

MEETING MINUTES
Eugene Budget Committee Meeting
Zoom Meeting
5:30pm, Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Committee Members Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Councilor Clark | ✓ Jon Jasper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Councilor Keating | ✓ Tai Pruce-Zimmerman |
| ✓ Councilor Groves | ✓ Rayna Jackson |
| ✓ Councilor Evans | ✓ Eliza Kashinsky |
| ✓ Councilor Semple | ✓ Shaun Londahl |
| ✓ Councilor Syrett | ✓ Ryan Moore |
| ✓ Councilor Yeh | ✓ Katherine Ryan |
| ✓ Councilor Zelenka | |

Guests:

Mayor Lucy Vinis	Amanda Nobel Flannery, Co-Community Development Director, AIC
City Manager Sarah Medary	Will Dowdy, Co-Community Development Director, AIC
Maurizio Bottalico, Senior Financial Analyst	

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tai Pruce-Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

I. [5:32 pm] Welcome

Chair Pruce-Zimmerman welcomed all participants to the meeting, outlined the agenda, and acknowledged the privilege of being able to attend these meetings. The Chair announced that tonight's meeting would include public comment, and that citizens wishing to speak can raise their virtual hands until 5:40 pm to be put into the queue.

Councilor Syrett joined at 5:34 pm.

II. [5:35 pm] Minutes Approval

Chair Pruce-Zimmerman indicated that the Budget Committee meeting minutes from April 28, 2021 need to be approved.

Councilor Evans, seconded by Rayna Jackson, moved to approve the meeting notes.
VOTE: PASSED 13:0

III. [5:36 pm] Process for Upcoming Motions

The Chair provided a reminder to the committee about how motions will be conducted, including a request that committee members indicate ahead of the last meeting if they will be making any motions.

IV. [5:40pm] Public Comment

Chair Pruce-Zimmerman invited the public to provide comment, allotting 2 minutes and 30 seconds for each citizen. Comments were provided by the following:

Max Rink: provided comment on EPD budgeting and the Eugene Police Foundation. Requested that all committee members disclose whether they are on the Eugene Police Foundation.

Zondie: requested that the names of those providing public comment be read in its entirety before the public comment portion begins so that citizens can budget their time. Commented on the Councilor's response to the recent graffiti of three councilor homes. Commented on the recent Community Safety Initiative (CSI) listening sessions, in which only three people supported the increase of police presence.

Jacob Trewe, Ward 1: commented on the recent CSI listening sessions, in which only three people supported the increase of police presence. Suggested that budget increases for EPD is a poor use of funds, and that EPD funding should be decreased and the money allocated to CAHOOTS and housing.

Jim Neu, Ward 7: commented on the climate crisis and requested funding for a permanent staff position, bike and pedestrian projects, future federal rescue plan for the Climate Recovery Ordinance, SCORE, fund support programs for energy efficiency, including electrical vehicle action plan.

Ethan Klein, Ward 1: commented on the police and public safety, asking committee members what it would take for them to defund the police and allocate the funds elsewhere.

Ian Winbrock, Chair of Whitaker Neighborhood Association (WNA), Ward 7: commented on how much the WNA uses funding from the City, and the ways in which they use it, including in reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic. Requested that the funding allocations for Neighborhood outreach remain the same.

Jackson Kellogg, Chair of Cal Young Neighborhood Association, Ward 4: requested that the funding allocations for Neighborhood outreach remain the same.

Matthew Yook, Ward 4: commented on the CSI budget allocations, and questioned what has already been allocated. Commented on a desire for more housing in place of funding the police.

Eli Brown, Ward 1: commented on the importance of transparency in the budget process and how that applies to the online budget tool. Commented that they thought a budget spreadsheet had been deleted. Requested a fuller picture of how the city funds the criminalization of homelessness.

V. [6:03 pm] Presentation of the Urban Renewal Agency (URA)

Maurizio Bottalico, Amanda Nobel Flannery and Will Dowdy presented an overview of the Urban Renewal Agency (URA), including:

- URA Districts and their boundaries;
- Development challenges;
- The URA FY22 Proposed Budget and
- Project updates.

The presentation concluded with questions from Budget Committee members.

VI. [6:30 pm] City Manager Update

City Manager, Sarah Medary, provided a brief update to complement her presentation on April 28th. The update included:

- Financial leadership, past and present;
- Community Safety Initiative;
- Ad Hoc Committee Police Policy;
- Ongoing factors that could affect the budget;
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund analysis and priority setting; and
- The ongoing journey that will occur with the Budget Committee as all of these items will not be resolved before recommendations are made to City Council.

The presentation concluded with questions from Budget Committee members.

VII. [7:07 pm] 10-minute Break

Chair Pruce-Zimmerman called for the Committee to be in recess at 7:07 pm.
Chair Pruce-Zimmerman called the meeting back to order at 7:17 pm.

VIII. [7:17 pm] Budget Committee Discussion

City Manager, Sarah Medary, shared more thoughts on the ARPA funding, expressing that while there is a sense of urgency, it's important to do proper analysis of budget needs such that funds can be allocated appropriately. Medary indicated that she will likely recommend ARPA funding for one-time items.

Chair Pruce-Zimmerman then invited each Budget Committee member to provide comment in a round-robin format. Each member was allotted three minutes for comment. After each committee member had the opportunity to comment, Chair Pruce-Zimmerman began another round for committee members to ask questions. Each member was allotted three minutes for questions, and the timer was paused for responses from staff, as available.

IV. [8:02 pm] Wrap Up and Next Steps

Chair Pruce-Zimmerman concluded the meeting with the following statements:

- There will be two more meetings on May 19th and 26th, both of which will include public comment.
- If budget committee members have questions of staff, they should be emailed to Vicki Silvers.
- If budget committee members have motions, they should be emailed to Vicki Silvers.
- Motions will follow the same process as last year. Staff will compile the list of intended motions and coordinate with the Budget Committee Chair to determine the order in which

they will be presented. Motions will be included in the meeting packet and will be voted on during the May 26th meeting.

ADJOURN

Chair Pruce-Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Abby Alway, Program Coordinator, Finance Division