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Subject: Re: packet of materials in response to questions and inquiries thru May 30th of Budget Committee mtgs

Regarding the item on the FY 2019-20 Parking Lot for Vehicle Registration Fees:

Oregon Budget Law (ORS 294) requires public access to the budget process for all local government funds. In addition to setting out requirements for advertising of meetings and taking public testimony, it adds restrictions to increasing the size of the pie after the budget is approved, and restricts even more after the budget is adopted. There are some exceptions for grants, gifts, bequests where the amounts are not anticipated at the time the budget is adopted (see ORS 294.361(3)(d)), but for the most part you have to disclose all government funds while people are still paying attention -- during the budget process. You can always reduce any estimate of revenues, but *intentionally* it becomes difficult to increase.

I am attaching ORS 294.471 "Supplemental Budget in Certain Cases." You will note that this statute assumes that all funds that were known at the time of the original budget were included at that time.

In the interest of transparency and full disclosure of revenues that could be anticipated at the time the budget is approved, I advise that we include the new Vehicle Registration Fee revenue and corresponding appropriation as part of our amendments to the Proposed Budget. If Finance staff have questions about the best way to construct this, the Department of Revenue is the best source of information on Local Budget Law.

<https://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/294.471>

On Sat, Jun 1, 2019 at 9:35 AM Chambers, Jennifer <JChambers@clackamas.us> wrote:

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