



Budget Engagement Commission – Status Update

Finance Department

Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee
February 6, 2018

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

1. **October 25, 2016:** Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee (MNSC) recommended unanimously that the City Council adopt an ordinance forming the Budget Engagement Commission (BEC)
2. **November 8, 2016:** The City Council approved the recommendations of the MNSC to introduce an ordinance forming the BEC (Chapter 2.90).
3. **January 10, 2017:** Ordinance adopted forming the BEC.
4. **February 14, 2017:** BEC members appointed by the Mayor and City Council



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BEC PURPOSE AND COMPOSITION

1. Purpose:

- a) Provide input to the City Council on spending and policy priorities based on the information received through quarterly financial and performance reports
- b) Assist City staff in maximizing public engagement on municipal budgetary issues

2. Composition – 18 members total:

- a) Nine resident members
 - i. Seven nominated by each of the Council members to represent each of the City's wards.
 - ii. Two Citywide nominations made by the Mayor.
- b) Nine business members
 - i. Seven nominated by each of the Council members who 1) own a business in their ward or 2) live in their ward and own a business in any ward in the City.
 - ii. Two Citywide nominations made by the Mayor.

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BEC PROCESS

1. Meetings – 14 total to date:

- a) 4 regular quarterly meetings
- b) 10 special meetings to address significant financial matters

2. Significant Matters

- a) Measure Z Spending Plan and Updates
- b) Quarterly Financial and Performance Updates
- c) CalPERS
- d) FY 2018-20 Two-Year Budget development

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BEC FEEDBACK

1. ***Additional BEC meetings:*** Interest was expressed in having additional BEC meetings. The BEC has consistently scheduled special meetings, and will continue doing so in the future. The BEC also has the ability to meet in locations other than City Hall, subject to the availability of technology to audio and video record such meetings.
2. ***Information on critical fiscal decisions by the City Council:*** City staff recently began sharing with the BEC on a periodic basis, as appropriate, copies of the City Council agendas and materials (also available publicly), and highlighting critical fiscal decisions particularly related to Measure Z. On occasion, BEC members attended City Council meetings to speak on critical items of interest to them.



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RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee receive and provide input on this status update on the Budget Engagement Commission's structure and process.



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