

**MINUTES**  
**Eugene Budget Committee**  
**Bascom/Tykeson Room**  
**100 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave**  
**Eugene, OR 97401**

Wednesday, May 8, 2019  
5:30 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** City Council Members Greg Evans, Chris Pryor, Emily Semple, Betty Taylor, Jennifer Yeh, Alan Zelenka; Budget Committee Citizen Members Jon Jasper (Vice Chair), Eliza Kashinsky, Shaun Londahl, Ryan Moore, Scott Nowicki (Chair), Tai Pruce-Zimmerman, Alicia Voorhees.

**Committee Members Absent:** City Council Members Mike Clark, Claire Syrett

**Guest:** Mayor Lucy Vinis

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. *Bonnie Souza* – Member of the Human Rights Commission (HRC) and the Whole Eugene Community United (WeCU) workgroup. Spoke in support of implementing the recommendations presented to City Council at the September 12, 2018, work session regarding members of marginalized communities in Eugene. Requested funding in the FY20 budget for a multicultural liaison position.
2. *John Barofsky* – Former member of Budget Committee and current Chair of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) advisory committee. Requested that the FY20 budget include an additional \$30,000 to fund Human Social Services to match FY19's contribution, and that the City's contribution increase annually with inflation.
3. *Linda Heyl* – Member of 350 Eugene and a resident of Ward 2. The group supports the Draft Climate Action Plan priorities, which depend on emissions reductions in the Transportation System Plan. Additional funding is needed to increase biking population in Eugene.
4. *Daniel Borsen* – Member of the Human Rights Commission and the WeCU workgroup. Requested the inclusion of a multicultural liaison position in the FY20 budget. A full-time liaison can advocate for the needs of marginalized communities in Eugene.
5. *Paula Stout* – Member of the HRC workgroup on Poverty & Homelessness and is a church volunteer with a local family shelter. Stated that there is a difference between shelter and housing and the need for a continuum. Requested that we be patient and kind to people who are unhoused, and focus part of the budget on housing.
6. *Cynthia Black* – Longtime member of the community that has never driven a car in Eugene. Requested increased funding for bicycle infrastructure to prevent serious injuries and deaths. This will increase the number of bicyclists and help the City meet its bicycling and Vision Zero goals.

## **II. MINUTES APPROVAL**

The Budget Committee received past meeting minutes for review and approval. The minutes pending approval were for the following meeting: May 30, 2018, February 20, 2019 and April 24, 2019.

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

## **III. URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY (URA) 101 AND THE FY20 PROPOSED URA BUDGET**

Amanda Nobel Flannery, Economic Prosperity Programs Manager, and Maurizio Bottalico, Senior Financial Analyst, provided an overview of the Urban Renewal Agency districts and projects, and how this work incorporates City plans and community goals. They also presented the FY20 Urban Renewal Agency budget, which included a video of the proposed steam plant restoration project.

Chair Nowicki gave each Committee member three minutes to provide comments and ask questions related to the URA presentation.

## **IV. BREAK**

Chair Nowicki called for the Committee to be in recess for a break at 6:15 p.m.

Chair Nowicki called the meeting back to order at 6:25 p.m. with all Committee members present.

## **V. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COLLABORATIVE (TAC) REPORT OVERVIEW**

Jason Dedrick, Policy Systems Analyst, and Peter Chavannes, Homeless Systems Policy Manager (AIC), presented on the Technical Assistance Collaborative (“TAC”) Study findings, also known as the Homeless Services System Report. The study found that shelter and system enhancements together are the only solution that will decrease the unsheltered population in Eugene. The presenters provided information about the ways that homelessness is currently being supported by the City and ways the City, in collaboration with its partners including Lane County, can provide additional support.

Chair Nowicki gave each Committee member three minutes to provide comments and ask questions related to the TAC Report presentation. He then opened the queue for further comments and questions.

## **VI. BUDGET COMMITTEE DELIBERATION**

Chair Nowicki opened the floor for the Committee to talk about the FY20 Proposed Budget.

## **VII. NEXT STEPS**

Chair Nowicki reminded Budget Committee members of their next meeting on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and the cancellation of the May 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. He advised the Committee to continue working on intended motions.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Willhite  
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