised the Committee to consider the number of employees that may be laid off when different services are cut. Urged the Committee to use reserves to fill the budget gap.
18. *Merle Bottge* – supports continued funding for the branch libraries.
19. *Brian Weaver* – stated none of the cuts being considered by the Committee need to be made.
20. *State Senator Chris Edwards* – advocated for the continued funding of branch libraries.
21. *Nancy Olson* – discussed displeasure of the Capstone construction, and suggested the Committee use reserves for continued funding of all services that may be potentially cut.
22. *Brenda Kame'enui* – requested continued funding for branch libraries.
23. *John Barofsky* – suggested it would be helpful if the Committee could see the Neighborhood Services, Sustainability program and Equity and Human Rights program budget's broken down, and make budget decisions on each program individually. Urged for continued Neighborhood Services funding.
24. *Tom Mulhern* – supports continued funding for the Lane County Human Services Commission.
25. *Molly Stafford* – requested continued funding for the branch libraries.
26. *Donna DeForest* – spoke in favor of continued funding for branch libraries.
27. *Andria Peterson* – urged the Committee to cut nothing, as the community can work together and collaborate. Supports continued funding for the Bethel branch libraries.
28. *Duncan Rhodes* – not supportive of the six reduction choices, and urged City Hall funding be put before the voters on a ballot measure.
29. *Sheryl Steinke* – suggested the City should expand library services, not cut library services.
30. *Joanne Gross* – supports continued funding for the Bethel branch library and Sustainability program.
31. *Jim Torrey* – urged the Committee to continue funding for both branch libraries.
32. *Lisa MacAdam* – requested both branch libraries receive continued funding.
33. *Paul Nicholson* – urged the Committee to adopt a long term view of the budget to avoid reduction discussions in the future.
34. *Michael Carrigan* – suggested terminating the Riverfront Urban Renewal district to restore budget cuts from last year, and continue funding for Human Services, Neighborhood Services, Sustainability programs and Equity programs.
35. *Debi Farr* – spoke in favor of continued funding for branch libraries.
36. *Stephen Heider* – advocated for continued funding for Neighborhood Services.

III. BUDGET COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Chair Illig thanked the members of the community for their testimony. Chair Illig asked members of the Committee to share comments and reflections from what they heard in the community feedback. This will be helpful for the City Manager as he puts together his Proposed Budget.

Chair Illig announced the first Revenue Team Meeting would occur on Thursday, January 30, 2014 in the Atrium Building (Sloat Room) at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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