

CITY OF McMINNVILLE  
MINUTES OF BUDGET COMMITTEE  
WORK SESSION

Held via Zoom Video Conference and at the Civic Hall on Gormley Plaza  
McMinnville, Oregon

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Presiding: Remy Drabkin, Mayor

Recording Secretary: Claudia Cisneros

Councilors:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
	Adam Garvin, Council President (via Zoom)	Jessica Payne
	Kellie Menke	
	Zack Geary	
	Chris Chenoweth	
	Sal Peralta (via Zoom)	

Budget Committee:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
	Lonny Watne (via Zoom)	Jerry Hart
	Jerry Mason	Debbie Harmon Ferry
	Victoria Ernst (via Zoom)	Meredith Maxfield
	Scott Cunningham (via Zoom) left @ 6:13pm	

Also present were City Manager Jeff Towery (via Zoom), City Recorder Claudia Cisneros, Finance Director Jennifer Cuellar, Communications & Engagement Manager Noelle Amaya (via Zoom), and Community Development Director Heather Richards (via Zoom), and *members of the News Media Scott Unger, News-Register*

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Drabkin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. DOLLARS AND SENSE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

City Manager Towery said due to the Fire District approval, the City had access to additional permanent tax rate funds for general services. They were looking for input on how the community wanted to prioritize those dollars. He shared part of the FY23-24 budget message as a reminder of the need for additional revenue sources. He explained how the City was

planning to engage the community. He then showed a brief demo of Balancing Act, an online budgeting tool.

There was discussion regarding including a “do nothing” option and a list of things that would not get done if that option was chosen, concern about getting too involved in the weeds and people not comprehending the information, customizing Balancing Act for different groups, data that would be collected from Balancing Act, timeline for gathering the input, offering an alternate interface like a survey, when data points were captured either at the final submission or throughout the process, making sure all options were included, helping people understand what deferred maintenance meant, other methods for getting input such as kiosks in City facilities, one time submissions, and getting input from all areas of town.

There would be a rough draft version available for Budget Committee review and it would go live in late July.

3. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Drabkin adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Claudia Cisneros  
Claudia Cisneros, City Recorder