

fields with turf. The Coalition has about 5,000 participants and he stated that between the Little League and Pacer Youth Baseball about \$75k has been put into one of the Waluga fields within the last year for improvements. The Coalition would like the City to fund resurfacing the Waluga fields with turf and they feel that would result in fewer maintenance costs. **Dodds** asked if both fields were lit and Anders confirmed that.

Ed Hudson, 14120 Redwood Ct., concurs with testimony given by Michael Anders regarding the Waluga fields resurfacing. He represents LO Youth Football of about 220 families and are in constant flux of finding space. He feels that the Waluga facility could be rented for youth football as well.

Ed Joyce, 697 Lake Bay, international commissioner for the Lake Oswego Little League (1st graders). As a coach, he stated that field space was a challenge and looking for solution for turf fields as feels then they could have more games.

Chris Hubley, 15254 Candlewood Ct., Lake Oswego Little League board member (fields coordinator) testified regarding resurfacing Waluga field with turf and the need of more space to play year round. He feels that the turf field would provide more space for sports other than just baseball. **Havens** asked about the longevity of turf fields and **Dodds** responded 10 years and stated that the carpet turf on top is replaced and not all of the materials underneath. **LaMotte** stated that it would be helpful for the Tourism Board to know how many people come into Lake Oswego to play on our fields.

David Kavanaugh, 5225 Firwood Rd., a resident near Waluga fields. Has two sons in baseball involved in the travel community. He stated that players come from all over...if tournaments were sponsored and promoted here the community would come from other places such as Mid-Washington, Southern Oregon, etc. He thinks resurfacing the fields will enhance the area along with the Boones Ferry Road project.

Donald Mattersdorff, 930 Bullock St., testified regarding Hallinan Woods property that he would like the City to purchase. Since he last testified at the Budget Committee their committee to create a Hallinan nature park has grown to about 10 active members. They have acquired 400 signatures in support of asking the City to acquire a 2-acre property on Yates Street. He has spent some time talking to the Parks Board about this property.

Sarah Ellison, 208 Ash St., testified regarding Hallinan Woods property that neighbors would like the City to purchase the 2-acre property for park/open space. Their committee compared foot traffic in Woodmont to Hallinan Woods. She stated that Hallinan Woods is regularly visited by kids.

Jim Fisher, 1023 O'Brien St., on the Board of Friends of Hallinan Woods that takes care of this and other parks and works with Parks and Recreation and the Watershed Council. They expect their maintenance to continue.

Rick Nys, 13554 Rogers Road, Chairman of the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB), thanked the Committee for supporting the pedestrian and bike path projects brought before them last year. He will return to the Budget Committee with a list of pathway projects priorities to utilize some of the SDC funds.

Scott Bullard, 14130 Taylors Crest and Bill Gordon, 341 3rd St. from the Parks Board made capital funding requests for two high priority parks projects: Re-turf Hazelia Field \$650,000 and replace Roehr Pathway \$300,000 over two fiscal years (totals \$475k per year). He stated that the Hazelia field is heavily used and the Roehr Pathway is in the most severe condition of all pathways. **O'Neill** ask if the city could get more life out of the

Hazelia Field and possibly re-turf in 3-4 years. **Anderholm** responded that the field was currently 2 years past its expected life and areas are not testing as safe.

5. **Review Ground Rules, Schedule and Agenda**

Chair **Taylor** read through the Ground Rules for the Budget Committee which included consensus on meeting times.

6. **City Council Goals**

Wheeler highlighted a few of the 2017 City Council goals that are taken into consideration when developing the budget.

- Continue to improve the condition of streets, to a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 70 by 2021.
- Construct pathway connections, using available systems development charges.
- Maximize park land and resources for the benefit of the community, including exploration of artificial turf at Waluga Park and use of the proceeds of the Kruse/Carman property for pathways.
- Decide on the future of the municipal golf course.
- Adopt a strategy for addressing PERS increases, both internally (financial plan) and externally (legislation).

7. **Six-year Financial Forecast**

Lazenby presented the six-year General Fund forecast with a visual excel tool and graphs. For revenues Finance provides refined estimates for the current year and next year, then assumptions are built into the spreadsheet and they can be varied to see the long-term effect of decisions made today. He pointed out that Property Taxes is a stable general revenue stream that is budgeted conservatively... to increase 3% annually with up to another 1% for new development. Franchise Fees, State Shared Revenues and lodging taxes are important to the General Fund as well. The forecast reflects the same staffing and no new programs and CPI was used in the projections. He showed PERS increase effect on a graph and stated the City can cover that over the next two years and probably six years, though it effects Police and Fire departments the most. He suggested a couple strategies that could be considered so those costs are still covered such as returning an extra \$2 million operating funds back to the departments, and only add new programs if revenue was revenue there to offset the costs. Not too long after six years the East End Urban Renewal District is expected to go away and then there will be revenue to the General Fund. This forecast assumes \$2 million to street projects from the General Fund.

Lazenby stated that most of the issues for the City are not in the next couple years, but more long-term. The City needs to keep an eye on long term PERS increases and the capital plan. He also stated that the forecast is reset after the final actual numbers are determined for the year and they are incorporated after the end of the fiscal year.

8. Direction on Funding Priorities

Lazenby stated that direction may be more difficult at this time until they Committee sees the 6-year Capital Improvement Plan at a future Budget Committee meeting.

Wheeler stated that some Council Goals were driving the use of an increment of available funds in general revenues. He was interested in hearing some Budget Committee budget priorities. He relayed that some possibilities heard at this meeting and public comment suggests that the additional general revenue resources could be used on Parks projects and turf fields, as well as for street projects per the Council goal of getting to a PCI of 70 for streets. The ongoing transfer to streets is \$2 million from the general fund and in the past additional one-time funds have be sent to the Street Fund as well for street capital projects.

The Council recently adopted an updated methodology and rate for Transportation System Development Charges (SDCs) as well as a goal to increase the investment in pathways. Last year \$500,000 of Street SDCs was budgeted for pathways and staff feels that is another good target for this year. **Wheeler** commented that there was an idea of using more SDCs towards the \$30 million Boones Ferry Road (BFR) project, which would free up more dollars in the Lake Grove Urban Renewal District for other items, such as acquiring property for public parking. That would be a Council policy but is good to have the Budget Committee weigh in on that.

Good commented that he understood that the Lake Oswego-Tigard Water project and that road work contributed to the latest increase in the PCI.

Berg stated that an idea of using more SDCs towards the \$30 million Boones Ferry Road (BFR) project made a lot of sense. He also asked when might be a good time for a GO Bond for upcoming large projects. **Gudman** commented that with all of the school bonds out there this would not be a good time for the taxpayers.

Buck stated the city should look at the Street Maintenance Fee to pay for maintaining the streets. Also, if the ball fields may bring in people to the city perhaps the field turf in some instances could be paid by Tourism funds. He felt the field usage fees should be set aside for the fields.

O'Neill asked if an additional \$1.5 million was allocated to streets if there was enough staff to handle the projects and **Wheeler** affirmed.

Kohlhoff stated that the people working on affordable housing may need funds in a future budget and there are various ways... perhaps by fees or taxes. She would like to see city fees brought up to be commensurate with other communities, as was done with the Transportation SDCs, and raise our own money for affordable housing instead of taking from other budgets. **Berg** cautioned that fees are regressive taxes and that increasing fees could affect those that could least afford them and the city may want to look at other alternatives.

Gudman suggested for staff direction that going forward over the next six years that all Transportation SDCs be dedicated to pathway, bikeway, pedestrian, and/or Boones Ferry Road project, subject to getting better information on Boones Ferry parking. Also, when the budget is prepared for the Committee he suggests that the first \$1.5 million of available general revenue go to pavement preservation, then any available revenue above that go to the parks capital projects mentioned earlier or ones that the Committee would want done.

Studebaker commented that the suggestion was restrictive now and the Committee has yet to go through the budgeting process and **Gudman** agreed.

Buck proposed having a program to relieve the low income people for increased fees. He stated that some communities are collecting a surcharge from transient short-term rentals to

be used towards affordable housing and other communities are charging a fee to those companies to operate within the jurisdiction.

Dodds agree that available general revenue surplus should go to street maintenance repair instead of replacement. But he feels that some smaller percentage of available funds should go to other repairs of assign projects, such as buildings and not just roads.

LaMotte would like to see the city talk about Local Improvement Districts (LIDs) more aggressively in the future and **Lazenby** stated that was a Council Goal in the past and staff could do that.

Wheeler acknowledge that a lot of ideas were discussed this evening and they did not need other specific direction. He stated the Committee has time to think about the items discussed before the next meeting.

9. **Municipal Grants Review Subcommittee selection**

Taylor requested volunteers for the subcommittee to review Municipal Grant applications. **Kohlhoff** and **Havens** volunteered to serve on a subcommittee to review the Municipal Grant applications submitted to the City for fiscal year 2017-18. The subcommittee will meet then make a recommendation of applicants to receive funding at the May 4, 2017 Budget Committee meeting.

10. **Neighborhood Grants Committee volunteers**

Taylor requested volunteers from the Committee to review grant requests for the Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) along with the rest of the NEP grant committee. **Manz** and **Beckett** volunteered to serve on that committee. The budget for those is \$60,000.

11. **Next Steps/Future Meeting Topics**

Next Budget Committee meeting on April 26.

12. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:27.

Respectfully submitted,

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