

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Eugene Budget Committee Meeting**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
5:30pm, Wednesday, October 27, 2021

**Committee Member Attendance:**

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

**Guests:**

Mayor Lucy Vinis  
City Manager Sarah Medary

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**I. 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 noted that the purpose of this meeting was a follow-up to the motion passed in the spring to reconvene the committee in the fall to discuss American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

[5:34 pm] Councilor Semple joined the meeting.

**II. [5:35 pm] Public Comment**

Jacob Trewe - Spoke against funding police in place of supporting CAHOOTS and homelessness support. Supports the Community Safety Officers program if they replace armed officers; recommends taking the money and fully funding CAHOOTS.

John Barofsky, representing the working group of the Chamber of Commerce Local Government Affairs Committee. Recommended ARPA funding for helping businesses and neighborhoods with clean-up and security, safe sleep sites, SDC waivers to incentivize and encourage affordable housing, making the affordable housing trust fund whole, opportunities to find properties in the downtown core for affordable or workforce housing, and offer grants to help childcare providers with rent, operations, capacity, and staffing.

Kaarin Knudson, architect, teacher at UO School of Planning & Architecture, and Founding Director of Better Housing Together. Recommended ARPA funding be prioritized for local housing crisis. Advocates for affordable housing partners to have access to an SDC fund with greater capacity, as those funds are critical in delivering projects to meet community needs. Affordable Housing Trust Fund is young and influence on community is just being seen now; requests that some of the funds be returned.

### III. [5:42 pm] Minutes Approval

Chair Pruce-Zimmerman indicated that the Budget Committee meeting minutes from October 20, 2021 need to be approved.

Eliza Kashinsky, seconded by Councilor Zelenka, moved to approve the meeting minutes.  
VOTE: PASSED 14:0

### IV. [5:43 pm] Presentation on Digital Budget Book

Vicki Silvers, Assistant Director of Finance, presented the new approach of sharing the budget document, using ClearGov.com, a website-based digital budget book that includes interactive content. The entire document can be explored digitally or can be turned into a PDF and saved to a desktop or printed. This approach to change the way the budget document is shared was chosen to increase accessibility and engagement, with the intention that it will be easier to navigate and understand. This approach continues to meet all State and GFOA requirements, which means that it's still quite a large document. Future budget documents will be presented in this same method, with edits and adjustments made as technology changes and feedback is received. The document is available on the Budget website.

### V. [5:51 pm] Presentation on Community Safety Initiative (CSI) Community Engagement

City Manager Sarah Medary noted that this presentation is in response to a request from the Budget Committee that they would like to see more information on the City's CSI Community Engagement work.

Kevin Alltucker, Interim CSI Project Manager, and Laura Hammond, Community Relations Director, provided a summary of the methods used to engage with the community around the CSI. This was a short summary of the presentation given to City Council on May 10, 2021.

The summary included a community engagement timeline from 2018 to present, and an overview of the goals and types of engagement methods used, including:

- (4) Four focus group sessions with a total of 35 participants.
- (2) Two Community listening sessions, with 101 attendees.
- (1) One online survey conducted in both English (2,452 responses) and Spanish (113 responses) to obtain broader community feedback on priority strategies.

The presentation concluded with a summary of the overall key findings, including strategies and priorities. More information is available at [www.eugene-or.gov/CSIEngagement](http://www.eugene-or.gov/CSIEngagement). To view the entire May 10, 2021 presentation to City Council on this topic, visit [www.eugene-or.gov/Webcasts](http://www.eugene-or.gov/Webcasts) and select the May 10<sup>th</sup> date.

[6:07 pm] The Budget Committee was given a chance to ask questions pertaining to the presentation topic.

### VI. [6:46 pm] Call for 10-minute Break

### VII. [6:56 pm] Budget Committee Discussion and Feedback

Chair Pruce-Zimmerman invited each Budget Committee member to provide quick comment or question in response to the CSI presentation in a round-robin formation, followed by additional rounds of questions/comments where each member requested to be added to a queue for three minutes, and the timer was paused for responses from staff, as available.

### **VIII. [7:51 pm] Wrap-up and Next Steps**

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

- There will be a meeting on December 8th to review the Supplemental Budget.
- The exact process for how the committee is going to make recommendations is still to be determined, as this process is not the same as the proposed budget process and the committee does not have statutory authority to make recommendations. Committee members are welcome to provide input on the process to the Chair.

### **ADJOURN**

Chair Pruce-Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Abby Alway, Program Coordinator, Finance Division