

MEETING MINUTES
Eugene Budget Committee Meeting
Zoom Meeting
5:30pm, Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Committee Member Attendance:

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| ✓ Councilor Clark | ✓ Siobhan Cancel |
| ☐ Councilor Evans | ✓ Rayna Jackson |
| ✓ Councilor Groves | ✓ Jon Jasper |
| ✓ Councilor Keating | ✓ Eliza Kashinsky |
| ✓ Councilor Semple | ✓ Ryan Kounovsky |
| ✓ Councilor Syrett | ✓ Ryan Moore |
| ☐ Councilor Yeh | ✓ Tai Pruce-Zimmerman |
| • Councilor Zelenka | ✓ Katherine Ryan |

Guests:

City Manager Sarah Medary

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tai Pruce-Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

I. [5:35 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.

II. [5:36 pm] Minutes Approval

Chair Pruce-Zimmerman indicated that the Budget Committee meeting minutes from May 11, 2022 need to be approved.

Eliza Kashinsky, seconded by Councilor Groves, moved to approve the meeting minutes.
VOTE PASSED 11:0; Ryan Moore abstained

III. [5:40 pm] Public Comment Period

Jacob Trewe, Ward 1, commented that the budget is a moral document and does not agree with the allocation of \$10M to the police budget, and believes that the money could be used for something better.

Sean Shivers commented on his experience with CAHOOTS while working at a drug treatment facility, and that investing in CAHOOTS will have a large downstream effect on all service providers.

[5:46pm] Councilor Semple joined the meeting.

IV. [5:46pm] Presentation on the Urban Renewal Agency

Anne Fifield, Economic Development Planner, presented on the status of the Downtown Urban Renewal District, and Amanda D'Souza, Business Development Analyst, presented on the Riverfront Urban Renewal District.

Committee Discussion

- Councilor Syrett expressed appreciation for these projects and the wayfinding project.
- Councilor Groves commented that the upcoming council work session discussion on urban renewal districts will be important, and that he is interested in the potential for a new urban renewal district along transportation corridors to help with low-income and affordable housing along transit lines.
- Councilor Clark expressed interested in creating new urban renewal zones along 6th and 7th and Highway 99. He asked for clarification on when the riverfront district will be paid off in full and how money is handled when the district sunsets as well as how long it would take to pay off debt of \$25M if the City were to extend money to the Riverfront District.
- Katharine Ryan asked if it is common practice for urban renewal districts to end, be extended, or have a new one put in place.
- Eliza Kashinsky asked about the projects approved in the original plan that won't be completed by the time the URAs sunset.
- Ryan Moore asked how tax increment financing works and commented, based on his understanding of urban renewal district taxing, that the larger community is not benefitting from those revenues, and that it would be difficult to set up more urban renewal districts due to the sacrifice of short-term revenue.
- Councilor Clark commented that building in urban renewal districts brings in more taxes in the future which could be used in the district to pay back for the borrowing of the initial money to build it. He also discussed utilizing the former EWEB administration building on the river for City Hall.

V. [6:26pm] Call for 10-minute break

VI. [6:36pm] Presentation on the Community Safety Initiative

Jeremy Cleversey, CSI Project Manager, presented on the Community Safety Initiative (CSI). He was joined by Craig Smith, Recreation Services Director, Fire Chief Scott Cockrum, and Police Chief Chris Skinner, who each spoke on specific CSI strategies. In addition, Chief Skinner presented 2021 CAHOOTS response data.

Committee Discussion

- Councilor Syrett shared appreciation on the level of staff dedicated to working with youth in this initiative and for the dedicated funds to physical and mental health of officers.
- Ryan Konouvsy asked how much the Police department is engaging with local school districts, when the timeline for the study for Alternative Response Study will be completed, what the difference is between community service officers and traditional police officers, how types of calls for service are in proportion to the total number of calls.
- Councilor Clark commented on the school resource officers' program, and about the ability of CAHOOTS to meet their 36-hour contract.
- Tai Pruce-Zimmerman asked where he could get more detailed information on youth prevention services and commented on the CAHOOTS program.
- Katharine Ryan asked about the grants used for youth prevention services, whether the City is currently able to meet the need, and whether there is a visual difference between the community service officers and police officers.
- Siobhan Cancel asked if community service officers carry guns, what programs and services are going towards youth prevention, clarifying questions about the CAHOOTS call data, and commented on the school resource officers' program.

VII. [7:45pm] Budget Committee Discussion – Round Robin

- Jon Jasper commented on the use of the former EWEB admin building as a City Hall.
- Councilor Clark commented on the school resource officers' program.
- Siobhan Cancel asked how long EPD stays at a call once CAHOOTS is on site and suggested that a future youth program could include introducing children of color to the police department.
- Ryan Kounovsky commented that in the future, understanding data on how we are using resources in the best way for public safety in our community would be helpful in order to be good stewards of public funds.
- Eliza Kashinsky asked about inflation rates used in the budget and with contracts and how escalators in personnel heavy contracts are addressed.
- Councilor Syrett commented on the use of the LCC downtown building as a City Hall and the school resource officers' program.
- Katharine Ryan commented that she is still planning on presenting a motion related to CAHOOTS and commented on community safety officers.
- Ryan Moore asked for clarity on camp clean ups, park clean up, enforcement, and community focused patrols as referenced on page 38 of the budget document.
- Tai Puce-Zimmerman commented on youth interactions with law enforcement and safety structure, referenced a report from 2020 on the Lane County Juvenile Justice System, and commented on the CAHOOTS program.
- Eliza Kashinsky commented on urban renewal funding and how the taxes can be used.
- Councilor Clark commented on urban renewal funding and potential items to consider in evaluating the downtown LCC building as City Hall.
- Siobhan Cancel expressed appreciation for the affordable housing in the urban renewal, asked how much was spent on advertising for EPD recruiting and the rate of return, and whether some PSA funds could be spent to promote understanding of the community safety officer program.

VIII. [8:21pm] Wrap-up and Next Steps

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

- The final meeting on May 25th includes motions and public comment.
- If you have questions, or need help crafting motions, email Vicki Silvers.
- Staff will compile all submitted motions and provide in budget committee meeting packets. The same basic motion process used last year will be used this year.
- Please have all motions submitted to Vicki Silvers or Twylla Miller by Monday morning so there is time to compile and communicate the order of the agenda.

ADJOURN

Chair Puce-Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Abby Alway, Project Manager, Priority Based Budgeting Initiative Project Manager, Finance Division