

MINUTES

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

**May 26, 2016
5:30 p.m.**

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

Committee Members Absent: City Council Member Mike Clark; Budget Committee Citizen Member Scott Nowicki

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. PUBLIC HEARING ON FY17 PROPOSED BUDGET

1. *Jon Belcher* – Requested the Committee increase neighborhood funding to \$75,000, and make it ongoing funding in lieu of one-time funding.
2. *Cliff Gray* – Speaking for Trainsong Neighbors. Asked the Committee to restore funds for neighborhood newsletters, and discuss adjustment on the current policy of how funds may be spent.
3. *Michael Carrigan* – Program Director at Community Alliance of Lane County and Board Member of Square One Villages and Nightingale Health Sanctuary. Supports Councilor Syrett's proposed motion to add \$25,000 for rest stops.
4. *Vic Hariton* – Chair of SHINA. Pleaded some Committee members may be interested in raising Neighborhood Services outreach funding to \$75,000, and maintain it ongoing. Suggested the amount should be closer to \$100,000.
5. *Brianna Nicoletto* – Urged the Committee to please restore funding to \$75,000 for neighborhood outreach.

Councilor Evans arrived at 5:42 p.m.

6. *Michae Pahs* – Spoke about the recent City Council discussion regarding the Downtown Urban Renewal District. Asked for the item to be placed on the ballot.
7. *Emily Semple* – Spoke on a variety of topics, including bringing back the Eugene Celebration, requesting \$100,000 for Neighborhood Services communications, supporting Councilor Syrett's motion for \$25,000 in funds for rest stops in the City, and suggesting a shelter be built prior to the 2021 IAAF World Track and Field Championships.

Mayor Piercy arrived at 5:46 p.m.

8. *Janet Bevirt* – Discussed why the City Council should let the Downtown Urban Renewal District sunset.
9. *Chuck Gerard* – Representing Whitebird Clinic and CAHOOTS. Described how enhanced CAHOOTS services would look with additional funding.
10. *Jennifer McRaven Radike* – Far West Neighborhood Association. Supports neighborhood association communication funding.
11. *Tom Dunn* – Provided suggestions for website improvements.

12. *Laurel Burke* – Southeast Neighbors. Requested the Committee support \$75,000 in funding for neighborhoods.
13. *Katie Gillespie* – Representing Whitebird Clinic and CAHOOTS. Discussed how additional funding for CAHOOTS would be beneficial to the community.
14. *Thomas Price* – Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Preparedness Teams. Would like to see climate change and the Climate Recovery Ordinance embodied in the current and future budgets with regard to emergency disasters.

Chair Clinton called for the Committee to be in recess for a break at 6:05 p.m.

Chair Clinton called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

15. *Elaine Zeblacki* – Supports the CERT program, neighborhood associations and continued support for the AmeriCorp Volunteer in Emergency Services Department (Risk Services).
16. *Bob Cassidy* – Would like to see the City establish a minimum wage of \$15 for all employees.
17. *Michael Gannon* – Concerned about global warming, and lack of available housing in the community.
18. *Majeska Seese-Green* – Urged the Committee to approve \$25,000 for the rest stops program, more funding for CERT and emergency response, and additional, permanent funding for Neighborhood Services at \$100,000 level, and supports having a stenographer at City Council and Civilian Review Board meetings.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

The Budget Committee received past meeting minutes for review and approval. The minutes pending approval were for the following meeting: May 18, 2016.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mr. Skov, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to approve the minutes as described above. PASSED 13:0.

III. COMMITTEE DELIBERATION ON FY17 PROPOSED BUDGET

Chair Clinton opened the floor for motions and deliberations on the FY17 Proposed Budget.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Poling, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to bring the following motion from the table, originally moved by Mr. Shaver: Move to allocate \$60,000 for Neighborhood Services newsletters on an ongoing basis. PASSED 13:0.

Councilor Zelenka offered a friendly amendment to allocate \$55,000 to Neighborhood Services on an ongoing basis and direct staff to work on fixing the allocation. The friendly amendment was not accepted.

The Committee discussed various funding levels for Neighborhood Services newsletters, and suggestions on how funds could be reallocated throughout the year.

Councilor Poling offered a friendly amendment to change the funding level to \$75,000. Mr. Shaver accepted.

Chair Clinton called the question on the revised motion.

MOTION AND VOTE: Move to allocate \$75,000 (\$20,000 for grants and \$55,000 for engagement) for Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement on an ongoing basis and review funds allocation process among neighborhoods. PASSED 13:0.

MOTION: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to allocate an additional \$40,000 for Sister Cities on an ongoing basis.

The Committee discussed the long-standing relationships held between the four Sister Cities: Irkutsk, Russia; Jinju, South Korea; Kakegawa, Japan; and Kathmandu, Nepal.

Chair Clinton called the question on the motion.

VOTE: PASSED: 12:1, Councilor Poling opposed.

MOTION: Vice-Chair Beeson, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to approve the City Manager's "FY17 Human Service Commission (HSC) Option" as presented to the Budget Committee on May 11, 2016 as amended below:

- o \$610,000 Ongoing Support
- o \$200,000 Additional Ongoing Support Allocation
- o \$150,000 Marginal Beginning Working Capital Priority
\$960,000 FY17 Budget
- Friendly amendment to HSC motion above from Councilor Syrett to: Move to allocate \$25,000 of the one-time allocation (MBWC) for Human Service Commission to the rest stop program.
- To recommend the City Council review the City of Eugene General Fund allocation to HSC for Ongoing Support funding in context of overall City of Eugene human services funding with the goal of increasing ongoing support funding to HSC to \$1.1 million by or before FY20.

Chair Clinton indicated the motion would be split into two for purposes of discussion.

Councilor Syrett clarified that the \$25,000 allocation to the rest stop program is for the City of Eugene rest stop program. The money would not go to HSC for rest stops.

Chair Clinton called the question on the revised motion.

MOTION AND VOTE: To approve the City Manager's "FY17 Human Service Commission (HSC) Option" as presented to the Budget Committee on May 11, 2016 as amended below:

- o \$610,000 Ongoing Support
- o \$200,000 Additional Ongoing Support Allocation
\$810,000 in FY17 Budget
- o \$125,000 Marginal Beginning Working Capital Priority (one-time funding)
\$935,000 FY17 Total
- Allocate \$25,000 of the one-time allocation (MWBC) to the City of Eugene for the rest stop program.

PASSED: 13:0.

MOTION AND VOTE: Vice-Chair Beeson, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to recommend the City Council review the City of Eugene General Fund allocation to Human Services Commission (HSC) for Ongoing Support funding in context of overall City of Eugene human services funding with the goal of increasing ongoing support funding to HSC to \$1.1 million by or before FY20. PASSED 13:0.

IV. BREAK

Chair Clinton called for the Committee to be in recess for a break at 7:28 p.m.

Chair Clinton called the meeting back to order at 7:40 p.m.

V. COMMITTEE DELIBERATION AND ACTION ON FY17 PROPOSED BUDGET

MOTION: Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to increase Whitebird/CAHOOTS funding \$215,000 on an ongoing basis to enable one CAHOOTS van to provide daily 24-hour service.

Councilor Brown indicated he would like to change the figure from \$215,000 to \$225,000.

Councilor Poling asked where the additional \$225,000 for ongoing funding would come from. City Manager Jon Ruiz indicated it would come out of the Reserve for Revenue Shortfall (RRSF).

Chair Clinton called the question on the revised motion.

MOTION AND VOTE: To increase Whitebird/CAHOOTS funding \$225,000 on an ongoing basis to enable CAHOOTS vans to provide enhanced service. PASSED: 13:0.

MOTION: Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to recommend the restoration of the position of Council stenographer. Pending Council approval of this recommendation, funding would be added to the December 2016 Supplemental Budget.

Councilor Brown requested an amendment to the motion to add "Civilian Review Board". Councilor Syrett accepted.

Assistant City Manager Sarah Medary indicated staff is actively working with the City's vendor to resolve the Mac and iOS device connectivity issue with City Council webcasts. There is a temporary fix in place, and the permanent solution is anticipated this summer.

Chair Clinton called the question on the revised motion.

MOTION AND VOTE: The Budget Committee recommends the restoration of the position of Council stenographer for City Council and Civilian Review Board meetings. Pending Council approval of this recommendation, funding would be added to the December 2016 Supplemental Budget. PASSED: 9:4, Councilor Zelenka, Councilor Poling, Chair Clinton and Ms. Fetherstonhaugh opposed.

MOTION: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Brown, moved to remove from the FY17 Proposed Budget the \$500,000 proposed for 2021 and place the funds in a designated reserve.

This motion was suggested by City Manager Jon Ruiz after prior discussions with the Budget Committee.

Mr. Skov requests a friendly amendment to add the following language: "... to develop clear criteria to guide the use of the reserve fund being created in the FY17 budget." Councilor Syrett and Councilor Brown agree to accept the friendly amendment.

Chair Clinton called the question on the revised motion.

MOTION AND VOTE: Move to remove from the FY17 Proposed Budget the \$500,000 proposed for 2021 and place the funds in a designated reserve. Direct the City Manager to develop clear criteria to guide the use of the reserve fund being created in the FY17 budget. PASSED: 12:1, Councilor Taylor opposed.

MOTION: Mr. Skov, seconded by Chair Clinton, moved to direct the City Manager to report to or convene the Budget Committee in fall (in advance of service profiles) regarding features of the new corporate software currently being selected in order to understand and explore opportunities that the software will provide for new and better oversight by the Budget Committee.

The Committee discussed the desire to see how the new software could be useful in understanding the dynamics of the budget.

Chair Clinton called the question on the motion.

VOTE: PASSED: 8:5, Councilor Brown, Ms. Illig, Councilor Taylor, Councilor Poling, and Ms. Fetherstonhaugh opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Ms. Illig, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moved that the Budget Committee recommend to the Eugene City Council the FY17 Budget for the City of Eugene that consists of the City Manager's Proposed FY17 Budget, including the property tax levies and/or rates contained therein, amended to reflect appropriations for prior year encumbrances and prior year capital projects with the budget amendments approved tonight. PASSED: 13:0.

MOTION AND VOTE: Ms. Illig, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved that the Budget Committee recommend to the Eugene City Council, acting as the Urban Renewal Agency Board of Directors, the FY17 Budget for the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency that consists of the City's Manager's FY17 Proposed Budget, including the property tax levies and/or rates contained therein, amended to reflect appropriations for prior year encumbrances and prior year capital projects. PASSED: 11:2, Councilor Brown and Mr. Shaver opposed.

VI. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Chair Clinton recognized Ms. Illig and Mr. Shaver who completed their service on the Budget Committee. An award was presented to each of them.

Chair Clinton thanked the Committee for their hard work on the FY17 Proposed Budget.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Mumme
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