

MINUTES

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

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

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

Committee Members Absent: None

Guest: Mayor Lucy Vinis (*via conference phone*)

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. *Jennifer Frenzer* – Community member on the Human Services Commission homeless work group. Spoke in support of funding a homelessness analyst position.
2. *Steve Piercy* – Requested active transportation funding to support City policies such as Vision Zero, the Climate Recovery Ordinance and the Transportation System Plan.
3. *Erik Burke* – Director for Friends of Trees. Expressed the need for substantial increases in urban forestry funding.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

The Budget Committee received past meeting minutes for review and approval. The minutes pending approval were for the following meeting: May 23, 2017.

MOTION: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to approve the minutes as described above. PASSED 13:0.

III. BUDGET COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

Chair Nowicki opened the floor for motions and deliberation on the FY19 Proposed Budget, beginning with discussion of potential motions related to community justice.

Councilor Evans arrived at 5:52 p.m.

Committee members continued their discussions of possible community justice motions.

Councilor Zelenka arrived at 6:22 p.m.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved the Budget Committee allocate \$500,000 in one-time funding for Community Justice initiatives, including support for the 911 Communications Center. Funds to come from the Reserve for Revenue Shortfall. Allocate an additional \$250,000 on the December Supplemental Budget, with funding to come from Marginal Beginning Working Capital (MBWC) after the capital transfer and any other prearranged expenditures. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Jasper opted to withdraw one of his previously drafted motions and proposed his second motion related to community justice.

MOTION: Mr. Jasper, seconded by Councilor Semple, moved the Budget Committee move to prioritize ongoing funding to the hiring of additional police officer FTE within the FY19 budget, by directing the City Manager and staff to allocate half of any new FTE positions to be added into the FY19 proposed budget and any FY19 supplemental budgets, to be used to also increase police officer positions. The City Manager and staff may determine which positions and departments to make the adjustments to, but there is to be a one-to-one ratio for every new FTE. For instance, five new public works positions should be matched with five new police officer positions. The only positions which would not need meet the one-to-one ratio would be any new positions added which are tasked with directly enhancing community safety, for instance, increased staffing for the community court, Fire/EMS, or the 911 dispatch center.

Committee members discussed their thoughts on the motion before it was put to vote.

VOTE: Failed 14:1, Mr. Jasper in favor.

Chair Nowicki moved the discussion onto motions related to downtown operations. Committee members discussed motions related to downtown operations.

MOTION: Councilor Semple moved to recommend that the City Council allocate \$100,000 in one-time funding to extend the downtown operations program through spring 2019. Funding should be allocated towards Park Ambassadors and programming. Funds to come from the Reserve for Revenue Shortfall.

The Budget Committee discussed the motion. Councilor Clark requested a friendly amendment to include \$75,000 in one-time funding for more red hats downtown. Committee members discussed the proposed amendment to the motion. While Councilor Semple appreciated the amendment, she suggested Councilor Clark make his own motion. She made some minor modifications to her motion as initially drafted based on other Committee feedback.

MOTION: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to recommend that the City Council allocate \$100,000 in one-time funding to extend the downtown operations program through spring 2019. Funding should be allocated towards Eugene Ambassadors and programming. Funds to come from the Reserve for Revenue Shortfall.

Ms. Kashinsky offered a friendly amendment to specify security, cleanliness, facilities and programming, which Councilor Semple declined.

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION AND VOTE: The following motion was made by Councilor Clark after the discussion and vote on the previous motion regarding the allocation of one-time funding to extend downtown operations program through spring 2019; “red hats” is another term for the downtown guides employed by DEI: Move to recommend that the City Council allocate \$75,000 to red hats and/or security personnel at the City Manager’s discretion. Funding to come from the Reserve for Revenue Shortfall. PASSED 8:7, Ms. Fetherstonhaugh, Ms. Fiocco, Ms. Kashinsky, Mr. Londahl, Mr. Skov, Councilor Taylor and Councilor Zelenka opposed.

Chair Nowicki moved the discussion onto motions related to homelessness. Councilor Semple and Councilor Syrett read their previously drafted motions and provided their rationale. The Budget Committee discussed both motions before they were put to vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to recommend that the City Council allocate \$60,000 in one-time funding to support the expanded car camping program. Funds to come from the Reserve for Revenue Shortfall. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Pryor, moved to recommend that the City Council allocate one-time funding in the amount of \$200,823 for the operations of the Dusk to Dawn program, including the addition of 1 FTE Housing Navigator to assist Dusk to Dawn participants in accessing permanent housing. Funds to come from the reserve for excess local marijuana tax revenue. PASSED 13:2, Mr. Jasper and Councilor Taylor opposed.

IV. BREAK

Chair Nowicki called for the Committee to be in recess for a break at 7:56 p.m.

Chair Nowicki called the meeting back to order at 8:06 p.m.

V. BUDGET COMMITTEE DELIBERATION & ACTION ON FY19 PROPOSED BUDGET

Chair Nowicki opened up discussion for motions related to emergency preparedness. Council Semple stated that since drafting her motion she was notified that there was not capacity to expand Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. Based on this, she opted to withdraw her motion.

With no other motions on the table, Chair Nowicki asked if there were any other intended motions.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mr. Jasper, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved that the Budget Committee recommend to the Eugene City Council the FY19 Budget for the City of Eugene that consists of the City Manager's Proposed FY19 Budget that has been modified to implement the parks and recreation bond (Ballot Measure 20-289) and levy (Ballot Measure 20-288) approved in the May 15, 2018 election, including updated property tax levies and/or rates, amended to reflect appropriations for prior year encumbrances and prior year capital projects with the following amendments:

1. Community Justice Motion as passed
2. Downtown Operations Motion as passed
3. Downtown Security Motion as passed
4. Car Camping Motion as passed
5. Dusk to Dawn Motion as passed

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved that the Budget Committee recommend to the Eugene City Council, acting as the Urban Renewal Agency Board of Directors, the FY19 Budget for the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency that consists of the City Manager's FY19 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. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Chair Nowicki recognized Ms. Fetherstonhaugh for her six years of service. An award was presented to Ms. Fetherstonhaugh. He noted that both he and Mr. Londahl were nominated for reappointment, with results to be determined at the June 25 City Council meeting.

Chair Nowicki thanked the Committee for their work and noted that the subcommittee will reconvene in the fall for the next round of service profiles.

City Manager Ruiz acknowledged Sue Cutsogeorge, Central Services Director AIC, for her work as she will be retiring at the end of June.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Boyd
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