



# City of Independence

## Minutes City Budget Committee Meeting Wednesday, April 23, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by last years' Chair, Bill Boisvert

### ROLL CALL

#### **Budget Committee Members (BCM)**

##### City Council

Kate Schwarzler  
Shannon Corr  
Bill Boisvert  
Evan Sorce-Arrived 7:01PM  
Marilyn Morton  
Dawn Roden-Via phone  
Kathy Martin-Willis

##### Resident Members

Bradley Karkanen  
Nathan Christensen  
Miranda Garrison  
Jessica Porter  
Alex Paraskevas  
Erin Seiler-Via zoom  
Dana Sharman

##### Staff present:

Kenna West, Myra Russell, Rob Moody, Gerald Fisher, Shawn Irvine, Amanda Christensen, Amy Christensen

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

BCM Corr nominated BCM Christensen. BCM Morton seconded. BCM Christensen disclosed potential conflict of interest as wife is the curator of the museum, which is now the Community Services department. There's potential for actual conflict interest in the process of discussing official action. He said he would leave it up to the committee. BCM Corr withdrew nomination  
BCM Martin-Willis nominated BCM Seiler, second by BCM Paraskevas. BCM Seiler is attending meeting by zoom and said she understood it might be hard to be chair via zoom. BCM Martin-Willis withdrew her nomination.

BCM Schwarzler nominated BCM Garrison, second by BCM Corr.

BCM Morton moved to close nominations. Roll Call vote. Passed unanimously.

Following roll call vote, BCM Garrison was unanimously elected Chair of the Committee. Newly elected Chair Garrison took over meeting.

### **REVIEW OF AGENDA AND BUDGET CALENDAR**

Rob Moody presented an overview of the Budget Calendar with dates set for April 30, May 7, May 14 and May 21, if needed. Budget to go before council at June 10 Council meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

BCM Schwarzler moved to approve minutes of 2024 Budget Committee as presented; BCM Karkanen seconded. Discussion: None Roll call vote. Motion passed with all present voting aye; none opposed.

## **VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Erin McIntosh, Independence, OR. Asked committee not to sell city property, specifically pool property.

## **BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Moody read this year's budget message in full.

Porter: Potential conflict of interest current employer operates a youth program on the pool property. If we're going to be voting in any capacity about selling that property, she feels like there would be a conflict of interest.

Moody gave quick overview of Budget Summary. Discussion

Moody brought amendments to public works budget. Will need motion to amend 2024-25 budget as described. Motion made by BCM Corr second by BCM Sorce. Discussion. Moody will bring crosswalk of budget amendment to next meeting. Fisher will highlight changes as he presents Public Works budget.

Roll call Vote. BCM Roden-Nay, rest = Aye. Motion passes. Moody will bring crosswalk of budget amendment to next meeting.

Roden left phone session and came to meeting in person 7:57 pm

Department Presentation:

- Fisher – Public Works Funds:
  - Water Department: Explanation of restricted SDC funds. Discussion of grants for water treatment plan and other projects.
  - Sewer Department
  - Stormwater Department
  - Streets Department
  - Water SDC
  - Sewer SDC
  - Stormwater SDC
  - Transportation SDC
  - Parks SDC
  - Parks Capital Reserve.
  - Facility and vehicle replacement fund
  - Parks Dept General Fund

## **ADJOURNMENT**

BCM Martin-Willis moved to recess the meeting, to reconvene on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm; BCM Christensen seconded. Motion passed with all present voting aye; none opposed.

Meeting recessed at 9:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Myra Russell, City Recorder