

Participatory Budget Committee Meeting
July 18, 2022
Agenda

- 1) Welcome and attendance
- 2) Minutes from 7/7 meeting. Comments/Approval
- 3) Current city processes: Experts explain how things are done

Sample questions: What is the normal budget cycle for the City? What are the key dates in preparing the budget? When does the City Council vote on the Budget?

Is funding for the participatory budget initiative tied to the regular budget cycle?

Please explain the funding already approved for the Participatory Budgeting initiative in 2022. Is it “approved”? Is it “authorized”? Please explain the difference. Can the committee spend any funds in 2022 without going to the City Council? How do we do that?

What are the thresholds or conditions, if any, which would require the City to go out for public bids on a project?

We discussed things that fall under the purview of the capital budgeting department rather than participatory budgeting. What is the specific definition of capital budgeting projects? It seems wrong that any and everything involving buildings and tangible improvements would be outside of the PBC's scope. Otherwise, what else would that leave us with?

Can private donations (funds and/or in-kind) be accepted? How can we do that? Are there any projects underway that currently accept donations?

Please explain the process the city has for funding grants. What type of organizations can receive grants from the city? What are the reporting requirements? What is prohibited from receiving grant funding? What department(s) is/are authorized to fund grants?

- 4) Outreach update
- 5) Open Items / Next Steps
- 6) Next Meeting –August 1, 5:30 p.m., in the same location.