

MINUTES

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

**May 18, 2016
5:30 p.m.**

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

Committee Members Absent: City Council Members Mike Clark, George Poling

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. PUBLIC COMMENT ON FY17 PROPOSED BUDGET

1. *Ki-Won Rhew* – Introduced the president of Eugene Jinju Sister City Committee, Candace Shorack. In favor of funding for Eugene's Sister City Program.
2. *Candace Shorack* – President of Eugene Jinju Sister City Committee. Enjoys the support of the City and would like to maintain the program's funding.
3. *James Knepler* – Speaking about the Eugene Kakegawa Sister City in Japan. Would like an increase in the funding for the Kakegawa Sister City program.
4. *Peter Knox* – Chair of Downtown Neighborhood Association. Supports continued neighborhood outreach funding.
5. *Deb Jones* – Serves on Friendly Area Neighbors and Co-chair of Neighborhood Leaders Council (NLC). Requesting a budget of at least the \$55,000 for neighborhood newsletters and matching grants, and more flexibility in spending these funds.

Councilor Evans arrived at 5:42 p.m

6. *Carlos Barrera* – Steering Committee Member for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the CERT lead for southeast quadrant of the city. Requests Public Works and Eugene Water and Electric Board work in cooperation with CERT to develop protocols and skills for CERT members to use in supporting emergency readiness efforts in the city.
7. *Harvey Blustain* – Chair of Kathmandu Sister City Association. Requesting an increase from \$2,500 to \$5,000 in funding for the Kathmandu Sister City program.
8. *Jon Belcher* – Co-chair of the River Road Community Organization (RRCO). Requesting a minimum of \$55,000 be restored to the neighborhood services budget and recommendation for the City Manager to work with neighborhood associations to better utilize those funds.
9. *Vic Hariton* – SHINA neighborhood association and co-chair of South Eugene Neighbors. Requesting \$100,000 funding for neighborhood communication and outreach.
10. *Bonny McCornack* – Discussed transparency, accountability and budget process concerns.
11. *Mike Caven* – President of International Association of Fire Fighters Local 851. Requested one-time funding of \$500,000 for a pilot program at the Eugene/Springfield Fire Department.
12. *Heather Sielicki* – Southeast Neighbors chair. Requests the Committee reject the proposed budget cuts for neighborhood services funding, encourage City staff to better allocate neighborhood dollars to meeting neighborhood association needs, and reduce process inefficiencies.

13. *David Monk* – Requested the Committee ask staff to provide more detailed information about the budget, engage a stenographer at public meetings, and find as much money as possible in the budget for neighborhood funding. Suggested that the Urban Renewal bonds be paid in full, and terminate the Urban Renewal Downtown District.
14. *Leonard Epstein* – Board member of Southeast Neighbors. Asked the Committee to consider restoring funding cuts, and increase funding, for the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program and neighborhood association communication programs.
15. *Janet Bevirt* – Requested the Committee support neighborhood services and not support Multi-Unit Property Tax Exemptions (MUPTe).
16. *Pamela Miller* – Urged the Committee to restore neighborhood services funding.
17. *Morgan Greenwood* – Co-chair of Friendly Area Neighborhood Association. Requested restoration of at least \$55,000, allowing four neighborhood association mailings a year and the Neighborhood Matching Grants Program.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

The Budget Committee received past meeting minutes for review and approval. The minutes pending approval were for the following meeting: May 11, 2016.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mr. Shaver, seconded by Mr. Skov, moved to approve the minutes as described above. PASSED 12:0.

III. HUMAN SERVICES

Sarah Medary, Assistant City Manager and Planning and Development Executive Director; Stephanie Jennings, Grants Manager, Planning and Development; Sgt. Julie Smith, Patrol Division, Police; and Cheryl Stone, Court Administrator, Central Services presented the Budget Committee with an overview of the work being performed in relation to human services in the City of Eugene.

IV. BREAK

Chair Clinton called for the Committee to be in recess for a break at 7 p.m.

Chair Clinton called the meeting back to order at 7:09 p.m. Councilor Zelenka arrived during the break.

V. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Committee indicated agreement in having staff skip the presentation on the Economic Development Update. Materials will be sent to the Budget Committee Members for their review.

Vicki Silvers, Assistant Finance Director, provide a high-level overview of the corporate software upgrade, which includes financials, human resource and budget functions.

VI. COMMITTEE DELIBERATION ON FY17 PROPOSED BUDGET

Chair Clinton opened the floor for deliberations on the FY17 Proposed Budget. Chair Clinton asked the Committee to focus on discussion of the FY17 Proposed Budget tonight, including possible intended motions, but to hold motions until after the second public comment period on the FY17 Proposed Budget. The second public comment period will be at the FY17 Proposed Budget Hearing, which is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2016.

The Committee discussed their thoughts on the FY17 Proposed Budget and discussed possible intended motions.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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