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TO: Mayor Sam Adams
FROM: Andrew Scott, Financial Planning Manager
DATE: May 12, 2011
RE: Mayor's Message to Budget Committee

FOR MAYOR'S OFFICE USE ONLY

Reviewed by Bureau Liaison _____

1. **INTENDED THURSDAY FILING DATE:** May 12, 2011
2. **REQUESTED COUNCIL AGENDA DATE:** May 18, 2011 (Time Certain Already Set)
3. **CONTACT NAME & NUMBER:** Jeramy Patton, 823-6961
4. **PLACE ON:** ☐ CONSENT ☒ REGULAR
5. **BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT ATTACHED:** ☐ Y ☐ N ☒ N/A
6. **(3) ORIGINAL COPIES OF CONTRACTS APPROVED AS TO FORM BY CITY ATTORNEY ATTACHED:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Oregon State Law requires the Mayor to convene the City's budget committee to receive the Mayor's Message. In the City of Portland, City Council is the budget committee. The Mayor will convene Council as the budget committee at the regular May 18 Council meeting and will submit the Mayor's Message, attached to this memo, as a report. The Mayor will then continue the budget committee meeting to Thursday, May 19, at 6:30 PM, when a public hearing will be held on the Proposed Budget. Financial Planning has provided a script for the Mayor to read from during the May 18 Council meeting. Commissioners will receive copies of the Proposed Budget document before May 18.

Legal Issues:

ORS 294.401 requires the City's budget committee to hold one or more meetings to receive the Mayor's Message, to accept public comment on the Proposed Budget, and to approve the Proposed Budget with or without changes. City Council, sitting as the budget committee, will hold three meetings on the FY 2011-12 Proposed Budget. On May 18, the committee will accept the Mayor's Message. On May 19, the committee will hold a public hearing on the Proposed Budget. Finally the committee will approve the budget, with any changes, on May 25.

Controversial Issues:

Delivery of the Mayor's Message to the budget committee is not controversial.

Citizen Participation:

Although many citizens participated in the development of the Proposed Budget, there was no citizen participation in the preparation of the Mayor's Message.

An Equal Opportunity Employer

To help ensure equal access to programs, services and activities, the Office of Management & Finance will reasonably modify policies/procedures and provide auxiliary aids/services to persons with disabilities upon request.

Link to Current City Policies:

Although the Proposed Budget was shaped by a number of city policies, there are no city policies governing the preparation and acceptance of the Mayor's Message.

Other Governmental Participation:

None

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Mayor's Message has no financial impact.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUESTED

Introduce the Mayor's Message as a report to Council and place it on Council Calendar for May 18, 2011.



Office of Mayor Sam Adams

City of Portland

Mayor's Message to Budget Committee (Report)

Convening Budget Committee

- **I am convening the Budget Committee for the purpose of receiving the budget message. Committee members received copies of the budget document yesterday.**
- **This budget is the product of months of work by the City Council, community advisors and residents, our bureau staffs, and the Office of Management and Finance.**
- **My Proposed Budget remains focused on our top priority: returning the City to full prosperity and making strategic investments that will result in a stronger, more resilient City.**
- **My budget continues to support the most vulnerable in our community through investments in housing, homelessness prevention, mental health, and addiction services.**
- **I have increased the City's focus on equity to ensure that every Portlander has access to equal opportunity and feels welcome and engaged in our great City.**
- **I have surveyed citizens to identify neighborhood nuisances and livability issues, and I will hold City bureaus accountable for addressing them.**

- **Taken as a whole, this budget will make Portland's economy stronger, our streets safer, our communities more equitable, and our government more responsive.**
- **I want to again thank my colleagues on the Council, and everyone in our community, for helping shape this budget.**
- **Are there any questions or comments from the committee?**
- **This meeting of the Budget Committee is continued to Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 PM at Jefferson High School, where we will hear public testimony on the budget. Jefferson High School is located at 5210 N Kerby. I look forward to seeing you all there.**
- **I am now reconvening this group as the City Council.**