

MINUTES

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

**May 11, 2016
5:30 p.m.**

Committee Members Present: City Council Members George Brown, George Poling, Chris Pryor, Claire Syrett, Betty Taylor; Budget Committee Citizen Members Chelsea Clinton (Chair), Ken Beeson (Vice-Chair), Laura Illig (Outgoing Chair), Will Shaver, Joshua Skov, Scott Nowicki

Committee Members Absent: City Council Members Greg Evans, Mike Clark, Alan Zelenka; Budget Committee Citizen Member Jill Fetherstonhaugh

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. WELCOME AND MINUTES APPROVAL

The Budget Committee received past meeting minutes for review and approval. The minutes pending approval were for the following meetings: May 12, 2015 and November 18, 2015.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to approve the minutes as described above. PASSED 11:0.

II. ELECTION OF BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Outgoing Chair Illig asked the Committee for Budget Committee Chair nominations.

MOTION: Mr. Skov, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to elect Ms. Clinton as Budget Committee Chair.

MOTION: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to elect Mr. Beeson as Budget Committee Chair.

Ms. Clinton and Mr. Beeson briefly spoke as to why they would be successful as chair-person.

VOTE: The vote was called for the motion nominating Ms. Clinton as chair. PASSED 8:3, Councilor Taylor, Councilor Syrett, and Mr. Beeson opposed.

VOTE: The vote was called for the motion nominating Mr. Beeson as chair. FAILED 3:8, Councilor Syrett, Councilor Taylor and Mr. Beeson voting in favor.

VOTE: The vote was called for the motion nominating Mr. Beeson as vice-chair. PASSED 11:0.

III. CITY MANAGER'S FY17 PROPOSED BUDGET

City Manager Jon Ruiz presented the FY17 Proposed Budget. Twylla Miller, Budget & Analysis Manager (AIC) presented materials on the General Fund forecast and financial outlook. The FY17 Proposed Budget is steady and stable, and will introduce a few modest targeted investments to move forward on Council objectives.

IV. BUDGET COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Members of the Budget Committee provided initial thoughts on the FY17 Proposed Budget.

Councilor Syrett requested additional information regarding the contract increase for the First Avenue Shelter.

Chair Clinton would like to revisit how the Budget Committee restricted the use of Neighborhood Services funding during the FY16 Budget process, indicating that it may be beneficial to consider if funds should be restricted for the newsletter funding only, or could be used for general engagement purposes. Ms. Clinton would like to receive information on how much of the funding approved in FY16 was actually used.

MOTION: Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Skov, moved to place \$60,000 for Neighborhood Services newsletters as an ongoing expense in the budget.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Taylor, moved to table the motion. PASSED 10:1, Councilor Brown opposed.

Councilor Brown ask the City Manager for information on the cost to have one CAHOOTS van run 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Additionally, the cost to add a portion of an FTE as a stenographer for minutes for Council meetings and Council work sessions was requested.

Mr. Skov requested clarification on the Urban Reserves Planning funding Additional information on changes in Central Services, Public Works and Office of the Chief (Fire) was also requested.

Ms. Illig requested additional details about the City's community engagement resources, personnel and tools.

Mr. Skov asked for clarification on the changes in the Community Development Fund (Fund 170) and information on FY16 spending for the Library Levy.

V. WRAP-UP

Chair Clinton reminded the Budget Committee of next week's meeting, Wednesday, May 18, which will begin with public comment at 5:30 p.m. in the Bascom-Tykeson Room of the Downtown Library.

Chair Clinton instructed Committee members to send any motions they would like considered to Twylla Miller ahead of the next meeting.

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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