

Budget Committee Meetings

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

In-person

Public Service Building, 2051 Kaen Rd, Oregon City, 97045

BCC Hearing Room, FL 4

PRESENT: Commissioner Tootie Smith, Chair
Commissioner Sonya Fischer
Commissioner Mark Shull
Commissioner Paul Savas
Commissioner Martha Schrader
Citizen Member James Karn
Citizen Member Wilda Parks
Citizen Member James Rhodes
Citizen Member Kenneth Sernach

ABSENT: Citizen Member, Jan Lee absent

STAFF: County Administrator, Gary Schmidt
Finance Director Elizabeth Comfort
Budget Manager, Sandra Montoya
Senior Budget Analyst, Blaze Riggins

CALL TO ORDER (8:30 am)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Recorded Time 1:08):

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2022 Budget Committee meeting was made by Chair Smith. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.

1) MOTION (Recorded Time 3:02):

A motion to nominate Wilda Parks as Chair, by Chair Smith. A second nomination for James Karn for Chair, by Commissioner Savas. James Karn withdraws his nomination for Chair. The motion for Wilda Parks to be Budget Committee Chair carries with 8 in favor, 1 against. Commission Chair Smith turns the meeting over to Chair Parks.

2) MOTION (Recorded Time 7:21):

A motion to nominate Commissioner Tootie Smith as Vice Chair of the Budget Committee. A second nomination for James Rhodes, by Commissioner Shull. James Rhodes withdraws his nomination for Vice Chair. The motion carries for Commissioner Tootie Smith as Vice Chair with 7 in favor, 2 against.

3) MOTION (Recorded Time 11:08):

A motion to nominate Kenneth Sernach as Secretary of the Budget Committee, by Chair Parks. The motion carries with 9 in favor, 0 against.

INTRODUCTIONS

BUDGET MESSAGE (8:44 am)

County Administrator Gary Schmidt delivered the Budget Message.

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

Assessment & Taxation, Tami Little (9:15 am)

County Clerk, Sherry Hall (10:00 am)

Treasurer, Brian Nava (10:15 am)

Sheriff's Office, Angela Brandenburg (10:45 am)

Community Corrections, Malcolm McDonald (11:45 am)

Justice Court, Judge Karen Brisbin (1:15 pm)

District Attorney, John Wentworth (1:30 pm)

Disaster Management, Program Manager Daniel Nibouar (1:40 pm)

C-COM, Director Cheryl Bledsoe (1:50 pm)

Juvenile, Director Christina McMahan (2:10 pm)

Resolution Services, Director Lauren MacNeill (2:40 pm)

Health, Housing, & Human Services, Director Rodney Cook (3:00 pm)

MEETING RECESSED AT 5:00 pm

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

In-person

Public Service Building, 2051 Kaen Rd, Oregon City, 97045

BCC Hearing Room, FL 4

RECONVENE (8:30 am)

Department of Transportation and Development, Director Dan Johnson (8:40 am)

Business & Community Services, Interim Director Sarah Eckman (9:10 am)

Human Resources, Director Evelyn Minor-Lawrence (9:40 am)

Public & Government Affairs, Director Sue Hildick (10:10 am)

Technology Services, Interim Director Dave Devore (10:35 am)

Finance, Facilities, Non-Departmental, Capital Projects Reserve Fund, Director Elizabeth Comfort (11:00 am)

County Administration, County Administrator Gary Schmidt (1:15 pm)

Tourism, Director Samara Phelps (1:35 pm)

Law Library, Director Jennifer Dalglish (1:50 pm)

County Counsel, Stephen Madkour (2:05 pm)

2050 GENERAL FUND FORECAST (2:15 pm)

Budget Manager, Sandra Montoya, presents the Budget forecast.

COMPENSATION BOARD DISCUSSION (3:00 pm)

Sr. Human Resources Manager, Heather Pedersen, presents the Compensation Board findings and recommendations.

1) MOTION (Recorded Time 23:22 pm):

A motion to accept the 4.5% cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all elected officials, by Commissioner Schrader. The motion carries with 6 in favor, 3 against.

2) MOTION (Recorded Time: 28:32)

A motion to approve a 2.1% market adjustment for the Treasurer, by Kenneth Sernach. The motion carries with 7 in favor, 2 against.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY (6:00 pm)

The public hearing opened and testimony was invited.

Cynthia A. Powell, a Clackamas resident, spoke in support of additional funding for law enforcement response and patrol for businesses that are facing transient-related crime. The business at which Ms. Powell is currently employed has faced several crimes to which law enforcement has not resolved or been adequately responsive.

Steve Lights, a Clackamas county business owner, testified how his businesses and employee safety have been impacted by the homeless population in the area. Mr. Lights spoke about the worsening security conditions and his concerns for the future of his businesses.

HEARING CLOSED AND MEETING RECESSED (6:20 pm)

Thursday, May 26, 2022

In-person
Public Service Building, 2051 Kaen Rd, Oregon City, 97045
BCC Hearing Room, FL 4

CALL TO ORDER (8:30 am)

Reconvene

BUDGET DELIBERATION

1) MOTION (Recorded Time 40:46):

A motion to amend the budget as presented to add five positions to the Sheriff's Office, three for Jail, and two for Deputy for a cost of \$87,626 within the Sheriff's Levy. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.

2) MOTION (Recorded Time 1:21:33)

A motion to make a second amendment to the main motion to fund the Arts Alliance in Regional Arts and Culture Council (RAC) to Tourism Development Council (TDC) funds, by Chair Parks. After discussion, the motion is withdrawn.

3) MOTION (Recorded Time 1:25:26)

A motion to direct \$500,000 of Supportive Housing Services to begin a county operated shelter for homeless by Commissioner Savas. The motion fails, with 2 in favor, 7 against.

4) MOTION (Recorded Time 1:35:48):

A motion to approve the 2022-2023 budget for Clackamas County with a total of \$1,164,712,297 and impose the county permanent tax rate of 2.4042 Clackamas County – City and 2.9766 Clackamas County – Rural, the public safety local option levy tax rate of 0.368 and the amount of \$5,337,886 for General Obligation bond debt service, with one amendment for five Sheriff's deputies to be paid for out of the special levy, by Vice Chair Smith. The motion carries with 6 in favor, 2 against, and 1 abstention.

MEETING ADJOURNED (10:17 am)

Prepared by: [Priscila Montoya](#), Budget Coordinator. These meeting minutes were approved January 25, 2023.

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