

**CITY OF GRANTS PASS
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 23, 2023, at 6:00 pm
Council Chambers**

City Councilors

Brian DeLaGrange - Absent
Rob Pell - Absent
Valerie Lovelace
Rick Riker
Dwight Faszer - Absent
Dwayne Yunker - Absent
Joel King
Vanessa Ogier

Budget Committee

Members

Tom Brandes, Chair - Absent
Tom Bradbeer, Vice Chair
Curt Collins
Tripp Androy
Josh Balloch
Tammie Schmidt-Kirk -
Absent

City/Staff:

Aaron Cubic, City Manager/Budget
Officer
Karen Frerk, City Recorder
Augustus Ogu, City Attorney
JC Rowley, Finance Director
Bradley Clark, Community
Development Director
Jason Canady, Public Works Director
Wade Elliott, Assistant Public Works
Director
Warren Hensman, Chief of Police
Keith Larkin, Fire Chief

Capital Tour 4:30 pm. C Street and Dimmick reconstruction, Hillcrest project, County's 10th Street project, ODOT's seismic bridge project, Safe Routes Schools project, Foothill and Agness intersection, Pinnacle at Meadow Wood Subdivision, Meadow Wood Reservoir location, Cloverlawn/Overland Drive utility extension project, Schroeder Lane Stormwater project, Water Restoration Plant digester heat exchanger project.

1. Budget Chair convene Committee

- Budget Vice Chair, Tom Bradbeer opened the meeting.

2. Public Works Department Budget presentation

- Public Works Director, Jason Canady, delivered the budget message for the Public Works Department.
- He talked about the department organization as well as each division. He discussed transportation, including maintenance of vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian systems. He stated that the overall program budget is basically flat. He said that gas taxes are projected to come in on target or slightly above.
- He explained where the funds are allocated. He stated that the largest share of contractual services is the street lighting program.
- He talked about Capital Projects, explaining that this is a large part of what Public Works does.
- Projects include TR6116, Allen Creek Road Improvements, TR6247, Dimmick Railroad Crossing, TR6333, Josephine Community Transit Operating Grant 2, TR6372, Overlay/Maintenance, TR6373, Bike/Pedestrian River Crossing, TR6384, Hillcrest Drive Improvements Projects, New Project TR6410, Lincoln Elementary Pedestrian Access Safe Routes to School,

TR6426, Foothill & Agness Round-A-Bout, TR6427, Sidewalk Infill and Repair Fund, and TR6432, 4th Bridge Refinement Study.

- He talked about the Stormwater Program, explaining where the funds are allocated. He talked about DO6353, Emergency Storm Drain Projects, DO6371, 5th Street Storm Drain (between G & M), DO6385, South Highline Canal near Allen Creek, DO6436, and Judy and Larch Stormwater.
- He discussed the Water Services operational budgets and where the funds are allocated. He talked about WA4971, Meadow Wood Reservoir No.16, WA6207, Water Treatment Plant Replacement, WA6360, Small Main Replacement, and WA6362, Redwood Highway Looping.
- He talked about the Wastewater program budgets and explained where the funds are allocated. He talked about projects SE6200, Spalding Industrial Park WW Infrastructure Upgrade, SE6374, Redwood Area Pump Station & River Crossing, SE6375, and Collection System Maintenance & Repair.
- He talked about Solid Waste field operations & landfill post closure, stating that the air quality permit has been removed, reduced sampling approved due to reduction in sampled chemicals.
- He talked about the Public Works Support Services, including Administration, Engineering, Facility Management, Garage Operations, and Equipment Replacement.
- HE talked about the future challenges, including the replacement of the Water Treatment Plant, the stormwater utility, deferred Water/Wastewater/Stormwater maintenance projects causing unplanned outages, and utility costs.

3. Receive public comment and/or questions

- None.

4. Discuss any general questions or information requests from the Committee

- None.

5. Vote for tentative Budget approval of programs discussed (if applicable)

MOTION/VOTE

Councilor Ogier moved, and Member Androy seconded the motion to approve the Public Works Department Presentation. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Councilors Lovelace, Riker, King, Ogier, Committee Vice Chair Bradbeer, Members Androy, Balloch, and Collins. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Councilors DeLaGrange, Pell, Faszer, Yunker, Committee Chair Brandes, and Member Schmidt-Kirk.

The motion passed.

6. Continue Hearing to Thursday, May 25, 2023.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Bradbeer at 7:59 pm.

Minutes prepared by Dianne Phelan, City of Grants Pass Administration