

Library Board Minutes

November 14, 2018

Location: Beatley Central Library, Dickman Board Room

Present: Kathleen Schloeder, Oscar Fitzgerald, Patricia Rogers, Director Dawson, Deputy Director DiPilato, Division Chief/Administrative Services Wesson

Excused: Trudi Hahn, Helen Desfosses, Frank Fannon

Unexcused: Councilman Willie Bailey

The meeting was called to order at 11am. Although the meeting had been called as a special board meeting, a quorum not being present, the meeting was deemed an information session only

New Business

Director Dawson reported that the Library had received budget guidance from the City Manager. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is projecting a \$28 million shortfall and asked all departments to submit a 2.5% reduction scenario. For the Library, this reduction is \$175,779. OMB asked that we consider our Priority Based Budget (PBB) rankings of library services when preparing our reductions. Those services with low rankings could be considered for reductions; highly ranked core services could also be considered if efficiencies would be provided. Positions which had been vacant for long periods of time should also be considered.

For the FY20 budget, the Library considered several options which were presented to the Board. Since Director Dawson did not require a vote from the Board, this was an informational meeting only.

The Director noted that next steps include a review of the departmental submissions by OMB and the Focus Area Teams (FATs) in December 2018. The City Manager will meet with the FATs in January 2019 and would present the budget to City Council in February 2019. The final vote on the budget by Council will be in May 2019.

Mr. Fitzgerald noted that he was impressed once again with the creativity of the Library management in considering the options for reductions. Ms. Rogers and Ms. Schloeder agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.