

# MINUTES



Joint Meeting of the City of Salem Budget Committee and the Salem Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee

DATE: Thursday March 14, 2024  
TIME: 6:00 PM  
CHAIRPERSON: Dr. Irvin Brown  
PLACE: Council Chambers /Youtube

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1. OPENING EXERCISES – Chairperson Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Members present: Cohen, Stapleton, Vieyra-Braendle, Phillips, Gwyn, Gonzalez, J. Hoy, Nordyke, Varney, C. Hoy, Manvel, Allen, Curtis, Beleiciks, Gier, Dixon, Vice-chair Nishioka, Chairperson Brown.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Brown informed the Committee about the additions agenda submitted which included one staff report and one piece of written testimony.

**Motion:** Move to approve the additions agenda of March 14, 2024 for the City of Salem Budget Committee and Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee Meeting.

Motion by: Member Varney  
Seconded by: Member Nordyke

**Action:** Motion passes  
Vote:  
Aye: Unanimous  
Nay:  
Abstentions:

2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

**Council Chamber Appearance:**

**Topic:**

Jim Schepcke, Ward 2

Salem Public Library

Questions or comments by: Members Curtis, Cohen, Nordyke and Stapleton  
Answers or comments by: Jim Schepcke

3. MINUTES

- a. Minutes from January 10, 2024 City of Salem Budget Committee Meeting and Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee Meeting.

**Motion:** Move to approve the meeting minutes from the January 10, 2024 City of Salem Budget Committee Meeting and Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee Meeting.

Motion by: Member Varney  
Seconded by: Member Manvel

**Action:** Motion passes

Vote:

Aye: Cohen, Vieyra-Braendle, Stapleton, Phillips, Gwyn, Gonzalez, J. Hoy, Nordyke, Varney, C. Hoy, Allen, Curtis, Beleiciks, Gier, Dixon, Manvel, Vice-chair Nishioka, Chairperson Brown.

Nay:

Abstentions:

4. ACTION ITEMS

- a. None

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Staff Report: General Fund Budget Reduction Scenarios
- b. Staff Report: Responses to Committee Member Questions

Chief Financial Officer briefly went through the information items.

Questions or comments by: Members J. Hoy, Manvel, Cohen

Answers & explanations by: Josh Eggleston, CFO

**Motion:** Move that the City staff provide further analysis to questions 28 and 31 of costs to respond to Salem Keizer public schools and Oregon state facilities and the amount it would cost to increase hours at the Library.

Motion by: Member Cohen  
Seconded by: Member Phillips

**Action:** Motion passes

Vote:

Aye: Cohen, Vieyra-Braendle, Stapleton, Phillips, Gwyn, Gonzalez, J. Hoy, Nordyke, Varney, C. Hoy, Curtis, Beleiciks, Gier, Dixon, Manvel, Vice-chair Nishioka, Chairperson Brown.

Nay: Allen

Abstentions:

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. None

7. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- a. Opening comments by Keith Stahley, City Manager

Questions or comments by: None

Answers & explanations by: None

- b. Presentation of Overview for Funds and Budgeting – Josh Eggleston, Chief Financial Officer

Questions or comments by: Members Stapleton, Cohen, Varney, Dixon, Nordyke and Allen

Answers & explanations by: Josh Eggleston, CFO and Kali Leinenbach, Budget Manager

- c. Presentations by Departments.

- Community Services – Scott Archer, Deputy City Manager

Questions or comments by: Members Curtis, Gwyn, Gier, Stapleton, Dixon, Varney, Beleiciks, Chairperson Brown, Nordyke

Answers & explanations by: Scott Archer, DCM and Josh Eggleston, CFO

- Fire – Chief Mike Niblock, Fire Chief

Questions or comments by: Members Phillips, Cohen, Nordyke, J. Hoy, Allen, Manvel, Vice-chair Nishioka, Chairperson Brown

Answers & explanations by: Mike Niblock, Fire Chief

- Police – Chief Womack, Police Chief

Questions or comments by: Members Nordyke, Cohen, Gier, Manvel, Curtis, Allen, Vice-chair Nishioka, Chairperson Brown

Answers & explanations by: Trevor Womack, Police Chief, Keith Stahley, City Manager

**Motion:** Move that the Committee adjourn for the evening and staff schedule an additional meeting.

Motion by: Member Stapleton  
Seconded by: Member Phillips

Questions or comments by: Member Stapleton  
Answers or comments by: Josh Eggleston, CFO

**Amended Motion:** Adjourn this evening and pick up next week.

Motion by: Member Stapleton  
Seconded by: Member Phillips

Vote:

Aye: Cohen, Vieyra-Braendle, Stapleton, Phillips, Gwyn, Gonzalez, J. Hoy, Nordyke, Varney, C. Hoy, Curtis, Beleiciks, Gier, Dixon, Manvel, Allen, Vice-chair Nishioka, Chair Brown.

Nay:

Abstentions:

8. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR FUTURE BUDGET ISSUES

The Budget Committee has set aside time for public comment to address items not on the agenda. Each individual testifying will be limited to no more than three (3) minutes.

- a. Correspondence from Jim Schepke regarding Salem Public Library.

9. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ON FUTURE INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli Blechschmidt  
Minutes Recorder

*The next Budget Committee meeting will be virtually held Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 6:00 pm*

*Budget staff is available for your convenience to discuss the budget document and process.*

*Please call the staff listed above or 503-588-6040 if you have any questions.*

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