

MINUTES
Eugene Budget Committee Meeting
Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, May 27, 2020
5:30pm

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

Committee Members Absent: Councilor Mike Clark, Citizen Member Alicia Voorhees

Guest: Mayor Lucy Vinis

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. Welcome

Chair Jasper welcomed all participants to the meeting and thanked all for joining in this new meeting format. He outlined Zoom protocol and housekeeping structure, including how to be included in the public comment queue. Raised hands will be accepted until approximately 5:40pm. When voting, committee members are asked to raise hands physically with their video screens on. If phoning in, members can state their name and their vote. If abstaining, please specify that in the chat.

II. Minutes Approval

The Budget Committee received past meeting minutes for review and approval. The minutes pending approval were for the following meeting: May 20, 2020.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Randy Groves, moved to approve the minutes as described above. PASSED 14:0.

III. Public Comment

1. Chris Pickering of Sweet Home, Operations Director of Catholic Community Services, works in both Springfield and Eugene, offered thanks for the funds to support a little less than 1 FTE; hopes to not see this support lowered.

IV. Budget Committee Deliberation

Chair Jasper invited each Budget Committee member to provide three minutes to provide comments or ask questions regarding the FY21 Proposed Budget in a round robin format. After each of the Committee members had the opportunity to speak, Chair Jasper opened the queue for questions and further discussion.

V. Budget Committee Deliberation and Action

Chair Jasper opened the floor for motions and deliberation on the FY21 Proposed Budget

MOTION: Councilor Semple, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to recommend that the City Council allocate the originally proposed \$408,345 for 3.0 FTE in the Sidewalk Maintenance Program. Funds to come from the Road Fund (Fund 131). Program implementation is dependent upon enough and stable revenues in the Road Fund.

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

VOTE: PASSED 14:0.

MOTION: Citizen Member Eliza Kashinsky, seconded by Councilor Semple, moved to recommend that the City Council allocate an additional \$45,000 in one-time funding to the Human Services Commission FY21 Proposed Budget allocation to offset the expected reduction in Community Development Block Grant funding. Funds to come from Local Marijuana Tax revenue.

Committee members discussed the motion before it was put to vote. City Manager Pro Tem recommended that the motion remove the funds from the General Fund COVID-19 allocation instead of the Local Marijuana Tax revenue, because she believes that there is potential to put the money back into the Supplemental Budget through other funding, thereby avoiding further reduction of the reserves. Citizen Member Shaun Londahl proposed a friendly amendment to change the source of the grant funding to the General Fund one-time COVID-19 allocation. Citizen Member Eliza Kashinsky accepted the friendly amendment, and Councilor Semple seconded the amended motion.

MOTION AND VOTE: Citizen Member Eliza Kashinsky, seconded by Councilor Semple, moved to recommend that the City Council allocate an additional \$45,000 in one-time funding to the Human Services Commission FY21 Proposed Budget allocation to offset the expected reduction in Community Development Block Grant funding. Funds to come from reducing the General Fund one-time COVID-19 allocation. PASSED 14:0.

MOTION: Citizen Member Shaun Londahl, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to recommend that the City Council allocate one-time funds for \$73,238 to help the Human Services Commission (HSC) fund a 2% increase for subcontractors for the coming year.

Committee members discussed the motion before it was put to vote. City Manager Pro Tem recommended that the motion be amended to remove the funds from the General Fund COVID-19 allocation and requested that the fixed dollar amount change to a percentage. Councilor Syrett proposed a Friendly Amendment to add “to not exceed” before the stated amount, which Londahl accepted. Councilor Zelenka proposed a friendly amendment to change the wording to “hours/salaries” and delete the percent part and have a set amount, which Londahl declined. Additional minor modifications were made to the motion based upon committee feedback.

MOTION AND VOTE: Citizen Member Shaun Londahl, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to recommend that the City Council allocate one-time funds to not exceed \$73,238 to help the Human Services Commission (HSC) fund a 2% increase to the City of Eugene portion of subcontractor contracts to be used for salaries for the coming year. Funds to come from

reducing the General Fund one-time COVID-19 allocation. PASSED 12:2. Councilor Taylor and Citizen Member Jon Jasper opposed.

MOTION: Citizen Member Jon Jasper, seconded by Citizen Member Randy Groves, moved to recommend that the City Council direct the City Manager to place all revenues received from current and future Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) allocations into the Ambulance Transport Fund (Fund 592).

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

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Syrett, made a motion to substitute. PASSED 10:4. Councilor Taylor, Councilor Evans, Citizen Member Randy Groves, and Citizen Member Jon Jasper opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Move to recommend to the City Manager that City Council hold a work session on the Ground Emergency Medical Transport funding, Ambulance Transport Fund, overall funding of the fire department and update on the Eugene-Springfield fire merger progress. PASSED 14:0

MOTION AND VOTE: Citizen member Eliza Kashinsky, seconded by Councilor Evans, made a motion to extend the meeting for 30 minutes with a 10-minute break. PASSED 11:3. Councilors Zelenka, Pryor and Taylor opposed.

VI. Break

Chair Jasper called for the Committee to be in recess at 7:53 p.m.

Chair Jasper called the meeting back to order at 8:03 p.m.

VII. Budget Committee Deliberation and Action

MOTION: Citizen Member Shaun Londahl, moved to recommend that the City Council allocate an additional \$150,000 for Right of Way cleanup that was included in the FY21 Unfunded Needs Assessment as part of the FY21 Supplemental Budget process. Funding would come from the General Fund to be considered during the FY21 Supplemental Budget process if funds are available at that time. No second was provided; motion does not move forward.

MOTION AND VOTE: Citizen member, Tai Pruce-Zimmerman, seconded by citizen member Eliza Kashinsky, moved that the Budget Committee recommend to the Eugene City Council the FY21 Budget for the City of Eugene that consists of the City Manager's Proposed FY21 Budget with the amendments presented on May 13, 2020, and the amended Property Tax Rates and Tax Levy schedule distributed on May 19, 2020; 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 following amendments:

1. Sidewalk Maintenance Program funding
2. Human Services Commission funding
3. Human Services Commission funding increase

PASSED 14:0.

MOTION AND VOTE: Citizen member, Tai Pruce-Zimmerman, seconded by citizen member Eliza Kashinsky, moved that the Budget Committee recommend to the Eugene City Council, acting as the Urban Renewal Agency Board of Directors, the FY21 Budget for the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency that consists of the City Manager's FY21 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 14:0.

VIII. Recognition of Service

Chair Jasper shared his appreciation for citizen members whose terms expire this year, Katharine Ryan, Eliza Kashinsky and Alicia Voorhees, noting that Alicia Voorhees will not be returning to the Budget Committee for a following term. Due to the virtual nature of the meeting, Chair Jasper could not present Alicia with a physical award, but noted that it will arrive next week in the mail.

ADJOURN

Chair Jasper adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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