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BEAVERTON HOLDS THE LINE ON TAX RATE: BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROVES 2016-17 BUDGET

BEAVERTON, Ore. – On Tuesday night, the City of Beaverton Budget Committee approved the approximately \$208 million fiscal year budget that keeps the tax rate at \$4.38 per \$1000 of assessed home value. Mayor Denny Doyle proposed a fiscally conservative budget that builds on the 2016 priorities set by himself and the city council earlier this year. The budget also directs funds for projects identified as priorities by residents as part of the city's nationally-recognized Beaverton Community Vision program.

"This budget holds the line on spending and calls for no increases to our property taxes or water rates," said Mayor Doyle. "We built a budget that delivers on our goals while keeping our expenses down. We are also building a healthy contingency to help us prepare for our future."

The budget supports city priorities such as planning for a new public safety center, intersection improvement for Canyon Road, safe alternative routes for bicycles in the city's core, and support for additional police officer to maintain our public safety standards.

"This committee was very impressed with the proposed budget," said Jose Galindez, committee chair. "This budget delivers some big wins for the city and does so in a fiscally conservative manner."

Now that the budget committee has completed their work, the budget will be presented to the city council for final adoption on June 21.

For more information on Beaverton's budget, contact Patrick O'Claire, finance director, at 503-526-2241 or poclaire@BeavertonOregon.gov.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton is a welcoming and responsible city that enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. In 2015, Beaverton was recognized as the **safest city** in the Pacific Northwest (according to CQ Press for cities more than 75,000). Recently, the city's award-winning finance department received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** as well as the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was named **one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America** by *Money* magazine and recognized as one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine. The city was named **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com* and **one of the**

100 Best Walking Cities in America by *Prevention* magazine. The city also received the **Recycler of the Year** award from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, named a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, received a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists, and recognized as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Lastly, the city's nationally acclaimed visioning program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter and also received the prestigious **3CMA Award of Excellence**.

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