

March 8th, 2019

To: Budget Committee Members **From:** S. Scott McDowell, Administrator **Re:** FY 2019-2020 Budget Committee

Dear Member,

The first Budget Committee Meeting will be held at City Hall on Thursday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m. I have enclosed a budget calendar which we will follow throughout the budgetary process. I am hopeful that the Committee will consist of fourteen members this year. It will be very important for everyone to attend each meeting. I feel confident that we can get through deliberations in three meetings as we have the past several years, but last year we were able to finish in two meetings. The Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. on April 25th & May 2nd with possible meetings on May 9th & 16th (*if necessary*) upstairs in Council Chambers.

I plan on having the complete, proposed budget to you at the first meeting. If I should get it to you earlier, State law prohibits any members from discussing line items with other Budget Committee Members prior to the first meeting, however it does give you extra time to review the document and prepare questions for the following meetings. The page-by-page and line item review typically happens at the second meeting which we have been able complete the entire budget at the second meeting the last five years.

If you don't have it, my e-mail address is admin@ci.brownsville.or.us in case you have any questions or concerns. I also have posted basic information about Oregon Budget Law on the City website at https://www.ci.brownsville.or.us/bc-budget. You will also find the City Prospectus which includes context and orientation information which is important to review. I look forward to working with each of you on this important task!

Cordially,

S. Scott McDowell City Administrator Budget Officer

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