

**CITY OF CORVALLIS
COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES
June 1, 2015**

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Information Only	Held for Further Review	Decisions/Recommendations
Executive Session 1. City Attorney and Municipal Judge Evaluations Page 219	Yes		
Proclamation 1. Proclamation of India Day Celebration Page 219	Yes		
Visitors' Propositions 1. DCA EID pass-through fee (Wessell) 2. CCAT location (Hunter, Friedlander) Pages 220-221	Yes Yes		
Consent Agenda Page 221			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopted Consent Agenda <u>passed U</u>
Unfinished Business 1. City Attorney Contract Page 222	Yes		
HSC Meeting – 5/19/15 1. Corrections to HSC minutes, if any 2. Liquor License Annual Renewals Page 222	Yes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved all renewals <u>passed U</u>
USC Meeting – 5/19/15 1. Corrections to USC minutes, if any 2. TSP Update Process 3. Corvallis Aero Service Airport Lease Amendment 4. IGA with OSU 5. Other Business: Parking Pages 222-223	Yes Yes Yes Yes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorized CM to sign lease amendment <u>passed U</u>
ASC Meeting – 5/20/15 1. Corrections to ASC minutes, if any 2. Land Use Application Fees Review 3. Visit Corvallis Third Quarter Report 4. DCA EID Third Quarter Report Pages 223-225	Yes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RESOLUTION 2015-20 <u>passed U</u> • Accepted Report <u>passed U</u> • Accepted Report <u>passed U</u>
City Legislative Committee 1. May 19, 2015 meeting Page 225	Yes		

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Mayor's Reports 1. Vacancy on Visit Corvallis Board Page 226	Yes		
Council Reports 1. Climate Action Task Force (Baker) 2. Housing Development Task Force (Beilstein) 3. Sustainable Budget Task Force (Brauner) 4. Vision and Action Plan Task Force (York) 5. OSU-Related Plan Review Task Force (Hann) 6. Ward 7 A <i>Little Free Library</i> (Glassmire) 7. Mill Race and PPTF recommendations (Baker) Page 226-227	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes		
Public Hearings 1. State Revenue Sharing Funds for FY 15-16 2. FY 15-16 Budget Page 227-242			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RESOLUTION 2015-21 <u>passed U</u> • RESOLUTION 2015-22 <u>passed U</u>
Other Related Matters 1. Transfer Contingencies from General Fund to Community Development Revolving Fund Page 242			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RESOLUTION 2015-23 <u>passed U</u>
Staff Reports 1. CRFR: Department Advisory Committees 2. Car camping and trespassing Page 243	Yes	June 15 Council	

Glossary of Terms

ASC	Administrative Services Committee
CCAT	Corvallis Community Access Television
CM	City Manager
CRFR	Council Requests Follow-Up
DCA	Downtown Corvallis Association
EID	Economic Improvement District
FY	Fiscal Year
HSC	Human Services Committee
IGA	Intergovernmental Agreement
OLCC	Oregon Liquor Control Commission
OSU	Oregon State University
PPTF	Public Participation Task Force
TSP	Transportation System Plan
U	Unanimously
USC	Urban Services Committee

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Mayor Traber read a statement, based upon Oregon law regarding executive sessions. The statement indicated that only representatives of the news media, designated staff, and other Council-designated persons were allowed to attend the executive session. News media representatives were directed not to report on any executive session discussions, except to state the general subject of the discussion, as previously announced. No decisions would be made during the executive session. He reminded Council members and staff that the confidential executive session discussions belong to the Council as a body and should only be disclosed if the Council, as a body, approved disclosure. He suggested that any Council or staff member who may not be able to maintain the Council's confidences should leave the meeting room.

Council entered executive session at 5:32 pm under ORS 192.660 (2)(i) (status of employment related performance) to discuss evaluations for the Municipal Judge and City Attorney's Office and adjourned at 6:24 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Traber; Councilors Baker, Beilstein, Brauner, Bull, Glassmire, Hirsch, York

ABSENT: Councilors Hogg and Hann (excused)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Corvallis, Oregon was called to order at 6:30 pm on June 1, 2015 in the Downtown Fire Station, 400 NW Harrison Boulevard, Corvallis, Oregon, with Mayor Traber presiding.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Traber; Councilors Baker, Beilstein, Brauner, Bull, Glassmire, Hirsch, York

ABSENT: Councilors Hogg and Hann (excused)

Items at Councilors' places included proposed budget email testimony collected by City staff from May 26 through June 1 (Attachment A), a memorandum from Councilor Hann related to the Oregon State University (OSU)-Related Plan Review Task Force update (Attachment B), a memorandum from Councilor Hann regarding the proposed budget (Attachment C), and proposed budget testimony submitted by the Sierra Club (Attachment D).

IV. PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION

A. Proclamation of India Day of Celebration

Mayor Traber read the proclamation at the event on May 16, 2015. The item was for information only.

V. VISITORS' PROPOSITIONS

Joan Wessell, Downtown Corvallis Association (DCA) Executive Director, reported that during the last Administrative Services Committee (ASC) meeting, DCA requested the City discontinue charging the DCA Economic Improvement District (EID) program a \$3,585 fee to collect the EID funds prior to forwarding the funds to DCA. She explained that DCA works within a small budget and the fee makes it difficult to accomplish some downtown projects for the community. She urged Council to support the request.

Councilor Hirsch explained that DCA administers the EID. The fee is a pass-through charge for collecting EID funds.

Ms. Wessell responded to questions posed by Councilors:

- The State requires the City to be the pass-through agency.
- The first EID was initiated in 1993. The City collected EID funds for the first eight to ten years without charging a fee.
- The City is a member of the DCA. Membership dues are based on the number of employees.

In response to Mayor Traber's comments, City Manager Shepard agreed to confirm whether the City is required to be the pass-through agency.

Amy Hunter, Corvallis Community Access Television (CCAT) Channel 29 Station Manager, read from her prepared statement (Attachment E) related to the CCAT operations move from Corvallis High School (CHS) to Crescent Valley High School (CVHS).

Ms. Hunter confirmed for Councilor Beilstein that CHS interest in programming is limited and CVHS is very interested in participating with the production studio. She will continue to be employed by Corvallis School District 509J (509J) regardless of the location of the production facilities.

Councilor Beilstein said 509J most likely needs the current studio location for other CHS classes, although moving the studio to CVHS is not convenient for the public. He inquired whether Ms. Hunter had any other location solutions.

Ms. Hunter said she is requesting more time to explore options and gain public participation about access. 509J would like the move to occur during the summer.

Councilor Beilstein inquired about the leverage the City might have in regard to this decision. Ms. Hunter responded that there is currently a new intergovernmental agreement being drafted and she hopes the City will not finalize the IGA until the public has an opportunity to provide input about the move.

Mayor Traber noted that Council Leadership is meeting with 509J Leadership next week to discuss shared interests and issues.

In response to Councilor Hirsch's inquiry, Ms. Hunter said the move will take several months to accomplish and she believes public input can be gathered within 60 days.

Ms. Hunter said her understanding is that CVHS administration is interested in moving the studio to their school. The CVHS digital arts teacher is very engaged with students producing media that

could be added to Channels 28 (educational) and 29 (public access) programming. At CHS, the facilities were not used by the students. Locating the facilities in a school is beneficial, but the location of CVHS in relation to the city center is a concern.

In response to Councilor Baker's inquiry about public input, Ms. Hunter said public surveys were previously conducted related to CCAT programming and operations. A recent survey has not been conducted.

Councilor York suggested that this topic be discussed during the City/509J Leadership meeting. Depending on the outcome of that discussion the Mayor may want to designate someone to further discuss options.

John Friedlander read from his testimony regarding the CCAT facility move (Attachment F).

Councilor Hirsch requested a follow-up status report. Council concurred.

Mr. Friedlander added that many alternative locations are being considered. If another location cannot be identified, CVHS would be appropriate; however he had reservations.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilors York and Hirsch, respectively, moved and seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Reading of Minutes
 - 1. City Council Meeting – May 18, 2015
 - 2. For Information and Filing (Draft minutes may return if changes are made by the Board or Commission)
 - a. Airport Advisory Board – May 5, 2015
 - b. OSU-Related Plan Review Task Force – April 27, 2015
- B. Announcement of reappointments to boards and commissions (various)
- C. Announcement of new appointments to boards and commissions (various)
- D. Confirmation of appointment to King Legacy Advisory Board (Campbell)
- E. Announcement of vacancies on boards and commissions (various)
- F. Schedule an executive session immediately following the June 15, 2015 meeting under ORS192.660(2)(h) (status of pending litigation or litigation likely to be filed)

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – None.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. A possible motion related to the City Attorney contract

There was no motion related to the City Attorney contract.

IX. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND MOTIONS

- A. Human Services Committee – May 19, 2015

1. Corrections to HSC minutes, if any

There were no corrections. The item was for information only.

2. Liquor License Annual Renewals

Councilor Glassmire explained that the City makes a recommendation to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) about liquor license renewals for local establishments. Although OLCC reviews the City's recommendation, it is ultimately OLCC's decision to approve or deny renewals. City staff reviewed and recommended all 140 renewal applications be approved.

Councilors Glassmire and Beilstein, respectively, moved and seconded to approve all liquor license annual renewals and submit a favorable recommendation to Oregon Liquor Control Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Urban Services Committee – May 19, 2015

1. Corrections to USC minutes, if any

There were no corrections. The item was for information only.

2. Transportation System Plan Update

Councilor York announced that the Committee heard an interesting and informative report. Additional discussions are scheduled for the June 4 City Council Work Session. The item was for information only.

3. Airport Lease Amendment: Corvallis Aero Service

Councilors York and Hirsch, respectively, moved and seconded to authorize the City Manager to sign the lease amendment for Corvallis Aero Service. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon State University

Councilor York noted that Steve Clark from OSU was present during the discussion. The Committee directed the City Manager to work with OSU staff to develop a bulleted draft agreement. USC did not have a preference about whether the agreement should return to USC or Council.

Mr. Shepard said the process will take longer if the draft IGA returns through USC prior to Council consideration.

Councilor Brauner opined that the IGA should return to the full Council. Other Councilors agreed by consensus.

The item was for information only.

5. Other Business: Parking

The item was for information only.

Councilor York announced that USC meetings will begin at 5:00 pm effective July 7.

C. Administrative Services Committee (ASC) – May 20, 2015

1. Corrections to ASC minutes, if any

There were no changes. The item was for information only.

2. Land Use Application Fees Review

Councilor Hirsch reported that ASC directed staff to prepare a fee schedule for Council review and adoption that maintains current land use application fees through June 30, 2016.

Deputy City Attorney Brewer read a resolution setting fees for land use applications effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Councilors Hirsch and Bull, respectively, moved and seconded to adopt the resolution.

Councilor Bull said two issues were considered. One was the percentage of costs intended to be recovered. There is a standing practice to increase the percentage; however, staff is also collecting data to determine an accurate measurement of costs. She supports maintaining current fees until the data can be presented and discussed since it may result in a cost recovery percentage change.

Councilor Brauner explained that the City previously collected from the applicant 50 percent of the cost of processing land use applications. The remaining 50 percent was paid from the General Fund (GF). The Land Development Code (LDC) was amended to collect 100 percent of the costs from the applicant as part of a sustainable budget. To attain the 100 percent cost recovery, fees were increased approximately five percent annually. Council froze the increases at 70 percent due to a slow economy. The cost recovery should be 100 percent as it is part of a sustainable budget and broader funding issue related to City services.

Councilor Hirsch added that staff is currently gathering information needed to address this issue. Collecting the data will most likely continue until the end of the

year. Once the costs are understood, a decision about charging 100 percent cost recovery can be decided.

Councilor Bull clarified that the decision may be to not charge 100 percent cost recovery. She said the ASC minutes indicate that Councilor Brauner asked her to share with ASC his support. She believes she said she did not want to speak for Councilor Brauner, but that she had a conversation with him and he provided the fee structure history.

Councilor Brauner said concern has been expressed about whether open meeting laws were violated when he had this discussion with Councilor Bull. Since he knew he could not attend the meeting, he provided input for the meeting without coming to a decision with Councilor Bull prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2015-20 passed unanimously.

3. Visit Corvallis Third Quarter Report

Councilors Hirsch and Bull, respectively, moved and seconded to accept the Visit Corvallis Third Quarter Report for Fiscal Year 2014-15. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Downtown Corvallis Association Economic Improvement District Third Quarter Report

Councilors Hirsch and Bull, respectively, moved and seconded to accept the Downtown Corvallis Association Economic Improvement District Third Quarter Report for Fiscal Year 2014-15. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Hirsch referred to DCA's request to forgive the \$3,500 fee for accounting services and asked for additional information from Community Development Director Gibb.

Mr. Gibb explained that staff from the Community Development Department and Finance Department work on this project together with the majority of the work done by Finance. When this request came forward from DCA, he did not know whether the City was required to collect and pass-through the fees according to State Statute. He offered to check on the requirements; however, DCA said they were not interested in collecting the fees themselves so he did not follow-up. Staff has determined that the State does not necessarily preclude it, but there may be rules that impact it. DCA indicated they wanted the City to continue providing current services.

Councilor Hirsch noted that during the ASC meeting, Councilor Bull expressed support to discontinue this fee; however, he was concerned that it might set a precedent. Alternatively, the DCA does a lot for the downtown and they administer the EID.

Councilor Bull said the \$3,500 is not out-of-line of what some businesses pay for DCA membership. Downtowns do not happen by accident. The minutes indicate that she said people would rather park at a strip mall. She does not believe she said that

nor was it her intention. It is difficult to run a business downtown. There are issues with development, parking, and access. To continue to offer a vibrant downtown it needs to be supported. This is a reasonable way for the City to support the downtown and downtown activities. Some of the work conducted by DCA keeps people in town and recruits people to available downtown spaces. This is one of the missions of the Economic Development Office. It is a small amount of money for the City and a large impact for a small organization. The Finance Department does this type of accounting daily. She supports DCA's request.

In response to Councilor Beilstein's inquiry, Councilor Hirsch said the report indicates that the amount is not significant enough to make any changes in the budget; the City would absorb the costs.

Councilor Bull added that during the discussion it was unclear how a precedent would be set since this service is not provided to any other organization. The discussion included looking at similar activities to identify how the cost is repaid. She supports gaining a clear understanding of implications across the budget if the fee is waived.

Councilor Brauner clarified that the DCA is funded by voluntary membership fees. The City belongs to the DCA and pays an annual membership fee. The DCA administers the EID, but it is not a DCA district. The EID is a taxing district with a special tax under State Statute that taxes people within a geographically defined area whether or not they are a member of the DCA. The City is not included in that district. The EID tax is collected through the City. Initially, the City did not charge for the pass-through account. During budget cuts in 2003 and other years, the City could no longer provide the free service and a fee was taken from the proceeds of the EID taxes. The DCA is not being charged for this service, the service cost is taken directly from the taxes collected. He agreed that if the fee was not charged, DCA would have an additional \$3,500 for activities.

Councilor Hirsch noted that the fee was originally \$4,800.

Councilor Baker referred to the ASC minutes that indicated the \$3,500 was an estimate only. He requested clarification about the true cost.

Mayor Traber suggested that this item return to ASC. Councilors agreed by consensus.

D. City Legislative Committee – May 19, 2015

Mayor Traber announced that the Committee met to track pertinent items. Issues not in the City's interest seem to be dying in the State Legislature. The City continues to share its position on issues moving forward, such as inclusionary zoning. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2.

X. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Mayor's Reports

1. Vacancy on Visit Corvallis Board

Mayor Traber announced that the Visit Corvallis Board is not a City board, commission, or task force; therefore this item is not being considered on the Consent Agenda. City staff recently learned that the Visit Corvallis Board rules require the Mayor to appoint a member from the community. He requested nominations.

B. Council Reports

1. Climate Action Task Force

Councilor Baker said the task force will hold an organizational meeting with presentations on June 10 at 6:00 pm in the Downtown Fire Station.

2. Housing Development Task Force

Councilor Beilstein announced the first meeting will be June 2 at 4:00 pm in City Hall. In response to Councilor Glassmire's inquiry, staff confirmed that the meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm.

3. Sustainable Budget Task Force

Councilor Brauner reported the task force will meet on June 5 at 9:00 am in the Madison Avenue Meeting Room.

4. Vision and Action Plan Task Force

Councilor York said the task force held one meeting and has scheduled two meetings in June. Dates and times are available on the City's Web calendar. The task force discussed reviewing plans (vision, strategic, action) from other cities and gathering information about data methodologies.

5. OSU-Related Plan Review Task Force

Mayor Traber referred to Councilor Hann's written report (Attachment B).

Councilor Glassmire announced that constituents in his Ward recently sponsored "A Little Free Library" that included an organizational party to inaugurate the activity.

Councilor Baker recently attended a mill race tour of an urban stream in South Corvallis. A kayak tour of the area will be held on June 13.

Councilor Baker referred to the Department Advisory Committees follow-up report and said there are other items coming forward related to the Public Participation Task Force (PPTF) recommendations. He suggested scheduling a work session to discuss this further.

Mayor Traber confirmed that Council Leadership is considering scheduling a quarterly Council work session during the summer to review the remaining PPTF recommendations. He noted that a future item for ASC is a one-year review of recommendations that were previously implemented.

Mayor Traber recessed the meeting from 7:26 until 7:34 pm.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Traber reviewed the process for the public hearings. He said Council will decide how to allocate the City's scarce resources by examining amounts budgeted for specific items, looking for solutions, and compromising when needed.

A. A public hearing to consider State Revenue Sharing Funds for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Mayor Traber opened the public hearing.

Staff Report

Finance Director Brewer said this is the last step required to accept State Revenue Sharing monies. The City is required to hold a public hearing and pass a resolution stating the intention of what will be done with State Revenue Sharing next fiscal year. Council can use the monies as an undesignated revenue source, return the monies to the State, or use them as an offset to property taxes. Traditionally, Council has designated the monies as an undesignated General Fund revenue source. For Fiscal Year 2015-16, staff estimates the amount to be \$565,140.

Public Testimony – None.

Mayor Traber closed the public hearing.

Deputy City Attorney Brewer read a resolution accepting State Revenue Sharing monies as an undesignated General Fund revenue for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Councilors Brauner and Hirsch, respectively, moved and seconded to adopt the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2015-21 passed unanimously.

B. A public hearing to consider a Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget

Mayor Traber opened the public hearing.

Staff Report

Ms. Brewer said the resolution in the meeting materials reflects the recommended budget from the Budget Commission with a total spending allocation of \$130,640,830. This follows the Budget Commission public hearing and deliberations. They recommended Council levy the maximum tax rate for permanent taxes at \$5.1067/\$1,000, that the maximum local option rate of \$.8181/\$1,000 be levied, that \$1,174,360 be levied for

voter-approved general obligation bonded debt, and that the recommended budget be adopted. Ms. Brewer noted that the bonded debt amount is outside of Measures 5 and 50 limits.

The Budget Commission also recommended setting aside \$403,000 for public safety expenditures based upon a decision by the City Manager. Ms. Brewer, Mr. Shepard, Police Chief Sassaman, and Fire Chief Emery identified how those monies would be spent, recognizing it is a one-time expenditure. Hiring staff is not a good use of one-time monies because there is no assurance those staff members would have a job the following year. In the public safety field, it takes approximately one year to hire and fully train staff. The Budget Commission desired to address short-falls in public safety and to improve response and coverage. The recommendation is to use the one-time monies to replace the 9-1-1 consoles and acquire a software tool that allows for priority based dispatching for fire and medical calls. After replacing the consoles and acquiring the software, a balance of \$63,000 would be placed into reserves for heart monitor replacements in a future year. The staff report includes data on system enhancements based on implementing those two items. The 9-1-1 consoles are aging and will need to be replaced within two years. Using the monies now will allow the City to purchase them at a lower price. The priority-based software tool facilitates sending the correct fire resources at the right time.

Ms. Brewer identified staff-requested amendments:

- Carry-over project – The Fire Prevention Officer vehicle, expected to be delivered by June 30, will not arrive by the end of the fiscal year. The request is to reappropriate \$30,000 in General Fund (GF) with no net impact on the budget.
- Enforcing Underage Drinking and Tobacco Laws (EUDL) grant – This grant will pay for Police Department overtime for specific enforcement. The \$20,000 grant, if approved, will increase the GF budget and include offsetting revenue.
- 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Fund Reserve – If Council adopts the budget as recommended by the Budget Commission, GF monies will be leveraged with \$240,000 in the 9-1-1 Fund to replace the consoles. This amendment would appropriate \$240,000 without using the entire \$403,000 for the consoles.

Ms. Brewer noted that staff-requested amendments are not included in the resolution and will need to be addressed as amendments to the resolution to increase the appropriations.

Questions of Staff

Councilor Glassmire: Is the recommendation to replace 9-1-1 consoles and acquire priority-based software the only item that was considered or is it simply the best recommendation?

Ms. Brewer: There were many alternatives discussed. This is the best recommendation in staff's opinion. A discussion was held about adding staff; however, in addition to the allocation being one-time monies, it was not enough to make a difference. Even if it was ongoing monies, the staff need is for more than what \$400,000 can provide. The ability to leverage money in the 9-1-1 Fund to achieve something that would otherwise not be affordable would allow us to move the 9-1-1 Dispatch consoles forward in technology, which is a community benefit.

Staff Report – continued

Mr. Shepard referred to his staff memorandum that outlines five potential options for Council consideration. The discussions at the Budget Commission meetings focused on public safety and Council goals, which are the focus of his report. He recommended Council adopt option three to pursue the Vision and Action Plan Goal and modify the scope and schedule of the Climate Action Goal. He also suggested minor adjustments to the Budget Commission's recommendation.

Mr. Shepard explained that he was not making a value judgment on whether any of Council's goals were more important than another. He looked at process and what seemed logical in providing a path forward with the least impact to all six Council goals while acknowledging limited resources and the Budget Commission recommendation. He factored in that the Vision and Action Plan Goal specifically states that the Vision will be a foundation for other City plans. If Council is making a decision between goals, the Vision would have some priority as Council considers other initiatives and City plans, such as the Climate Action Plan. The work done on the budget and Vision Goal will help inform Council on current resources and needs across the City. There will be opportunities for feedback from the public. He encouraged Council to consider the Budget Commission recommendation, the two staff reports, testimony already received, and testimony that will be presented during the public hearing as a basis for deliberations and final decisions.

Questions of Staff

Councilor Beilstein: Does option three restore the \$5,000 support for the Georgetown Prize process?

Mr. Shepard: Yes.

Public Testimony

Annette Mills read her written testimony in support of considering the entire City budget to fund public safety needs, the Climate Action Goal, and the Vision and Action Plan Goal (Attachment G).

Bob Devine read from his written testimony (included in Attachment A) in support of funding the Climate Action Goal.

Rebecca Marti read written testimony from the Natural Step Ministry Team of the First United Methodist Church of Corvallis in support of funding the Climate Action Plan (Attachment H).

Paul Cauthorn encouraged Council to support the Budget Commission and City Manager recommendations. He said there are many needs in the community not being met that could be considered by additional funding. If the City took steps now for parks maintenance, it would save money in the long run and free up funding for other needs.

In response to Councilor Bull's inquiry about the steps that need to be taken, Mr. Cauthorn said City ordinances related to camping in parks are not being enforced.

Camping results in accumulated garbage that must be collected by City staff and results in citizens not wanting to use the parks.

Debra Higbee-Sudyka, testified on behalf of the Sierra Club in support of the Climate Action Goal (Attachment D).

Fred Edwards, DCA Board Chair, requested \$150,000 for downtown wayfinding signage, sidewalk/alleyway cleanup, web page updates, downtown security, and an image marketing campaign. These projects will help uplift the downtown area and provide downtown businesses with information on preparing for emergencies. He clarified that downtown security could include hiring additional bike patrols to help local law enforcement.

Mr. Edwards inquired about why the City charges DCA for collecting EID funds. Mayor Traber responded that Council agreed to refer this item back to ASC.

Carly Lettero, Director of Energize Corvallis, Corvallis Environmental Center (CEC), thanked Council for adopting the Climate Action Goal. Energize Corvallis is dedicated to helping Corvallis become one of the most climate and energy efficient communities in the United States. She hopes the City will continue to support the Georgetown University Energy Prize (GUEP) program by including \$5,000 in the budget. Corvallis is one of 50 communities in the United States that is competing for this \$5 million prize. The community that reduces its residential and municipal energy use the most over the next two years will move on to the finals. Community members have already volunteered more than 1,000 hours to support this effort. The \$5,000 allocation will help volunteers reach the goal of inviting every person in Corvallis to reduce their home energy use. The funding will also help develop innovative programs unique to Corvallis such as incentives for multi-family property owners to make efficiency upgrades to their property or installing the first community-invested solar array in Oregon. It is estimated that the efforts will reduce 10,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide annually. This is equivalent to removing 2,000 cars off the roadways every year. It is a once in a generation opportunity to win a prize that provides permanent funding for climate change work in Corvallis, including the implementation of the Climate Action Plan. This is not about winning a prize; it is about doing what is right. There is an urgent need to drastically reduce carbon emissions.

Hannah Gosnell, CEC Board Member and OSU professor, said CEC led the effort to get Corvallis into the semi-finals for the GUEP. This is an opportunity to invest in a concerted effort to reach the finals in two years to win \$5 million to continue this type of work. Most of the work to-date has been accomplished by volunteers. If the community wants to win this prize, money is needed to support the Corvallis campaign. Winning the prize would put Corvallis on the map as one of the most energy efficient climate friendly communities in the United States. Even if Corvallis does not win, funding the effort is a wise investment in making the community less energy dependent and less vulnerable to future shocks. The community will be better positioned to adapt to the many impacts associated with climate change that will become more common. OSU's Oregon Climate Change Research Institute predicts that Corvallis will experience more intense weather events that will increase flood risk, decrease summer water flows, increase wildfires, and experience higher rates of heat-related illness and respiratory diseases. With the absence of federal leadership, solutions will need to come from local governments. There is a

moral obligation to younger generations to change the way valuable resources are managed.

John Friedlander, clarified that what he and Ms. Hunter previously requested related to moving the CCAT operations is in the existing IGA and it needs to be addressed quickly. He said CCAT is not trying to build itself into the City's long-term budget. He read the remainder of his written testimony (Attachment F).

Mr. Friedlander responded to questions:

- Funding flows from Comcast in two streams. Public, Education, and Government (PEG) channel funding is capital restricted monies paid to each organization for the acquisition of equipment. Comcast franchise fees are unrestricted General Fund revenues that are not allocated to PEG or CCAT. CCAT has paid Ms. Hunter's salary for the last several years via a legal settlement from AT&T. When those monies expire, CCAT will not have any operational funds. 509J cut the educational channel funding due to a lack of interest in student-produced programming. CCAT has a \$60,000 annual capital budget for public access and a \$30,000 annual capital budget for education access.
- The Public Information Officer's (PIO) starting salary is \$5,200/month and there would be more resources needed for benefits. The description of the organization that CCAT wants to create is open to negotiations subject to the needs assessment. The community's ability to speak to the rest of the community should be considered on-par with the governance investment in speaking to the community.
- If the community assessment is not positive there would be no reason to receive an allocation. An assessment would take 60-90 days.

Councilor Beilstein said this is a valuable resource that cannot afford to be lost; however, the request is very late in the process.

Mr. Friedlander agreed and said the situation evolved for CCAT late in the City's process. The opportunity to be subsidized by Comcast on the capital side is a blessing. CCAT desires to leverage a subsidy for operational funds and understands another solution needs to be developed. CCAT needs assistance getting to that solution.

Rachel Ozretich reviewed a flow chart she submitted (Attachment I) in support of funding the Climate Action Goal.

Roger Lizut stated support for the letter composed by five social service agency directors (included in Attachment A). The letter addresses how at risk children can transition from safety and security to belonging and becoming effective adults in society.

Jim Moorefield, Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services (WNHS) Executive Director, said his testimony to the Budget Commission supported keeping the City's Housing Programs intact while a long-term solution is considered. His testimony focused on what WNHS has accomplished with support from the Housing and Neighborhood Services Division (HNS), specifically with the City's investment of \$3.6 million of federal funds in WNHS projects over the last three years that has resulted in a total economic impact of \$35 million, support for 331 jobs, and homes for 140 families. These numbers are important because "home" matters. Home is the foundation of family, security, and opportunity. A stable and secure home means a child can attend school

ready to learn. An affordable home means a parent can pay rent and put food on the table. A home owned is an investment in the future of family and community. A home in a healthy neighborhood means knowing your neighbor and not being alone in senior years. Home is where healthy families and healthy communities begin – it is the foundation of our lives. A decent place to call home for all of our citizens is fundamental to a just, fair, and sustainable future for our community. Council has demonstrated its commitment and leadership by adopting a goal that recognizes the importance of housing opportunities.

Ann Scheerer, CEC Board Member and OSU Sustainability degree program advisor, testified in support of the Climate Action Goal. She acknowledged Corvallis' collaboration and innovation to address sustainability and climate change. When she moved here a few months ago she was surprised to learn that the City had not already engaged in climate action planning considering the active and vibrant sustainability culture that exists in Corvallis. Other communities are trying to replicate some of Corvallis' sustainable programs. With common goals and adequate funding, Corvallis could reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for climate impacts. The GUEP administrators recognize collaborative and innovative communities.

Kim Townsend, CEC Board Member and OSU faculty/researcher, spoke in support of funding the Climate Action Goal, including GUEP. She supports adopting a Climate Action Plan as a priority for the immediate future. The best option is to invest in GUEP as a catalyst for rapid progress. The competition can be used to spread awareness in the community and strengthen the connections between City government and many organizations interested in increasing the energy efficiency of this community.

Bettina Schempf, Old Mill Center (OMC)

Helen Higgins, Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis (BGCC)

Ann Craig, Jackson Street Youth Shelter (JSYS)

Kari Whitacre, Community Outreach, Inc. (COI)

Kari Rieck, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Ms. Schempf and Ms. Higgins read from a letter submitted by the above social service agencies requesting \$250,000 for vital basic needs for vulnerable children and families in the community (included in Attachment A). The group provided Council with a handout about Adverse Childhood Experience (Attachment J).

Councilor Beilstein said the City budgets approximately \$380,000 for social services. The Human Services Committee will meet tomorrow to hear the recommendation for Fiscal Year 2015-16 allocations. Each of the agencies represented are beneficiaries of those funds. He opined that social service allocations by the City should be \$1 million annually. He would prefer that for the next budget cycle, the organizations work together within Council policy to begin the process to increase the social services allocation. Council is not prepared to redo the social services allocations with special expenditures in this budget cycle.

Councilor Hirsch said what the five agencies have done for the community is impressive and an investment in public safety.

In response to Councilor Hirsch's inquiry, Ms. Higgins said BGCC serves approximately 600 meals each day.

Councilor Hirsch opined that this should be a County function. He encouraged the community to donate to the local social service agencies.

Councilor Bull noted that the Sustainable Budget Goal includes identifying unmet needs. It may be beneficial to bring this forward to that task force.

Michael Dalton, da Vinci Days Board President, requested \$15,000 in support of the 2016 da Vinci Days Festival. He noted that the festival has been on hiatus since 2013 while community input was collected about reinventing the festival. A committee met for more than six months to review the information gathered and develop a recommendation to the Board. The da Vinci Days Board agreed to do the following:

1. Begin a three-year reinvention of the festival beginning 2015.
2. Determine the focus of the festival as a community celebration of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM).
3. Design festival events to encourage greater inclusion of women and minorities in science.
4. Hold many of the festival events in late May to incorporate end-of-school-year activities for OSU, Corvallis K-12, and other students.
5. Continue to hold the Grand Kinetic Challenge and ancillary events the third weekend in July.
6. Initiate a sustainable financial plan (festival debt has been eliminated) that is family friendly.
7. Host special events, such as the recent performance by Pink Martini and Storm Large, to support the festival's reinvention and financial planning.
8. Actively recruit new partners, sponsors, volunteers, and Board members.

In response to Councilor Bull's inquiry, Mr. Dalton said the da Vinci Days organization does not have paid staff at this time.

Councilor Bull thanked Mr. Dalton for engaging the community and keeping the festival alive. She said, if Council does not consider this request during budget deliberations, she hopes it will be considered under the Sustainable Budget Goal.

Russell Sullivan testified in support of addressing financial needs for the future and for future generations. Needs, not privileges should be financially supported. The City does not need to spend money on image marketing for DCA. Parks are a privilege, not a necessity. He urged Council to approve two positions in support of the Climate Action Goal versus spending more money on emergency services.

Gregg Kleiner testified in support of the Climate Action Goal for future generations. He said Corvallis has an opportunity to lead this effort in Oregon.

Jennifer Gervais encouraged Council to fully fund the Vision and Action Plan Goal. She said the land use documents are out-of-date and the Vision is the foundational document for many City plans used to guide the decision making process. The public is increasingly frustrated due to the outdated LDC as it no longer serves the community well. It has been 20 years since the last Vision Statement was drafted and many changes have occurred in the community including OSU growth, employment drivers, and local concerns such as

global warming. The Climate Action Goal is important and land use planning is a crucial part of that goal.

Councilor Beilstein said Council's intention of adding an action plan to update the Vision Statement was to incorporate accountability. He inquired whether Ms. Gervais thought it was worth adding an action plan to the Vision Statement.

Ms. Gervais said time is getting urgent for all of these plans. From a land use planning perspective, the public has been expressing a great deal of angst, frustration, concern, and sense of futility. A Vision Statement with accountability may be appropriate given how long it will take to develop an updated comprehensive plan and LDC.

Richard Hervey recommended Council adopt the original budget, show appreciation for the non-elected members of the Budget Commission, and consider Mr. Shepard's option four. The City is ahead of its commitment of re-establishing the reserve in keeping with the integrity of becoming more financially sustainable. Mr. Shepard's recommended option four is in keeping with the integrity of becoming a financially sustainable community. State and national politicians will most likely not take any action on global warming. As a result, it must be a grassroots effort. The County has taken steps toward this effort. He expressed concern that if Council does not fund and act on the Climate Action Goal, it will work against the City's chances of winning the GUEP.

In response to Councilor Bull's inquiry, Mr. Hervey said many people believe that work on the Climate Action Plan should be delayed until the Vision and Action Plan is completed. He believes they should be done in parallel.

Kris Paul, 350Corvallis.org, testified in support of funding the Climate Action Goal. Politicians have been aware of human-caused climate change for many years. President Johnson first addressed this issue in 1965. In 1998, the first book on climate change for the general public was published. Scientists continue to warn about reducing emissions to avoid climate catastrophe. In 2000, Corvallis joined the Cities for Climate Protection that outlined a five-step process. Corvallis recently completed the first milestone by creating a greenhouse gas inventory. Step three is to develop a Climate Action Plan. In 2005, Mayor Helen Berg signed the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. The agreement promised to set reduction targets and create an action plan. Two years ago, a group of citizens wrote a Climate Action Plan to be presented to the City. The group was told to wait until the new Council took office and to recommend a Council goal to address the Climate Action Plan. Now that Council has adopted it as a goal, scientists say it is too late to avoid climate change. Climate change is happening now and at a faster rate than previously predicted. Citizens have been waiting 15 years to move forward with a Climate Action Plan. Council needs to provide adequate funding.

Jean Marr testified in support of funding the Climate Action Goal for the safety of future generations.

Don Parker said he watched the Chip Ross fire from his yard last fall. He was concerned about what would happen if the wind changed. He has recently learned that the Fire Department is unable to respond in three to four percent of calls. The solution may be partly budgetary and partly managerial. There must be a solution. He urged Council to

think about how the community would respond if the City did not have the resources to respond to a fire in the hospital, a dormitory, school building, or family home.

Karen Josephson said British Columbia land use planning in relation to saving agricultural land is called food security zones. She urged Council to fund the Climate Action Goal for future generations.

Kent Daniels testified in support of park maintenance. The City is neglecting its responsibility by letting Central Park and the Riverfront Commemorative Park evolve into the current condition, physically and socially. This is not a specific decision making question for the Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget. Council has the authority and ability to see that these issues are rectified. Council needs to tell the City Manager to give recommendations on where to find the resources to stop the degradation of these parks. He encouraged Council to take actions soon to bring Central Park and the Riverfront Commemorative Park back into the condition they should be. In regard to budget decisions, he said he is not in favor of allocating additional resources to public safety above all other needs in the City. He does not believe any plans were submitted to the Budget Commission regarding any allocation about how public safety monies would be used. He does not favor Mr. Shepard's plan to allocate those resources. The citizen members of the Budget Commission do not represent the community. They are appointed by the Mayor without any citizen or Councilor input or approval, and without any regard to where they may live in the City or any other characteristics. They were not elected to serve. The Mayor and Councilors are the only elected representatives of the community and have been given authority by the community to make decisions that are in the community's best interest. That responsibility should not be given to anyone else.

Jeff Hess stated agreement for the testimony presented by Ms. Mills, Mr. Kleiner, and Mr. Daniels. OSU recently announced a \$42 million expenditure to improve sports facilities. Based on the cost of the latest dormitory that was built, \$42 million would house approximately 650 students on campus, which would essentially reduce carbon emissions due to the minimal number of added vehicles. OSU chose sports over climate planning while the City wrestles with public safety and climate planning. No one has addressed OSU and their position. Increases to public safety costs are largely related to the growth of OSU. The OSU representatives in the audience need to submit the same testimony to the OSU Board of Trustees and ask them to put their money where the future lies.

Councilor Bull inquired if Mr. Hess's comment about OSU's growth creating additional costs for the City is related to tax revenue. Some of the issues for the City are related to revenues not increasing and certain growth not paying property taxes.

Mr. Hess explained that as the population increases, the need for public safety increases. Eastern Oregon University is letting faculty go due to decreasing enrollment. OSU is marketing to bring students to Corvallis while another Oregon community is suffering because their enrollment is dropping.

Mayor Traber closed the public hearing and recessed the meeting from 9:29 until 9:39 pm.

Deliberations and Final Decision

Deputy City Attorney Brewer read a resolution levying taxes and appropriating the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget.

Councilors Hirsch and Brauner, respectively, moved and seconded to adopt the resolution.

Councilor York said the Council majority voted against the budget as presented. Councilors understand Mr. Daniels' comments about the elected members of the Council having the legal obligation and responsibility to adopt a balanced budget. The three challenges include how to address public safety issues discussed by the Budget Commission, how to address adequate funding of Council's goals, and how to give due consideration to other unmet needs brought to Council by the public. She supports Mr. Shepard's option four as providing the best starting point.

Councilor Brauner agreed that the Budget Commission recommendation as modified by Mr. Shepard's option four is a good starting point. Option four is a reasonable balance and it respects the citizen members of the Budget Commission. He will only support amendments that are tied back to Council goals. Council set goals and should find funding to support those goals. The Sustainable Budget goal includes looking at the total amount of unmet needs and revenue sources available. Many of the requests made during the public hearing were for legitimate needs that can be vetted through the Sustainable Budget Goal process.

Councilor Hirsch said he would prefer to have a consensus and speak as one voice. He inquired about the impact option four will have on the City's Moody's Rating since it will put less monies into reserves. If the impact is not serious, he would support option four as a starting point.

Councilor Bull opined that option four represents what has been heard during most of the budget process. She is hopeful that a budget can be adopted without a feeling of one group "winning" over another. Council has an option that supports a process for long-term solutions. The process forms task forces to develop goal scopes and prioritizes what Council wants to do, how it can be accomplished, and how it relates to the budget. The Sustainable Budget Goal is designed to look at unmet needs and other revenues and determine what is needed to serve the community in a way the community expects and how to develop the resources to respond to those expectations. The City does not have the resources it once had due to being under the limitations of previous State-level votes on property taxes. The City does not collect as much property tax per capita as some other communities due to the many local nonprofits. She stated appreciation for option four because it does not choose between a vision or sustainability plan or goal. If the community is engaged, the City will have a sustainable vision, comprehensive plan that makes it possible, and a code that tells us how to do it. She expressed hope that there is a Climate Action Plan, but said if it is part of a vision and comprehensive plan it would be better and that is the intention of long-range planning – to incorporate and codify the values of a community.

Councilor Beilstein agreed with Mr. Daniels' analysis of the decision of the citizen members of the Budget Commission and a few Councilors to put all of the money into

public safety without a clearly developed plan like the rest of the budget. The budget was developed with clear ideas of how financial assets would be used by departments to bring about results. The poor decision making was emotionally made on the basis of hearing departmental testimony and Chief Emery making a good case for the deficits in fire safety in this community. All of the departmental reports identified serious deficits. There is no aspect of the City that is overfunded. This is largely the result of Measures 5 and 50 that put all local governments and school districts on a starvation diet. The two largest employers in Corvallis not paying property taxes adds to the problem. Billions of dollars being invested in the community does not add to the tax roles. Mr. Shepard has come up with a good plan for spending money on public safety in dispatch which was severely underfunded and needed improvement. Having more capable and efficient dispatch is a win for the community. He supports moving forward with the Vision and Action Plan Goal and the Climate Action Goal. Option four supports those goals.

Councilor Glassmire agreed that the City does not have enough revenue to fund everything that should be supported. That cannot be addressed in this budget cycle, but it is the most significant issues facing the City. Of the issues at the center of this discussion, doing something about climate change is one of the most important. He supports the long-term Vision and Action Plan Goal; however, doing something about the Climate Action Goal is a higher priority. He is not completely convinced that the Climate Action Plan as written will accomplish what needs to be accomplished. He opined that Corvallis cannot do it alone. He is more interested in learning how Corvallis can lead other communities into taking similar action. He has received suggestions from his constituents about how to accomplish this. He stated support for option four with modification.

Councilor Baker said the Budget Commission heard Ms. Brewer's proposal to include \$285,000 for two FTE and one consultant to fund the Vision and Action Plan Goal and Climate Action Goal. The two FTE were recommended as ongoing for two years, so an additional \$200,000 would be spent in year two. Option four recommended \$185,000 for the two goals. The original budget proposal and option four both included \$5,000 for GUEP.

In a previous conversation with Mr. Shepard, Councilor Baker said he asked for clarification about how staff got to \$190,000. Mr. Shepard explained to him at that time that efficiencies were found in how to achieve the goals by using the PIO and other staffs' time. The intent of option four is that Council will achieve what was recommended by the Budget Commission with less money.

Mr. Shepard clarified that the \$190,000 is for Fiscal Year 2015-16 only and does not address any work on those goals in the following year.

Councilor Baker added that under option four, the FTE would not be hired until plans are identified by the task forces. The money is proposed to come from GF reserves. Another option is to use the monies from the extra public safety reserves that cannot be used to make immediate improvements in public safety. Approximately \$63,000 is left over that could be used to help fund the \$190,000.

Councilor Brauner said option four specifically recommends \$340,000 for 9-1-1 equipment and \$63,000 that is currently undesignated. He inquired whether the intent of

the recommendation was to add \$63,000 to the equipment reserves or to use it as part of the goal process bringing the amount allocated for goals to \$253,000.

Mr. Shepard said the detail of the \$63,000 is discussed in option three. The detail was not included in option four; however, Council could choose not to place the \$63,000 into public safety reserves and instead mitigate the \$190,000 in option four. He noted that there is a need for the heart monitor replacements in Fiscal Year 2016-17.

Mr. Shepard confirmed for Councilor Brauner that the \$190,000 and the use of the PIO and other resources is enough to do the best job possible on Council's goals.

Councilors York and Bull, respectively, moved and seconded to amend the motion to incorporate elements of option four from the City Manager's staff report, specifically:

- authorize up to \$100,000 for one FTE and \$90,000 for materials and services to support the planning goals of the City Council and GUEP, with timing and staffing method to be determined by the City Manager based on Council approved scopes and timelines of the planning goals;
- reduce by \$127,000 the transfer to reserves; and
- allocate \$340,000 for software and equipment for emergency dispatch materials and services as presented in the budget, but eliminate the transfer of \$63,000 to Fire Department reserves.

In response to Councilor Baker's inquiry, Councilor York said her intent of using "planning goals" was to not choose one goal over another. She clarified that the \$90,000 includes the \$5,000 contribution for GUEP.

Councilor Brauner explained that through scoping it may be determined that only \$75,000 is needed for staff and more money is needed for materials and services. He inquired whether there is flexibility with Council approval.

Mr. Shepard agreed that flexibility would be appreciated. He said staff may find another way to do this work without hiring additional FTE.

Councilor Brauner asked Councilors York and Bull if it would be acceptable for Mr. Shepard to use the money for the same intent, but not necessarily hire staff.

Councilor York said that would be acceptable with approval by Council.

Councilor Brauner referred to the reserve balance and said Council developed a plan five years ago to build the reserve balances from zero to \$6.3 million within six years. Council has held to that plan and the reserves have been built up ahead of schedule. The original plan required \$1.05 million into reserves in Fiscal Year 2015-16 and \$1.05 million in 2016-17 to meet the goal. Without the budget amendments, only \$200,000 would be needed in Fiscal Year 2016-17. The proposed amendment will not jeopardize the goal to achieve a sustainable budget with \$6.3 million in reserves. The proposed amendment responds to needs and provides funding to meet Council's goals.

Councilor Baker said he did realize this motion included supporting all of the goals. He expressed concern about future debates concerning how much each goal receives

financially. He understood that option four was to move forward on the Vision and Action Plan Goal and Climate Action Goal and he would prefer those remain the focus.

Councilor Brauner said the City has resources to begin work on the other goals. Resources are needed for the Vision and Action Plan Goal and Climate Action Goal so those two would be the primary focus. It would not preclude Council from approving funding for assistance with one of the other Council goals.

Councilor Baker said he would not support spending more than \$5,000 or \$10,000 on another goal. It is not a good trade-off if internal initiatives and/or operations are impacted by using current resources and he does not want Council to be in a situation where there is a competition for monies to support the goal(s) or internal operations.

Councilor Brauner said the original list brought forward for the one-time monies included \$185,000 for the Vision and Action Plan and Climate Action Plan Goals, \$5,000 for GUEP, and \$45,000 for the Sustainable Budget Goal. Council will never be able to carryout the other goals without finding new revenue sources. If the motion is only for support of two goals, he will propose an amendment that it can be used for the other goals.

Councilor Bull said the amendment provides revenues with some flexibility for the City Manager that will be informed by the task force scoping effort. She will support the amendment in its current form. She added that the motion allows for an FTE that will help implement the strategic plan that includes sustainability, sustainable budgeting, and the Vision the community engages in developing. The PIO position is intended to help make the community more engaged in this process so the work becomes a reflection of what the community wants. The budget includes \$63,000 for parking and livability studies that would benefit from a Vision process. These studies could be suspended until progress has been made on the Vision process at which time Council could decide if those studies were the best use of \$63,000. The \$63,000 could be used to fund Council goals.

Councilor Hirsch explained that when Council develops goals, staff reports back with an estimate of costs needed to accomplish the goals. An adjustment to the costs, or reassigning resources does not mean the goal will not be attained. He trusts that the projected resources that staff has identified in option four will provide a means to accomplish the goals.

Councilor Baker clarified that during the goal setting process, the estimates received that included new costs were related to the Climate and Vision Goals. Existing reallocations were being considered to support the Sustainable Budget Goal. It was clear that staff was not being allocated for the Climate and Vision Goals. The extra money offered for the Sustainable Budget Goal within the Budget Commission's recommendation was for a specific public engagement tool. Funding for the public engagement tool is not currently being considered. Plans exist to move forward with all of Council's goals. The funding was expected to go toward the Climate and Vision Goals. He offered a friendly amendment to focus the funding on the Climate and Vision Goals.

Councilor York explained that by the use of "planning goals" in the motion, she was making a statement that Council should be committed to all six goals. The motion allows

for some flexibility since the needs for each goal cannot be fully anticipated at this time. The intent is that if there is a need for the materials and services money, it would come back to Council as a change for how it will be spent. She did not accept the friendly amendment.

Councilor Baker suggested a friendly amendment to allocate \$155,000 for the Vision and Climate Goals, \$5,000 for GUEP, and cap financial support for the remaining goals at \$20,000.

Councilor York said she tied the motion to scoping and timelines of the goals. It provides Council with the control it needs with some flexibility. She did not accept the friendly amendment.

Councilor Baker said he will support the motion with the hope that the intent is clear that the bulk of the funding is to move the Climate and Vision Goals forward.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

Councilor York said Council heard from the community about many unmet needs. Several of those needs were not discussed by the Budget Commission. She would consider supporting an amendment if funds were appropriately identified.

Councilor Bull said she would be willing to support some of the needs that were brought forward, specifically in support of the da Vinci Days Festival. Council has done a good job on the budget. She hopes many of the unmet needs can be considered during future Sustainable Budget Goal work.

Councilor Brauner agreed that there are many unmet needs that can be addressed through the Sustainable Budget Goal. He noted that he previously stated he would only support amendments that were directly related to goals. The City and County fund the Economic Development Office (EDO). The City's increased internal costs to the EDO without an increased allocation will result in the EDO not contracting with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC). The County allocated an additional \$5,000 toward this partnership. Mr. Shepard had mentioned there might be savings within the existing budget to cover this contract, but it comes from savings in retirements and delayed recruitments. If the savings are not moved, the monies would go to ending balance. He stated a preference for Council to directly use reserves to pay for this \$11,000 contract versus putting the money into reserves and having another department pay for the costs. Council has a goal related to economic development. When the budget recommendations were being developed, Council did not know the impact of the EDO budget.

Councilors Brauner and Hirsch, respectively, moved and seconded to amend the budget to reduce the reserves by \$11,000 and increase the Economic Development Office allocation to continue the contract with SBDC.

Mr. Shepard clarified that the City increased the EDO contribution; however, it was less than what the County anticipated. The outstanding need is \$10,000.

Councilors Brauner and Hirsch, respectively, amended the motion to \$10,000.

Councilor Brauner said the motion supports Council's goal and if the contract is not continued, it will be a reduction in service in the goal. The contract is part of what brings innovation to the City, much of which is based on programs related to sustainability and climate change.

Councilor Beilstein said he will not support the motion. He understands that it supports a Council goal; however, the goal is based on an economic development policy that is harmful to the community. An economic development policy based on being wealthier and having more people working in Corvallis is not in the interest of the community.

Councilor Hirsch said an investment in innovation can potentially solve some of the problems the community faces. This money is an investment and also leverages against what the County has added to allow the EDO to continue these services.

Councilor Bull said she appreciates the care taken to provide transparency as to where the money is coming from. The departmental funding was allocated on historical expenditures and administrative costs increased for all departments. She is not clear how it is different for the EDO. The amendment that was just passed could potentially include the \$10,000. The request is related to a Council goal and the amendment included money to advance the goals.

Mr. Shepard said internal service charges (ISC) are based on a look-back of the previous year. Fiscal Year 2014-15 is the first year the EDO has been fully funded. This impacted the internal service charges more significantly than other departments.

Ms. Brewer clarified that developing ISCs for the next year includes a three-year average look back, so there was minimal activity to average for EDO. Every department operating in City Hall pays for City Hall facility maintenance projects based on their square footage use. A scheduled maintenance project on the building also increased EDO expenditures. Staff discussed alternatives to pay for City Hall maintenance. If the money is taken from the GF, it is allocated before other department allocations and other departments already pay for maintenance on their own facilities.

Councilor York stated support for having economic development within the City. She is troubled that Council received a request to restore part of the budget for one department when the ISCs were evenly expensed to other related departments. The letter received by the Benton County Board of Commissioners (included in Attachment A) referred to Council consideration of increasing other components of the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) operational budget. EDAB does not have a budget. This action does not advance a Council goal. It is a service that the City has been purchasing.

Councilor Baker requested clarification about whether the City made a commitment for the funding prior to this discussion.

Mr. Shepard said the City pays two-thirds of the EDO budget and the County pays one-third. During a recent discussion, the County agreed to increase their contribution. There is confusion about City's increased contribution being based on dollars or percentages.

Ms. Brewer explained that the EDO's original budget was set at \$300,000. It was reduced for Fiscal Year 2014-15 as part of the reductions impacting every department. As the

revenues improved, the EDO was part of the same allocation formula as all other departments based on the Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget, not the original \$300,000. The County's contribution of \$105,000 is 34 percent of the EDO budget. Ms. Brewer does not believe there was a stated expectation of what the City would contribute.

Councilor Baker inquired whether there was an assessment of the resources by the EDO to determine what would and would not be funded.

Mr. Shepard said the EDO includes two FTE and a small budget. Only considering the non-personnel services budget, there is little choice about what will be impacted by a \$10,000 reduction. There are few items to choose from.

Mayor Traber clarified for Councilor Baker that the SBDC contract with EDO will expire on June 30, 2015.

Councilor Bull added that it is unfortunate that costs are high for some divisions across the organization due to being housed in a building that requires a maintenance project. She supports spreading those costs across the organization. She also supports funding retirement cash-outs across the organization versus large impacts to specific departments.

The amendment passed five to two with Councilors Beilstein and Bull opposing.

Councilors Brauner and Glassmire, respectively, moved and seconded to amend the motion to approve the carry-over and walk-in projects recommended by staff. The amendment passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2015-22 passed unanimously.

XIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND MOTIONS – continued

E. Other Related Matters

1. Transfer of contingencies to enable interfund transfer from General Fund to Community Development Revolving Fund

Deputy City Attorney Brewer read a resolution transferring contingency appropriations to transfers in the General Fund to provide a grant to the Community Development Revolving Fund.

Councilors Hirsch and Brauner, respectively, moved and seconded to adopt the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2015-23 passed unanimously.

X. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF REPORTS – continued.

C. Staff Reports

1. Council Request Follow-up Report

a. Department Advisory Committees

The item was for information only.

2. Car camping and trespassing

Mayor Traber announced that this item will be presented at the June 15 City Council meeting.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

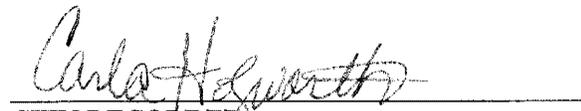
The meeting adjourned at 10:55 pm.

APPROVED:



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY RECORDER

City of Corvallis - FY 15-16 Proposed Budget – Public Testimony received by staff from 5-26-2015 at noon to 6-1-15 at 5pm

From: "Trish Daniels" <daniels1944@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
To: "Biff Traber" <mayor@council.corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2015 10:08:53 AM
Subject: budget for vision statement work

Dear Biff,

I hope in today's deliberations you will support work on a renewed vision statement and related tasks.

Our current 2020 Vision statement has served Corvallis well. As a former Planning Commissioner and City Councilor, I can attest to the fact that it is the one official city document that community members of all backgrounds and political views seem to understand and believe in. It was meant to serve as an overarching guide to where we as a community wanted to be at the end of the stated planning period.

That time is fast approaching. We do not need "another planning document," as some have scornfully stated: we need to replace the existing vision with a new one, for two reasons.

1) If you don't set goals, it's unlikely you'll reach them. We have accomplished many of the goals we set for ourselves in the current vision, such as the establishment of Riverfront Park, expanded downtown residential opportunities, increased public open spaces and natural areas, and other improvements. Other goals should be reviewed to see if they are still what the community wants, and if so, given a higher priority.

2) Corvallis, and the wider world, have changed a great deal since 1998. For our vision to be relevant to current and future generations of residents, it needs to be refreshed and renewed to reflect the major demographic, sociological, economic, environmental, and other changes that have taken place in our community and the world.

Since Comprehensive Plan policies draw their inspiration from the Vision Statement, it's important, too, to start planning now for how that major policy document will be revised. (For example, many assumptions on which the Housing chapter's policies are based are severely outdated and in some cases no longer accurate.) But first, we need to focus on creating, with a new generation of community members as well as previous ones, a Vision Statement for our community's future.

Now is the time to get started on that. I commend the City Council for their goal to do so, and I urge you to support it!

Trish Daniels

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RE: To Ward7 list-serve, city council update (BUDGET), May 2015 #1

To: <ward7@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Subject: RE: To Ward7 list-serve, city council update (BUDGET), May 2015 #1

From: "MindyP" <min.perez@xxxxxxxx>

Date: Sun, 31 May 2015 09:40:31 -0700

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Hello Bill,

It may be too late to chime in on how to spend the "extra" \$ in the City Budget – I have been out of town quite a bit attending to some family health problems. This email is from me personally rather than the Harding Neighborhood Association.

I do think it is time for the City to take a new look at the vision, but this is useless unless the people responsible for attaining the vision are measured and rewarded (or not) on how they are working to achieve the vision.

And, as controversial and defeatist as this may sound, I think that money spent on climate change would be better spent on basic services, such as police and fire, parks and recreation, etc. Bottom line with climate change is that we just have too many humans on the planet. If the City were serious, they could limit subsidization to only one child in a family, which would save the City money and would have a greater impact on the environment than other things they could do. I do realize that this is not a popular view, but it is realistic. Here is some math on it:

http://blog.oregonlive.com/environment_impact/2009/07/carbon%20legacy.pdf

Thanks,

Mindy

-----Original Message-----

From: Brent and Sharon Dalrymple [mailto:brentandsharon@XXXXXXXXXX]

Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 3:03 PM

To: Ward 7

Cc: Mayor and City Council; City Manager; Fire; Police

Subject: Public Safety Funding

Dear Mr. Glassmire:

I am writing to urge you to approve the recommendation of the Budget Commission to allocate at least \$400,000, more if possible, for public safety for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

I am concerned that the Fire Department currently has seven vacancies that cannot now be filled and the Police Department is short of 911 dispatchers because of lack of funding (as reported in the Gazette Times on 4/30/2015). According to statements in the Corvallis' draft budget document for FY 15-16, unfilled positions in these departments is an ongoing problem. For example, the budget document states, "The continuing practice of unfunding authorized positions to balance expenditures with the fixed allocation is unsustainable and results in a lower level of service to the community. The FY 15-16 Proposed Budget for the fire Department will allow continued response at a reduced service level."

I note that the Budget Commission, in order to increase the funding for public safety, recommended that funding for two new positions to deal with Council's goals be eliminated. Certainly fire and police protection for the citizens of Corvallis should be a higher priority than programs like climate change. As a former Dean of OSU's College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences and a member of the National Academy of Sciences I am well aware, more so than most, of the reality and importance of climate change. I also know, however, that the solutions to this problem will require a sustained national and international effort and that Corvallis' contribution to a global solution will most likely be negligible. I have no quibble with any reasonable efforts or affordable expenditures on the part of the City of Corvallis to mitigate climate change, but to put funding such efforts above funding the most basic of services, i.e., public safety, seems to me to be foolish in the extreme.

I also think that Council should reevaluate budget priorities. In my opinion, public safety should be the very highest priority and the fire and police departments should be fully funded at all times. Second should come infrastructure maintenance and improvements (roads, sewer, water, storm drains, etc.), because we all rely on these services for our daily lives. Everything else should be lower in priority and should be funded only after public safety and infrastructure needs are satisfied.

I hope the Council will resist the temptation to fund new positions for new programs while leaving the fire and police departments inadequately staffed. I also hope that the Council will establish a plan to bring these critical services to full funding within the next few years.

Yours truly,

Brent Dalrymple

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From: Mark O'Brien <markobrien.3425@XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX>
Date: May 27, 2015 at 7:26:40 PM PDT
To: Mayor and City Council <mayorandcitycouncil@XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX>
Cc: Curtis Wright <cwright@XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX>, <mark.shepard@XXXXXXXXXX>, Nancy Brewer <nancy.brewer@XXXXXXXXXXXX>, Penny York <york.penny58@XXXXXXXXXXXX>
Subject: Budget Deliberation

5/27/2015

To: Corvallis Mayor and City Council
From: Mark O'Brien
Subject: June 1st Budget Deliberation

Good Evening,

Thank you for allowing me to share my perspective with regard to your upcoming budget deliberations.

As you are aware, I am very supportive of reserving a substantial portion of FY 15/16 one-time money for police and fire department use and I argued for as much at the recent Budget Commission deliberation. Ultimately, every citizen appointee and two elected officials agreed that the dire financial and operational circumstances facing these two departments warranted taking a fresh look at our budget priorities. You may recall my testimony regarding the evidence from multiple City surveys that fire and police services are most cherished by citizens of all stripes.

Council goal setting is a tricky thing. I participated in two during my terms as City Councilor and Council President. While the Council does a fair job of soliciting community ideas for goals, goal setting largely remains an insular activity; folks throw in their two cents and elects submit their own ideas. Council goals are not in and of themselves beyond reproach or reconsideration. Staff gives you a sense of costs and opportunities. You decide. I think you all recognize that some goals get worked harder than others. Sometimes Council goals are fostered through staff's normal work effort, sometimes by staff taking on an extra project or two, and very rarely by an enormous outlay of one-time and reoccurring capital expenditures.

I think it is fair to remark that many folks in the community probably do not fully understand all of the considerations which go into creating a City budget. I often remark that it took a considerable amount of time after I was elected before I began to have a rudimentary understanding of how a municipality "works"; and I still learn something new every time I participate.

You've been receiving a small upswell of commentary from folks dismayed that the Climate Action Plan might not receive full funding; whatever that means. You have received almost no public testimony in favor of revising the entirely sufficient vision document.

I believe that a well performing organization should do "first things first". In Corvallis that means Fire, Police, Parks, Library, Streets. And to put a fine point on the subject, Corvallis has been a municipal leader in environmental sustainability for at least a decade; this is unlikely to change any time soon. Yet another planning document will not enhance this effort in a manner more meaningful than what our staff does, proposes and innovates on a regular basis.

I hope you will decide to support the direction of the Budget Commission. Some folks have written that a funded Climate Plan sends a beacon to the world that Corvallis is exceptional or "let's beat Portland to the punch" or we are going to beat climate change. It's a tough one. Corvallis has an enormous number of pedestrian level problems needing attention; PERS!, homelessness, affordable housing, infrastructure maintenance, crime, fire danger, parks, library.

In contrast please consider sending a message that our community intends to ensure that in Corvallis we do "first things first".

Respectfully,
Mark O'Brien

From: Yvonne Uribe-Lomnický [mailto:fdlmom@xxxxxxxxxxx]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 12:19 PM
To: Day, Emely; Ward 1
Subject: Input for June 1 2015 City Council meeting

May 26, 2015

Dear Mayor Traber, Ms. York, and Members of City Council,

Thank you for adopting a goal to take bold action to address climate change. I realized that budgets are tight, and have been for many years. However, I am writing to ask that you include just \$5,000 in the budget to support our town's effort to win the \$5 million Georgetown University Energy Prize. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to win a unique prize that will provide decades of funding for climate change and energy conservation programs and projects in Corvallis, including the implementation of the Climate Action Plan.

As you know, Corvallis is one of only 50 communities in the United States that is competing for this \$5 million prize. The community that reduces its residential and municipal energy use the most in 2015 and 2016 will move on to the finals. Corvallis is poised to be a strong competitor, and community members have already volunteered over 1,000 hours in support of this effort.

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By supporting the Corvallis Energy Prize efforts with \$5,000, the City will help Energy Prize volunteers reach our goal of inviting every single person in Corvallis to reduce his or her home energy use. The funding will help develop innovative programs that are unique to Corvallis, such as incentives for multifamily property owners to make efficiency upgrades to their properties, and installing the first co-operative solar array in Oregon. We estimate that our efforts will reduce 10,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide annually, which is equivalent to taking 2,100 cars off the road every year.

Thank you for your service and for your consideration of this budget proposal.

Sincerely,
Yvonne Uribe-Lomnicky

Identical letters to the one above were received from:

- 1) Lissy Goralnik
- 2) Sarah Proffitt
- 3) Rick Flacco

-----Original Message-----

From: Rochelle Murphy [<mailto:shellym@xxxxxxxxxxx>]

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 6:59 PM

To: Day, Emely

Cc: Shellym@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Subject: 2015-16 Budget

Dear Mayor Traber and Members of the City Council:

I was disappointed to learn that funding for implementation of two of the Council's goals was removed from the proposed 2015-16 City Budget. After the impressive goal-setting process that resulted in a forward-looking list of goals, one assumes that these would be priority items in the budget.

Updating the City's Vision and creating an action plan is critical to maintaining the future livability of Corvallis. Many of the assumptions that were made when the 1997 Vision Statement was created are no longer valid. Putting off revisioning could very well allow things to occur in the community that are not compatible with the desired future.

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In addition, Corvallis needs to prepare for the crises created by climate change - warmer temperatures, low snowpack, drought - by beginning implementation of its Climate Action Plan. Putting this off will only add to the price in the future.

I urge you to restore to this budget, the funding necessary to move these critical goals forward.

Thank you for your service to our City.

Shelly Murphy

Comment for Corvallis City Council packet: June 1, 2015 Meeting
(from Bob Devine; see contact info below)

\$46,513,255.

Please keep that number in mind. I'll explain its significance in a moment.

I'm a journalist and author and for the last couple of years I've been working on a book for Random House about the social cost of carbon (SCC). The SCC is an estimate of the cost to society caused by the emission of one ton of carbon, which incrementally increases the harm caused by climate change. To put this in perspective, driving a car over the course of a few months emits a ton of carbon.

Several years ago a dozen federal agencies, including the departments of Treasury, Energy, Commerce, and Transportation, got together to calculate an estimate for the SCC. They realized that in its policy and budget decisions, the government often overlooks many of the social costs created by climate change, such as the harm to agriculture due to dwindling snow packs or the costs to families due to the climate-related spread of infectious diseases. After many months of work, the agencies came up a number, which undergoes periodic adjustments (always higher, as climate change accelerates). Currently the SCC stands at \$37 a ton.

Some economists have called this the most important number you've never heard of. That's because it can be crucial when a government or business decides whether to put money into efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, decisions like the one the Council must make regarding the funding for its climate action goal. If an action that will reduce emissions by one ton costs less than \$37, it makes sense to take that action. If that action costs more than \$37, it makes sense to forego that action. Of course, making such decisions is not so cut-and-dried, but the SCC does provide essential guidance.

Many people and organizations have criticized the SCC. Fossil fuel companies and their allies claim it's too high, but their arguments ring hollow because they have a vested interest in a low SCC, which makes efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions appear too expensive. Besides, it was recently revealed that in their internal investment calculations many fossil fuel companies use SCCs higher than \$37; Exxon Mobil, for example, pegged the SCC at between \$60 and \$80.

Most critics without vested interests think the federal SCC is too low, in large part because it omits many climate-related damages that are dauntingly complex or difficult to measure. For instance, a much-cited Stanford study done a few months ago indicates that the SCC should be about \$220; this huge increase mostly came about because the federal SCC doesn't consider the extensive damage to the economy that climate change is causing. The federal agencies themselves acknowledge that they were not comprehensive and that the SCC is evolving.

Now, back to that number: \$46,513,255. That's how much climate change cost the residents of Corvallis in 2012, using the current federal SCC and the information about our community's carbon emissions found in the City's greenhouse gas inventory. If we use the Stanford study's SCC, the cost to Corvallis leaps to \$276,565,300 annually. I realize these figures seem astronomical, and they are, but that doesn't mean they aren't real. It just means that our accounting hasn't been accurate and we're overlooking all sorts of hidden costs that don't appear in traditional ledgers. We need to be aware of the actual costs of climate change as we decide priorities.

I recognize that the Council faces tough decisions, that there are many worthy City projects competing for those precious taxpayer dollars. I imagine it's tempting to put off problems like climate change that seem abstract and distant and instead put all our resources into streets, sewers, buses, and other familiar and important tasks. But surely we can afford to allocate a modest amount of City funding to tackle a problem that is costing us so dearly, and that will cost us even more dearly as time goes on unless we act.

Fortunately, most Americans have come to understand that climate change poses a major challenge. A Gallup/Yale poll from a few weeks ago shows that 62% of Americans believe "global warming is an urgent threat that requires immediate and drastic action." A New York Times/Stanford survey from a few months ago found that 70% of citizens are more likely to vote for a candidate who says "I believe global warming has been happening and we need to stop the damage." That same survey indicated that 78% of Americans see climate change as "very serious" or "somewhat serious." And I think that those percentages would be even higher in Corvallis. So I believe that the City Council would have strong public support for developing a climate action plan. And I think that support would only grow as people learn more about the true costs of climate change.

Given those true costs, I believe those who argue that we can't afford to address climate change are mistaken. I think it's clear that we can't afford not to. So, please, provide adequate funding for the Council's climate action goal and, to quote that goal, "take bold action to address climate change."

Thank you for considering my comments. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Bob

Bob Devine

devine523@xxxxxxxxxxx

From: "Amy Rossman" <amydianer@XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX>
To: ward7@council.corvallisoregon.gov
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2015 11:11:58 AM
Subject: Re: To Ward7 list-serve, city council update (BUDGET), May 2015 #1

Dear Bill,

Thank you for keeping us informed and asking for our opinions--I'm sure you receive a lot of them.

As for me, I would place priority on doing something for the homeless in Corvallis and so that might be included under public safety. I've been reading about how Utah helped their homeless by providing homes (and social services) to them thus saving a lot of money. I've started to talk to those standing outside the postoffice and it seems that many of them could be assisted with just a little bit of public service.

Again, thank you for your work!

Amy Rossman

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From: "Paul Woods" <paul_woods@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
To: ward7@council.corvallisoregon.gov
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2015 6:08:39 PM
Subject: Re: To Ward7 list-serve, city council update (BUDGET), May 2015 #1

Hi Bill,

Thanks for the update. I know that you have a lot to read, so I'll just sum up my opinion as: I think the Budget Commission was right to put public safety as the higher priority. I think there are many things we could do to help the climate (such as mobilizing neighborhood associations to improve walkability in the City) without hiring more staff.

Thanks,
Paul Woods

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From: "John Detweiler" <detweij@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
To: ward7@council.corvallisoregon.gov
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2015 2:28:48 PM
Subject: Re: To Ward7 list-serve, city council update (BUDGET), May 2015 #1

May 16, 2015

JHD COMMENTS ON 2015-2016 BUDGET

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The Fire Department Simulation should also be updated and made more forward looking.

John H. Detweiler

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Bill,

The attached zip file contains my response to your request for comments on the new budget. The file also contains two studies -- one on the police department and the other on the fire department -- that you need to be aware of before spending money on public safety planning.

In summary, don't spend every dime we have because the PERS decision is going to hurt badly in the not too distant future.

PS: If the Corvallis email system won't take zip files, let me know and I will send the pieces.

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John H. Detweiler; web page => <http://www.peak.org/~detweij>

From: "LoErna Simpson" <l.simpson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

To: ward7@council.corvallisoregon.gov

Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 11:40:50 PM

Subject: Re: To Ward7 list-serve, city council update (BUDGET), May 2015 #1

Bill,

Thanks for sharing all your information as Ward 7 councilor.

I definitely concur about your choices... public safety is needed (long range planning can wait).

I'm wonder if public safety would include increasing help for the homeless in our community... with the murder of a women and the campfire causing significant burning, there seems to be a human factor for creating a safer livability for the homeless. Just a thought!

LoErna

On Friday, May 15, 2015 3:11 PM, "ward7@council.corvallisoregon.gov" <ward7@council.corvallisoregon.gov> wrote:

May 15, 2015

Hello,

I trust that this finds each of you well. This email is longer than usual -- my apologies! -- because on June 1 the council is going to make budget decisions of some significance, and I would like to get opinions from Ward 7 residents. Thanks. Enjoy the weekend. Bill Glassmire, 541-752-8416

FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 BUDGET -- comments?

One budget question which the council will consider at its June 1 meeting is, how shall the city spend a surplus, from the 2014-15 fiscal year, of about \$1.15 million? The nub of the question, as I see it, is, should about \$300,000 of that surplus be spent on long-term planning or to benefit the public safety (police and fire) departments? Below is some context, and what has been discussed so far. Comments, thoughts, questions are welcome and appreciated!

The budget commission, at its final meeting on April 30, recommended a 2015-16 budget to the City Council. At its meeting on June 1 the Council will consider the recommended budget, may make changes, and will likely adopt a budget.

Most of the budget commission's discussion at its April 30 meeting was about how to spend the surplus from 2014-15. City staff had proposed to the budget commission an allocation of the surplus. You can see the proposed allocation on page 18 of the proposed budget document at <http://archive.corvallisoregon.gov/0/doc/569813/Electronic.aspx>.

The staff-proposed allocation included \$285,000 to fund a 2015-16 planning initiative supporting city council goals for developing a long-term vision/action plan and for beginning to implement a climate action plan. Much of that \$285,000 would be spent to hire two new city employees to supervise those two projects.

At the budget commission hearings most city departments, particularly the fire department, testified clearly to stringently reduced departmental budgets from ten years ago (even though every city departmental budget increased a little from 2014-15 to 2015-16). Addressing those reductions, probably by increasing revenue, will be a major issue for the city council for the next several years.

In reaction to the departmental testimony, the commission forwarded to the city council a recommended budget with several changes to the staff-proposed budget, primarily eliminating the \$285,000 funding for planning initiatives and with about \$400,000 to be allocated to public safety however the City Manager chooses. The changes were supported by all of the citizen members of the budget commission and opposed by several of the city councilors, so it is possible that the recommended budget would be changed at the council's meeting on June 1.

You can see the minutes of the April 30 budget commission meeting at <http://www.corvallisoregon.gov/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=9320>

As I see it, the argument for spending the money on public safety is that public safety is more important to the city than planning. The argument for spending the money on planning is that \$400,000 is not enough to help public safety significantly and that planning may repay the money invested. I could write at more length, but this is a lot, and if you have read this far, I appreciate that. Again, thoughts, questions, comments are welcome.



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis

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From: Climate Justice Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis

Date: May 17, 2015

Re: Fund City Council Climate Goals

To:

Baker, Zachariah Ward 3 City Councilor
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Bull, Barbara Ward 4 City Councilor
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To: Mayor Biff Traber and Members of the City Council
From: Climate Justice Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis
Date: May 17, 2015
Re: Funding in Support of City Council Climate Change Goals

Mayor Traber and Members of City Council,

As Unitarian Universalists, and with our principles and purposes in mind, we would first like to thank you for your goal setting process and for adopting goals that address climate change. The City of Corvallis climate change goals support the energy conservation effort proposed by the Corvallis Georgetown University Energy Prize team, which primarily leads to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by implementing a very comprehensive, long-term focused climate action plan.

Many communities across the country have provided leadership via climate adaptation and mitigation plans, which is essential. The time is now for our elected officials to make the difficult decisions to address a moral and fiduciary responsibility to this and future generations. We must provide the example, it is now time to make a long-term commitment.

The Council needs to fund the climate action goals, per recommendations from City staff. Funding the climate action goals is our community's opportunity to move into the 2020 vision process with a climate conscious framework that includes a meaningful initial funding decision.

Thank you for your contribution to our city and for your consideration of this budget proposal.

Respectfully,

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Climate Justice Committee

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7. 7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Printed Name

Signature

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John F. Elder

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Mary Leigh Burke

Mary Leigh Burke

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May 29, 2015

Dear Corvallis City Council,

We are writing regarding the discussion around where to direct the current surplus of City funds within our community. As Executive Directors for five of the primary providers of social services for at risk children and families, we would like to ask your consideration to direct \$250,000 of the approximate \$1.15 million in funds towards Boys & Girls Club, CASA-Voices For Children, Community Outreach, Jackson Street Youth Shelter, and Old Mill Center.

Each year hundreds of thousands of dollars in requested financial support from the City Social Service funds for vital basic needs for vulnerable children and families goes unfilled. The amount of need in comparison to the available dollars appears to only cover about 1/3 of what is requested through the formal grant process facilitated by United Way. The need is much greater than our request, but we limit grant requests based on the realities of the limited available funds. Each year difficult decisions are made and many necessary services are either denied funding, or given just a small portion of what was requested.

The demand for services that provide for our vulnerable and at risk community members has grown over the last six years as we have endured this historic recession. Families and their children continue to bear the brunt of underemployment and low paying part time jobs. For many families, we are the one service that keeps them in their home or on the job so they can continue to provide for their family.

More than ever we believe it is vital that the City double down its efforts and direct our taxpayer funds to services that will provide prevention and intervention services that will stabilize our families and protect our children. Together we are representing the voice of our community's children and families who need us the most.

We are here on behalf of the children and their families who often do not have a voice in our City budgeting process, or do not know how to align council goals to direct short and long-term funding to help ease the challenges of persistent poverty, neglect or abuse or becoming suddenly homeless. As a group of Professionals that live and breathe the needs of children, and work with families to support them towards stability, we are here to ask you to consider directing funds to these very basic human level services that are at the heart of a sustainable and healthy community. It begins with the investment in the care and mentoring of our children towards better futures.

We would respectfully request that the Corvallis City Council strongly consider directing \$250,000 to these core youth-oriented social service agencies to allow us to serve more of our community youth and their families in our efforts to support them towards long term safety and self sufficiency. Through this



one-time investment, we will use those dollars to provide services to at least **6,100 youth** and their families we will service in the upcoming year who rely on our services for prevention, intervention, youth mental health, family temporary housing, and safe places for abused or neglected children.

Respectfully,

Helen Higgins – Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis

Kari Rieck – CASA – Voices for Children

Kari Whitacre – Community Outreach Inc

Ann Craig – Jackson Street Youth Shelter

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27 May 2015

The Honorable Biff Traber, Mayor of Corvallis
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VIA EMAIL: mayorandcitycouncil@corvallisoregon.gov

Dear Mayor Traber and Members of the Corvallis City Council,

The Benton County Board of Commissioners thanks you for enhancing the collaborative economic development efforts of Corvallis and Benton County by including three members, appointed by the county, on the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB). We believe this action by the Corvallis City Council recognizes the financial and intellectual commitment Benton County has made toward the work of the board.

Each of the past three years, the county has contributed \$100,000 (or one third) of the budget of the Economic Development Department. For the forthcoming budget period, the county has increased its commitment five percent, to \$105,000 annually. While the city budget commission has increased the board's total budget 3.4 percent, it has reduced the materials and services budget 29.38 percent. The result of that reduction is that the EDAB can no longer afford, thus must discontinue, services of the Linn-Benton Small Business Development Center, a key provider of the tools the EDAB provides to local-market businesses and others.

While we understand why such budget decisions are made, we respectfully request the City Council restore the \$9,990 reduction in materials and services so that the EDAB can continue to provide the services of the Linn-Benton Small Business Development Center. We further suggest that the City Council consider increasing other components of the EDAB operational budget, so that EDAB can more effectively engage in economic development activity in Corvallis and Benton County. We would be happy to discuss these recommendations with you.

Sincerely,


Jay Dixon
Chair
Annabelle Jaramillo
Commissioner
Anne Schuster
Commissioner

BOC/lg

cc: Mark Shepard, Corvallis City Manager

Mayor Biff Traber,
City of Corvallis
June 1, 2015

Dear Mayor,

As I explained to you earlier, I am unable to resolve a conflict that prevents me from attending the council meeting tonight or meetings scheduled for Tuesday afternoon and evening. I apologize for this unforeseen interruption and sincerely regret not being there for the budget discussions or the initial task force meeting. I am forwarding the following thoughts regarding the budget to you to share as you see fit with other councilors.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to provide you and the council with an update of the work underway in the OSU/Comprehensive Plan Task Force. We have met over the last several months and have exhaustively reviewed key elements of the CP to identify areas that we feel are no longer accurate in terms of background data or present concepts or call for reporting by OSU that is no longer relevant. The review of the CP is essentially complete and within next few weeks we will complete our review of materials presented by members of the community. These individuals have included a former mayor and a city councilor as well as representatives from OSU and individuals representing local news blogs and those interested in imagining a more sustainable approach to transportation and how our infrastructure relates to OSU and the community at large. We anticipate that following the meeting subsequent to this final review will incorporate public comment on the results of our review and proposed changes. We will then work feverishly to reconcile final changes in light of the public comment and should have our report to you by mid summer. I hope that this provides you with the information you requested and want to recognize how vigilantly Chair Gervais has worked to keep us focused on the aspects of our charge that do not encroach into a quasi judicial realm. We do anticipate that there will still be work to be accomplished with possible LDC changes but that the entire City Council will need to decide how that effort occurs.

Kind regards,

Frank Hann,
Ward 8

Dear Fellow Councilors,

I sincerely regret my inability to join you for tonight's discussion of the budget and realize that if a clear consensus is reached in the deliberations that the vote might occur in my absence. It has been very enlightening to participate in this process and I would be remiss if I did not express my respect for the hard work by staff, members of the Budget Commission, and community members who brought attention to critical areas of concern. I certainly commend Director Brewer, City Manager Shepard, Chair Wright and Vice-Chair Hogg for their leadership and professionalism.

I have provided my thoughts below regarding the budget and hope that these may be of some use to you. It is my hope that we are able to realize a budget that balances fairly the needs of our beautiful city recognizing that there are immediate issues to address and essential elements that need to be put into place for the future. I also would be remiss if I did not represent the concerns and input I have received from individuals who live in Ward 8.

Kind regards,

Frank Hann

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CITY OF CORVALLIS

Budget Thoughts:

1 Public Safety Contribution: The impact of last summer's fire that scorched the hillsides in the Timberhill area still resonates in Ward 8. The realization that we were dangerously close to losing a number of homes and that our ability to respond required us to utilize the existing cooperative relationships with our neighboring communities has caused a great deal of fear and concern. This is especially true for citizens for whom mobility or living alone is an issue and for those in the heavily wooded Skyline West who do not have access to standard city water supply or hydrants. These concerns were effectively voiced by Karyle Butcher & Councilor Hirsch and have been supported by many members of my ward. I support the Budget Commission recommendation for the additional funding. I would be remiss if I did not remind the public that Budget Director Brewer had already suggested additional funding of \$172,000 for the fire department which is still in the proposed budget so that public safety would receive \$575,000 or 50% of the one time additional funds. My only concern is that the discussion during budget meetings did not consider whether the level of funding would clearly address needs and concerns within the community. The discussion that did occur neglected to thoroughly discuss and consider balancing this with other community perceived needs. I do support continuation of the funding for fire and safety at \$575,000 and Mark Shepard's proposal for utilizing it to reduce response times and fund the IAFF COLA.

2 Staff Funding for Vision and Climate Action Plans: I fully support both of these goals and did so during our goal setting process. I value the leadership and work that Councilor Baker has provided prior to his election and during these last 6 months. This appreciation extends to the entire climate action committee and members of the community to continue to educate and advocate for our children's future and Corvallis as a resilient community. An important element of this goal is in the cost savings to individuals and the community as a whole. The ability to efficiently use resources and realize reduced cost will be critical to our success in developing a sustainable budget.

I feel strongly that the Visioning and Strategy process is an essential and provides a strong foundation on which so many of our plans and tools are supported. As a former member of the Planning Commission it was clear that incongruity between our 2020 vision and the dynamic changes occurring within our community were making the tools we rely on to make decisions were inadequate. The visioning process is the key to moving forward in an effective manner to address present and future needs and to resolve conflicts.

I do not support the addition of two FTEs to independently pursue these two council goals. I am concerned that the effects on city organization by adding two project managers so soon after the hire of a new CM as well as a PIO and the unanticipated change in Director of Community Development with the imminent retirement of Ken Gibb. I have previously expressed my concerns that the \$285,000 proposed budget was too great of a commitment on an ongoing basis without a proper scope and plan in place. I believe that the hire date as well can be staggered into the next budget year to realize savings and that we can proceed with initial staffing similar to what is proposed by Mark Shepard in Alternative 4 which advances both goals. I believe that multiple issues of climate change, historic resource planning and others all should be considered within the framework of the visioning process. I support the restoration of funding of \$5,000 for the Georgetown Energy Prize effort.

3 Parks Maintenance: I was very disappointed that this issue did not receive serious consideration or discussion at the commission level. I agree with Kent Daniels and Courtney Cloyd that our image as a city as well as the provision of well maintained parklands and natural areas are a core value that we must find a way to adequately fund. Unfortunately, in the time we

have, I do not see a clear way forward within the present budget to fully address this but would certainly support any level of financial restoration of maintenance funds to address clear public safety concerns and lack of adequate care of Riverfront and Central Parks that will end up costing us more in the future if something is not done soon. This is not to ignore other parks and needs throughout the community. In Ward 8, MLK Park also shows signs of neglect and with that comes increased reports of incidents of individuals using the park for less than desirable activity. Poor park maintenance is much like allowing destruction of public property and graffiti to go unaddressed, soon crime follows!

4 EDAB Request: As council liaison to EDAB, I fully support the request to restore funds necessary to continue support for the contract with LBCC to provide for small business development. Our future efforts to establish a sustainable and viable budget is dependent on the availability of living wage jobs. The business community is there to support innumerable community events and fundraisers and provide the services and products we need locally. Our ability to offer programs and services strengthen that aspect of our economy is critical to our ECD activity. Economic Vitality is not simply about the generation of wealth it ties together the entire fabric of our community including the arts, our efforts to help those less fortunate and those with needs that are beyond the capacity of individuals or families to address. Every non profit group, school and social organization relies on a healthy viable small business community.

I apologize for the length and timing of these communication but certainly hope it is of some value. In closing I feel that Mark Shepard's proposal to reduce the contribution to the reserve in order to sustain the Budget Commission's recommendation for public safety and to fund those areas represent a more balanced assessment of citywide needs is where my vote would land. Although I find alternative 3 appealing, I am not in support of ignoring the need to begin taking steps to address the problems we will face with climate change. We only have to look to our neighbors to see the seriousness of this issue. I do believe the focus must be on cost savings and conservation of resources especially water.

Thank you again,

Frank



June 1, 2015

The Honorable Mayor Biff Traber and
Members of the Corvallis City Council
501 SW Madison Avenue
Corvallis, Oregon 97333

Subject: Proposed Budget for City Council Climate Action Goal

Dear Mayor Traber and City Council Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to give input regarding the City Budget. **We recommend that you fully fund the Climate Action/Vision Plan Goal as in the proposed Budget.**

This request is based on the following: 1) Climate Change is real; 2) It is a small percentage of the overall budget; 3) GHG reduction Plans should be part of all City Plans and Municipal Departments, and; 4) It's a small investment with a good return.

Climate Change is real

There are those who say that climate change can't be solved at the local level, and is for the state or national level. But city-level activities cause 70% of global greenhouse emissions, and the majority of actions cutting back on greenhouse emissions occur in cities.¹ Further, we are headed towards a four degree temperature rise, which would likely mean a nearly ice-free planet. Humanity's task is to moderate human-caused climate change. We need all levels of government working on this to bequeath a livable climate to future generations.

Some say that we don't have to fund Climate Action because "Corvallis has been a municipal leader in environmental sustainability for at least a decade." But the City of Corvallis is not meeting the definition of sustainability if it doesn't enact a plan to measure and verify progress toward goals. The original definition of "sustainability"² asks for clear and rigorous definitions, metrics, and mileage markers, and further asks whether economic development is keeping within

¹ <http://www.iclei.org/details/article/major-announcements-to-drive-transformative-climate-action-unveiled-ahead-of-2015-paris-climate-conf.html>

² The report *Our Common Future* defined for the first time the word sustainability: "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." Included in the report's definition are two additional points: 1) "For sustainability to have any meaning it must be tied to clear and rigorous definitions, metrics, and mileage markers;" and 2) Economic development and environmental sustainability need to be considered together. In other words, development must consider how to keep within the earth's biophysical boundaries. Robert Engelman's "Beyond Sustainability" in *State of the World 2013: Is Sustainability Still Possible?*, (Island Press: Washington D.C., 2013) pgs. 5-7.

the earth's biophysical boundaries? If we use *this* definition of sustainability, Corvallis has a better chance of "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." Therefore Corvallis needs a Plan to set and verify whether scientifically meaningful goals are met in reducing GHGs.

It's is a small percentage of the overall budget

In the proposed \$130,641,000 budget, only .22 percent (\$285,000) is allocated for the Council's two goals: Climate Action & 2040 Vision Plan. Some argue that public safety (Police and Fire departments that will receive 20% of the budget) need this funding. The issue is not whether public safety should be funded—it should especially given the safety-related effects due to climate change. We might instead ask *where* the small .22 percent will come from. All municipal departments need to work on greenhouse reduction and preparation for the effects of climate change. Therefore, you might consider asking all City departments affected by climate change (Community Development, Fire, Parks & Recreation, Police, and Public Works) to help fund the Climate Action/Vision Plan.

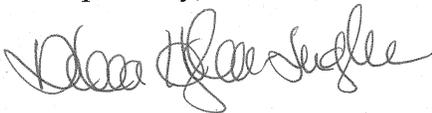
All City Plans and Municipal Departments should have GHG reduction Plans

In the Budget Commission's 2015-16 budget no funds have been allocated to directly work on climate action. However, in the proposed budget .14 percent is allocated to directly work on climate action. The .22 percent refers to funding two City Council goals (Climate Change Action Plan and 2040 Vision and Action Plan). Both funds are combined because both goals are strongly linked; for example both should share similar roadmaps to a low-carbon future. Both Council goals are needed to guide Municipal Departments, the City, and every City Plan toward greenhouse reduction and preparation for the effects of climate change.

It's a small investment with a good return

Cities that are making the shift to a low-carbon future will be better prepared for the impacts of climate change. The longer we delay, the higher the cost will be to do the right thing for our planet and our children. This is why we request that you fully fund the Climate Action/2040 Vision Plan Goal as in the proposed Budget.

Respectfully,



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Amy Hunter
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Good evening, my name is Amy Hunter and I am the Station Manager for CCAT-TV, the Corvallis Community Access Television station. The mission of public access TV is to ensure that the general public has the means to participate in non-commercial production of content that reflects their community. It is TV BY the people, FOR the people. In this case, the people of Corvallis!

CCAT is one of three segments of Public Access Television, funded in part by fees Comcast is required to pay the City. CCAT delivers Public programs on cable Channel 29. The City Recorder's office handles Government content on Channel 21 and 509J is contracted to handle Educational content, broadcasting student-produced media on Channel 28. However, while 509J has accepted and spent \$30,000 annually for many years to buy production equipment, its students have produced very little content for broadcast. Due to this lack of interest by school district staff and students, 509J cut funding for broadcast operations management years ago.

CCAT is currently located at Corvallis High School. However, 509J has requested that the operation be moved out of the CHS building, a very costly and complicated request which has resulted in the City having to create a new IGA with 509J to move the operations to a much smaller space at Crescent Valley High School and which is three times further from the city center than the studio at Corvallis High School. The most common complaint from the public is that the current studio is invisible and hard to access. At Crescent Valley, the studio would also be out of sight, subject to limited hours of operation, and difficult to reach by many members of the public via public transportation.

I am here because this process now underway between the City and the school district may have a negative effect on CCAT's ability to serve the public as its mission requires.

This puts me in an awkward position; I am employed by the school district to manage an organization partially funded through the City to serve the public.

However I feel the direction my employer wants to take CCAT is being done without the public's interest being represented. No member of the Public whom CCAT serves has had any role in shaping the outcome under discussion. I think that both the school district and the public can benefit from the Comcast Franchise Agreement, however I don't think the public has been adequately represented up to this point in the decision-making process.

I am here because I care about CCAT TV, I care about Public Access and I care about free speech.

I am requesting the Council to ask City Staff to not finalize this transition process until the public has been able to participate in the negotiation.

6/1/2015

Dear Mayor Traber, Council Members and City Staff;

Section 1 – non-Budget related:

Good evening, I'm John Friedlander, a Volunteer with Corvallis Community Access Television, following Amy Hunter's comments with a specific request for CCAT.

At its core, Community Access media is a public and private partnership which ensures normal folks' right to create local public discourse in an environment dominated by corporate speech. So we're really talking about defending our own First Amendment rights. The good news is the current system of Comcast franchise fee funding subsidizes at least the equipment part of the process.

But we can't just put equipment in people's hands and turn on the TV to see what they have to say. Most people need a place they can get help using the gear, and guidance on putting together a broadcast-ready program. This takes people who know the gear, and who can teach others how to use it, and manage day-to-day operations of a high-tech broadcast facility. And it takes an appropriate organizational structure and a self-supporting economic model. All that is on us.

509J's desire to make a studio available to Kevin Freedman's class is understandable, and we can see why it might appear on first look that moving CCAT to CV would be the way to do this. But CCAT's primary focus is on servicing the needs of the general public. The IGA that makes 509J the Designated Access Provider for Public Access isn't meant to dispose of the Public's rights to services in favor of the school district's desire for teaching resources. And the process of modifying the IGA currently underway needs to include public input in similar proportion to the size of the two different populations served.

Given all this, I respectfully ask the Council to take the following specific steps to address this situation:

- Direct City Staff and 509J not to finalize the current process of transitioning CCAT from CHS to CV, and to not interrupt ongoing CCAT operations pending completion of the following steps
- Per section 5 of the current IGA, create a new Joint Public Media Advisory Board with members of the public in at least equal number to city staff, 509J and elected City representatives
- Per section 6 of the current IGA, perform a Public Media Community Assessment to gather community input, with particular attention paid to segments of the community NOT affiliated with 509J activities
- Direct City Staff to coordinate with the final report of the Board and the Assessment to complete whatever arrangements may be indicated by the conclusions of the report.

Section 2 – Budget related:

I won't repeat what we've already discussed about our request that time be set aside in the process of considering a move of CCAT's studio from CHS to CV. I will clarify that what we're suggesting is already set forth in the existing IGA, and that that process should be undertaken right away, so as to cause the least possible delay in whatever move may ultimately be decided on.

I do want to make the point that CCAT is not trying to build itself in to the long-term Corvallis budget. We recognize that we need to create a new organizational and economic model to match the services we offer to both community needs and our ability to generate revenue from our activities. So at this time we're looking for a financial bridge to get from where we are now, with Amy's salary due to expire soon, to where we need to be, with operations covered by the revenue streams CCAT is able to develop over the next year or so.

I also want to make the point that the City and Council know that media and communication are important to governance and community, and the open position for a Public Information Officer makes that clear. It is our belief that CCAT can play a role in helping Corvallis be an even better place to live, by helping individuals and organizations learn how to create programming which will educate and inform community members about issues of

community importance, whether it be arts programming or health and safety issues. I don't have enough fingers to count all the local organizations which have important topics they are eager to spread the word about, and using the 21st century technology CCAT brings to the table would be a great opportunity for them to be more successful in their efforts. I can also say that I've had one very promising conversation with a division chief with the Corvallis Fire Department who is eager to explore how we might work together to improve fire prevention education.

So our budgetary request is to allocate an amount at least equivalent to the resources required to support the Public Information Officer toward operation of Public channel 29, contingent on the timely completion of the Community Assessment by the Joint Advisory Board and timely completion of City Staff's followup arrangements.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Testimony to City Council – 06/01/15

Good evening. My name is Annette Mills, and I'm speaking tonight as an individual, not representing any organization.

I am deeply disturbed that the discussion about the budget has been limited to the \$1.15 million one-time fund, pitting short-term public safety needs against funding two Council goals that will address the long-term public safety needs of our community. Framing the discussion in this way has pitted one high priority against another, when, in reality, there is nothing to stop City Council from looking at the entire \$134 million budget and reserve funds to address both of these needs.

The Benton County Climate Change Adaptation Plan that was adopted by County Commissioners in 2013 identifies three areas that are expected to have the most negative impacts on our community: extreme heat events, extreme precipitation and flooding, and wildfire.

Should we increase funds for public safety? Absolutely. Public safety should be among our community's highest priorities in this budget and succeeding budgets because we can expect to see extreme heat events, flooding and wildfires. Recent studies suggest we can also expect an influx of climate refugees from less habitable parts of the country.

We need to look at the whole picture, at the root cause of these problems – climate change – and we must prepare for both climate adaptation and mitigation. Delaying action on climate change and long-range planning flies in the face of what the best climate scientists in the world are telling us – that the effects of climate change are accelerating and getting worse day by day. If we knew an invading army were coming our way and stepping up their pace, wouldn't we want to prepare?

Some have said that climate change is a problem that can only be addressed at the national and international levels. But the impacts of climate change will need to be addressed at the local level. Good emergency preparedness for climate related threats to our safety requires that we begin to develop alternative systems that can be relied upon to meet basic needs such as water, food, energy, and transportation.

I urge you to look beyond the one-time \$1.15 million to fund both short-term and long-term public safety needs – to provide additional public safety funding as recommended by the Budget Commission while also providing funding for the two Council goals on climate action and vision and action. I believe this is possible by tightening other budgets and by taking a reasonable amount from the General Fund Reserve.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Rebecca Marti FUNAC - Natural Step

Presentation to City Council (Draft)

Monday, June 1 6:30 p.m., Downtown Fire Station

Testimony regarding the 2015-2016 City of Corvallis budget

The Natural Step Ministry Team of the First United Methodist Church of Corvallis declares that:

We are a congregation on a journey to Sustainability, recognizing that we are stewards of God's creation for all generations, and believing that all human needs must be met equitably. The Natural Step Framework is our guide to Sustainability.

The four Natural Step Guiding Objectives are as follows. As we state the objective, it leads to a question to ponder as we make decisions:

1. Eliminate our contribution to systematic increases in concentrations of substances from the earth's crust. *"Can the earth replace what I take or use?"*
2. Eliminate our contribution to systematic increases in substances produced by society. *"Do my actions poison the earth, water, air?"*
3. Eliminate our contribution to encroachment upon nature. *"Am I interfering with the regenerative capacity of our ecosystem?"*
4. Remove barriers that undermine human ability to meet their needs worldwide. *"Are the choices I make fair and equitable, making sure all humankind has enough?"*

The city council goal on Climate Action states: Over the next two years, take bold action to address climate change by (1) supporting the energy conservation efforts of the Corvallis Georgetown University Energy Prize team, and (2) adopting and beginning to implement a comprehensive, long-term climate action plan that will significantly reduce Corvallis' greenhouse gas emissions and foster Corvallis' resilience to the effects of climate change.

We commend the City Council for adopting this goal on Climate. It is consistent with our goals as well. In the furtherance of the city's goal, we support its funding through the budget which is being considered for adoption tonight.

Thank you.

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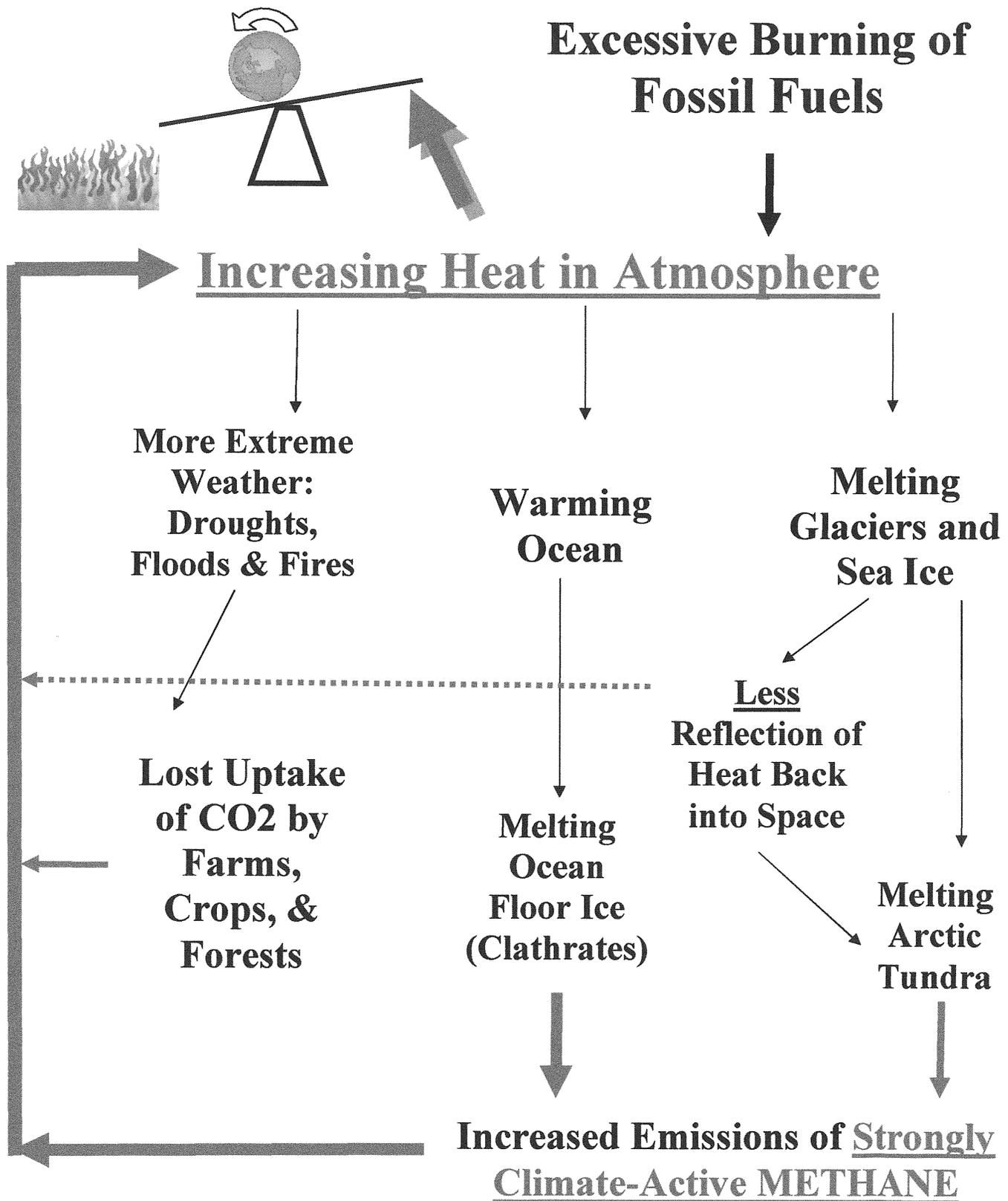
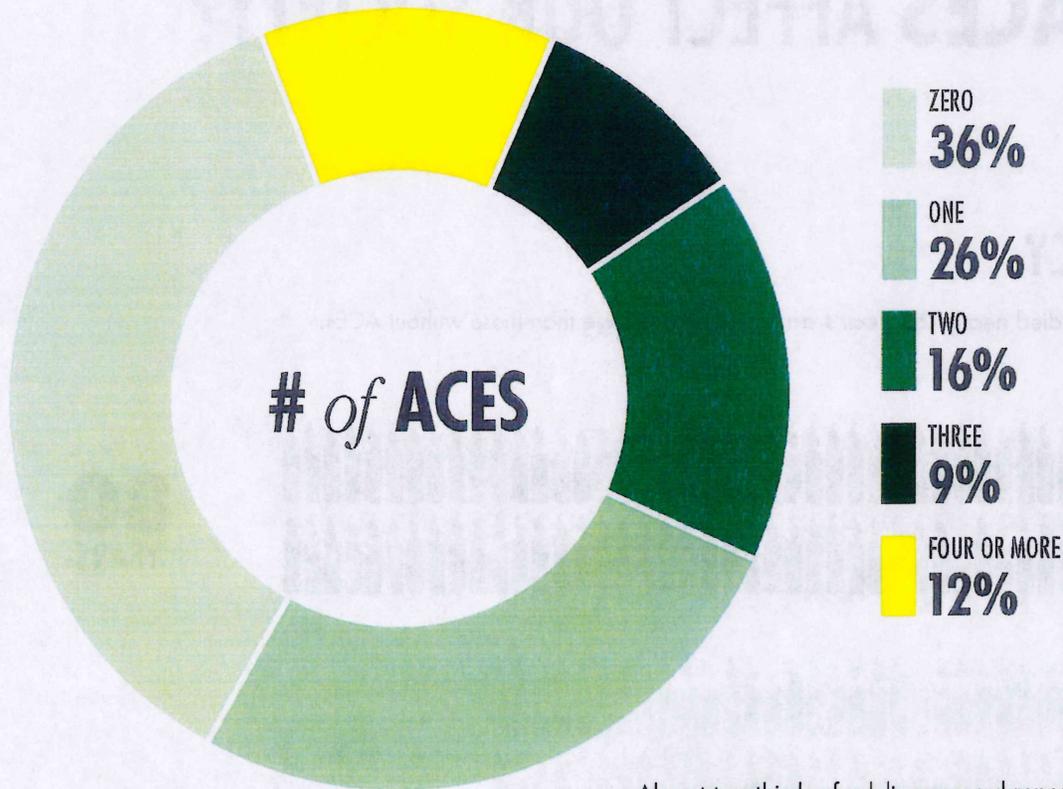


Figure 1. Why the Climate Crisis is a True Emergency

HOW COMMON ARE ACES?

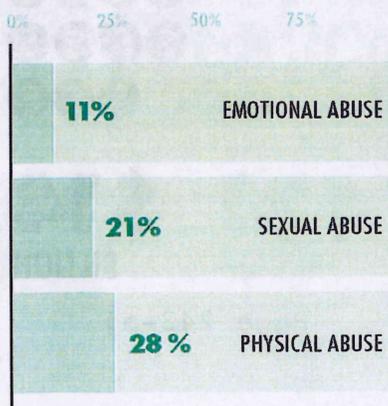


Almost two-thirds of adults surveyed reported at least one Adverse Childhood Experience – and the majority of respondents who reported at least one ACE reported more than one.

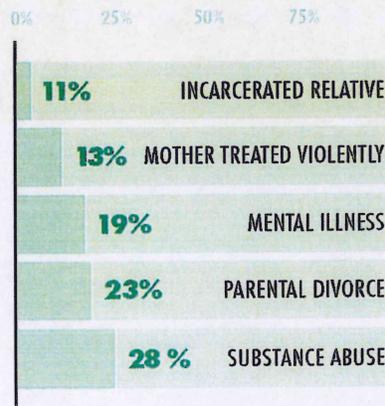
TYPES of ACES

The ACE study looked at three categories of adverse experience: **childhood abuse**, which included emotional, physical, and contact sexual abuse; **neglect**, including both physical and emotional neglect; and **family dysfunction**, which included exposure to substance abuse, mental illness, violent treatment of a mother or stepmother, parental separation/divorce or family member incarceration. Respondents were given an **ACE score** between 0 and 10 based on how many of these ten types of adverse experience they reported being exposed to.

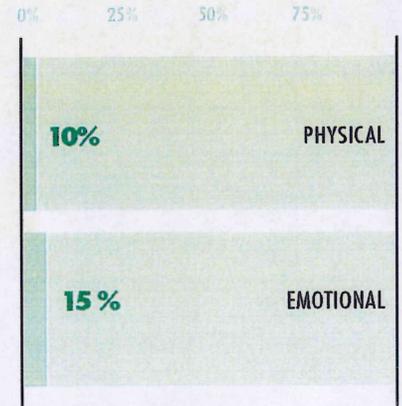
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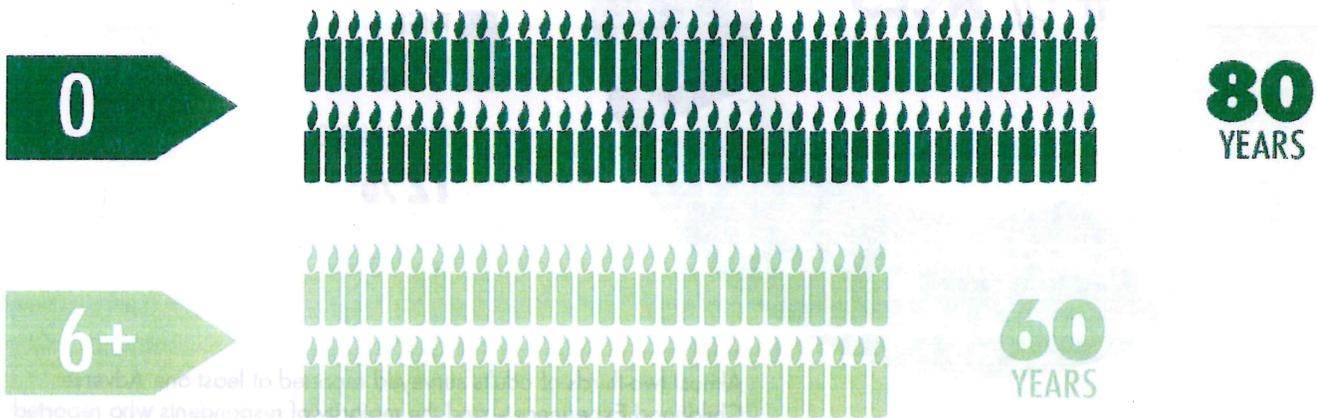
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HOW *do* ACES AFFECT OUR SOCIETY?

LIFE EXPECTANCY

People with six or more ACEs died nearly **20 years earlier on average** than those without ACEs.



ECONOMIC TOLL

The CDC estimates that the lifetime costs associated with child maltreatment at **\$124 billion**.

