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Adopted City Budget Funds Core Services, Boosts Police and Recreation

The Tigard City Council has adopted its 2016-2017 budget, which provides a spending blueprint for the city through the next fiscal year.

The approved \$177 million budget allocates more than \$123 million to fund city services, handles the city's debt obligations and pays for improvements to the community, including city roads and the water system. The council approved the budget by a 4-1 vote on June 14.

Overall, the budget keeps city services mostly unchanged. The new plan will increase funding for public safety and recreation—needs identified by the community and during four public meetings held by the Tigard Budget Committee. The budget also will continue to support the city's long-term and strategic efforts to become the most walkable city in the Pacific Northwest.

The 2016-2017 budget provides for:

- Four patrol officers to be hired in the Tigard Police Department to support the department's goal for patrols during highest call volumes and improving call response times for highest-priority calls.
- Planning for a possible local option levy to improve city services and a capital facilities bond to better meet current public service needs.
- One-time maintenance and repair projects for city facilities and parks.

The adopted budget acknowledges that current resources are not sufficient to meet the needs of a growing city. The city continues face the challenge of making service and program choices proposed without the resources to address those needs.

A future request is being considered go to voters in November 2017 to address the city's parks, library, public safety and walkability needs, while improving facilities that need improvements.

For more information on the budget and city finances, visit the city's website at www.tigard-or.gov/budget.

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