

MINUTES
Eugene Budget Committee Meeting
Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 2020
5:30pm

Committee Members Present: City Council Members Emily Semple, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, Jennifer Yeh, Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor; Citizen Members Alicia Voorhees, Eliza Kashinsky, Ryan Moore, Tai Pruce-Zimmerman (Vice-chair), Jon Jasper (Chair), Katharine Ryan, Randy Groves, Shaun Londahl

Committee Members Absent: Councilor Mike Clark, Councilor Greg Evans

Guests: Mayor Lucy Vinis

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jasper called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

I. Welcome

Chair Jasper welcomed all participants to the meeting, provided an overview of Zoom meeting instructions, and invited the City Manager Pro Tem, Sarah Medary, to begin sharing the budget.

II. City Manager Pro Tem's Presentation of the Budget

City Manager Pro Tem, Sarah Medary, presented the FY21 Proposed Budget. She acknowledged that this budget process differs greatly from those in the past due to our current circumstances. She outlined what the proposed budget looked like pre-COVID-19, where we are today, and presented the way forward, including highlights of amendments to the FY21 Proposed Budget, a focus on fiscal stewardship, ongoing vigilance and maintaining the City's flexibility to respond to the changing environment.

Twylla Miller, Finance Director, presented the Financial Outlook, with a focus on the General Fund (GF), which is the fund that represents the City's discretionary funds and is tied closely to the City's fiscal health, emphasizing the uncertainty of the forecast due to impacts from COVID-19. She reviewed GF revenue projections, information about the PERS Employer Incentive Fund contribution, as well as areas of uncertainty over the coming year. In reviewing the impacts of assumptions to the amended GF forecast, she pointed out the need for a range of future ongoing budget reductions in years FY22-FY24 in addition to \$750,000 of ongoing reductions in FY21.

Chief Skinner, Police, presented a brief overview of the Community Safety Initiative funding strategy.

Renee Grube, LRCS Director, presented the proposed budget amendments that relate to the Hult Center.

Denny Braud, PDD Director, presented the Urban Renewal Agency, highlighting development plans for the Riverfront District and the Downtown District.

Councilor Zelenka joined at 5:40 p.m.

Councilor Syrett joined at 6:45 p.m.

The presentation concluded at 7:00p.m.

II. Committee Discussion

Chair Jasper invited each Budget Committee member to provide three minutes of comments or questions on the FY21 Proposed Budget in a round robin format. Budget Committee members asked some clarifying questions and stated their priorities related to the FY21 Proposed Budget and presentation.

After each of the Committee members had the opportunity to speak, Chair Jasper opened the queue for questions and further discussion.

Chair Jasper concluded the discussion at 7:49p.

IV. Minutes Approval

The Budget Committee received past meeting minutes for review and approval. The minutes pending approval were for the following meeting: February 29, 2020

MOTION: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Citizen Member Eliza Kashinsky, moved to approve the minutes as described above. PASSED 14:0.

V. Wrap-up and Next Steps

Chair Jasper reminded the committee that there are two meetings left and that public testimony will be provided at both.

If any committee member has questions, they should be emailed to Vicki Silvers or the Budget Team email address.

Chair Jasper requested that if any committee member has an intent to make a motion to let the committee know. The motions should be submitted by May 21, 2020 and deliberation will occur on May 27, 2020. The order of motions will be sent out via email.

ADJOURN

Chair Jasper adjourned the meeting at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby Alway
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