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

**May 9, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

Committee Members Present: City Council Members Mike Clark, Chris Pryor, Emily Semple, Betty Taylor; Budget Committee Citizen Members Jill Fetherstonhaugh, Emily Fiocco, Jon Jasper (Vice Chair), Eliza Kashinsky, Shaun Londahl, Scott Nowicki (Chair), Josh Skov

Committee Members Absent: City Council Members Greg Evans, Claire Syrett, Jennifer Yeh, Alan Zelenka

Guest: Mayor Lucy Vinis

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. WELCOME

Chair Nowicki welcomed the Budget Committee members, stating that Mr. Dunlavey will no longer be a member due to conflicting work engagements. His vacancy will be filled by Council on June 25th.

II. PUBLIC ELECTION LAW

Kathryn Brotherton, City Attorney, spoke to the Budget Committee members about general guidelines regarding the upcoming ballot measures. She advised members not to discuss the measures in their capacity as public officials, ask questions of City staff or utilize City resources in any way regarding the measures until the election has been completed.

III. CITY MANAGER'S FY19 PROPOSED BUDGET AND STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS

City Manager Jon Ruiz presented the FY19 Proposed Budget. He noted that overall the budget is stable. The City continues to live within its means and invest in both community and Council priorities. The City is in a better position than initially forecast last year; however, there are still some areas of concern in the out years.

Maurizio Bottalico, Senior Financial Analyst, provided an overview of the General Fund forecast. He discussed the current status and assumptions surrounding key General Fund revenues such as property taxes, EWEB contributions in lieu of tax (CILT), right-of-way (ROW) fees, marijuana taxes, state shared revenues and Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT). Mr. Bottalico then detailed the significant General Fund expenditures that impact the forecast including personnel costs, PERS, union contracts and materials and services.

City Manager Ruiz continued the presentation with a discussion of the City's priorities and strategic investments in neighborhood and downtown vitality, public safety and community justice, the Climate

Recovery Ordinance (CRO), Vision Zero, emergency preparedness, economic development and human and social services. He outlined the recommended one-time and ongoing funding included in the FY19 Proposed Budget and concluded by identifying how previous strategic investments were utilized.

IV. BREAK

Chair Nowicki called for the Committee to be in recess for a break at 6:25 p.m.

Chair Nowicki called the meeting back to order at 6:36 p.m.

V. BUDGET COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Chair Nowicki invited each Budget Committee member to provide three minutes of comments or feedback on the FY19 Proposed Budget in a round robin format. After each of the Committee members had the opportunity to speak, Chair Nowicki opened the queue for questions and further discussion.

Budget Committee members asked clarifying questions and stated their priorities related to the FY19 Proposed Budget and presentation.

VI. BUDGET VISUALIZATION WEBSITE DEMO

Jamie Garner, Budget and Analysis Manager (AIC), presented the new Open Budget website to the Committee and demonstrated how to navigate through the site to access a variety of information.

Budget Committee members provided feedback on the website and asked questions about the information included on the site as well as the City's plans for adding to the existing data.

VII. NEXT STEPS

Chair Nowicki reminded the Committee of their subsequent meetings on May 16th, May 23rd and May 30th and noted upcoming, relevant Council workshops. He highlighted the opportunity for public testimony at each of the meetings and requested Budget Committee members to send any additional questions or intended motions to Ms. Garner.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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