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Tigard's FY19 Budget Reduces Spending by 9.4 Percent

The Tigard City Council voted unanimously on Tuesday, June 26, to adopt the city's Fiscal Year 18/19 Budget approved by the Budget Committee. The new \$126 million budget contains reductions of over \$11 million, which includes \$2.5 million in cuts in General Fund operating expenses.

The city will continue to provide essential services, complete capital improvement projects, represent Tigard's interest in regional issues, as well as efficiently manage its financial resources. Reductions in the General Fund will affect Tigard Police, the Tigard Public Library, the recreation program, economic development program and social service grants.

Among the changes for Fiscal Year 18/19, which begins July 1, 2018:

- Tigard Police will not fill four vacant Police Officer positions.
- The number of Tigard Police School Resource Officers will be reduced from four to two.
- Tigard Police will not fill a vacant Community Service Officer (CSO) position. This 50 percent reduction will impact TPD's ability to address parking violations, graffiti and other police reports with no suspect information. In addition, it will reduce CSOs available to assist patrol and traffic units handling traffic accidents.
- Funding for programs at the Tigard Public Library will be reduced by 75 percent, which means fewer story times for children and computer classes for adults. All book groups will be eliminated, and the number of cultural and educational programs for all age groups will decrease.
- Funds for new library materials — books, DVDs, CDs, etc. — will be cut by 25 percent.
- Library patrons may wait longer for assistance because of a reduction in staffing levels.
- There will be fewer city-sponsored community events due to reductions in the Parks and Recreation program.
- Social Service Funding grants, which help provide support to the Good Neighbor Center, Luke Dorf, Tualatin Riverkeepers and the St. Anthony Severe Weather Shelter will be cut in half.
- Wi-Fi at the city's parks will be eliminated.

- The city will not have a robust Economic Development program, which may impact the city's ability to attract new businesses to the area.

More than 98 percent of the budget cuts in the original budget submitted to the Budget Committee by City Manager Marty Wine were approved. Cuts to Tigard's Peer Court and CERT, however, were reinstated due to a strong showing of public support for them at the Budget Committees meetings held in April and May. But, after the failure of Tigard's levy at the ballot in May, these programs and others — including code enforcement, the Safe Routes to School program, parks maintenance and the recreation program — are at risk for Fiscal Year 19/20.

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