

MINUTES

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

**May 5, 2015
5:30 p.m.**

Committee Members Present: City Council Members George Brown, Mike Clark (*via conference phone*), Greg Evans, George Poling, Chris Pryor, Claire Syrett (*via conference phone*), Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka; Budget Committee Citizen Members Ken Beeson (Vice-Chair), Bob Clarke, Chelsea Clinton, Jill Fetherstonhaugh, Will Shaver, Joshua Skov, Marty Wilde

Committee Members Absent: Budget Committee Citizen Member Laura Illig (Chair)

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Beeson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Wilde arrived at 5:33 p.m. Mr. Clarke arrived at 5:40 p.m. Councilor Syrett arrived via conference phone at 5:42 p.m.

I. PUBLIC HEARING ON FY16 PROPOSED BUDGET

1. *Josh Newman* – Friendly Area Neighbors board member. Urged the Committee to restore Neighborhood Matching Grant and newsletter funding.
2. *Misha English* – Volunteer at the First Avenue Shelter. In favor of a new public shelter on public land.
3. *Dennis Ramsey* – Treasurer of the Whitaker Community Council and President of the Eugene Kathmandu Sister City Organization. Indicated the Organization has raised \$17,000 this week for aid to Kathmandu, and asked the Committee to consider the Organization as a conduit for relief funds.
4. *Cheryl Byer* – Small business owner in Eugene and resident for over 30 years. Supports building a public, sustainable animal shelter for Lane County's needs.
5. *Andrew Fisher* – Volunteer chairperson for Friendly Area Neighbors. Spoke in support of neighborhood association outreach funding.
6. *Juan Carlos Valle* – Chair of the Crest Drive Citizen Association. Urged the Committee to restore the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program and communication budget to Neighborhood Services.
7. *Peter Knox* – Co-Chair of the Neighborhood Leaders Council and on the steering committee for the Downtown Neighbors Association. Asked the Committee to restore Neighborhood Services funding for the Neighborhood outreach budget and Neighborhood Matching Grant Program.
8. *Harvey Blustain* – New resident in the Eugene community. Spoke in favor of the City providing funds to the Eugene Kathmandu Sister City Association to distribute disaster relief funds to Nepal.
9. *Sudarshan Karki* – Graduate student at the University of Oregon from Nepal. Thanked the Committee for the gesture of friendship with the recent Council decision to provide \$50,000 in relief to Nepal's disaster recovery efforts.
10. *Dr. Binaya Rimal* – Local physician at McKenzie Willamette Hospital and closely affiliated with the Eugene Kathmandu Association. Thanked the Committee for the generous offer of support from the City Council at the earlier meeting for the Nepal earthquake relief efforts.

11. *John Barofsky* – Ward 3. Spoke in favor of Neighborhood Services funding for the Matching Grant Program and communication outreach.
12. *Jon Belcher* – Co-Chair of the River Road Neighborhood Association. Testified in favor of restoring the funding for Neighborhood Matching Grants and communication budget to the Neighborhood Services Program.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

The Budget Committee received past meeting minutes for review and approval. The minutes pending approval were for the following meetings: February 11, 2015 and April 29, 2015.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Mr. Clarke, moved to approve the minutes as described above. PASSED 15:0.

III. COMMITTEE DELIBERATION ON FY16 PROPOSED BUDGET

Vice-Chair Beeson reminded the Committee of the City Manager's Presentation of the FY16 Proposed Budget and discussion that occurred at the April 29, 2015 meeting. Vice-Chair Beeson asked the Committee to focus on discussion of the FY16 Proposed Budget tonight, and for Committee members to hold their motions until after the second public hearing on the FY16 Proposed Budget, which is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

The Committee discussed their thoughts on the FY16 Budget.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Mumme
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