

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**OCTOBER 28, 2015
(RECESSED AND RECONVENED NOVEMBER 5, 2015 AND NOVEMBER 17, 2015,
AND DECEMBER 15, 2015)**

The Honorable,
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Finance of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to notice on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at the hour of 3:15 P.M. in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, to consider the 2016 Executive Budget being made available for public inspection and the schedule of meetings for the purpose of conducting budgetary hearings.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Tobolski (13)

ABSENT: Commissioners Fritchey and Gainer, Murphy, and Sims (4)

The following notices were distributed prior to commencement of the meeting:

October 28, 2015

NOTICE

The Finance Committee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners has scheduled the meetings listed below for the purpose of conducting public hearings on the proposed 2016 Executive Budget.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday, November 5, 2015 | 6:00 P.M. | Fourth District Courthouse 1500 South Maybrook Drive Maywood, Illinois |
| Tuesday, November 17, 2015 | 1:00 P.M. | Cook County Building 118 North Clark Street, Room 569 Chicago, Illinois |

The public may testify at these meetings. Persons wishing to testify should go to <http://fpdcc.com/2015budget/> to register as a public speaker. You may also register over the telephone at (312) 603-6127 or in person at 118 N. Clark Street, Room 567, Chicago, Illinois. You can register at any of the locations listed above at the time of the meeting. Each organization will be limited to one speaker. Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes. If a speaker has written testimony or any additional material for the committee to consider, speakers are requested to bring 20 copies of those and email those to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

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NOTICE

The proposed 2016 Executive Budget, prepared in tentative form, is available for public inspection at the locations listed below, beginning October 29, 2015. The proposed 2016 Executive Budget will be available for public viewing on the following website, beginning October 28, 2015:

<http://fpdcc.com/downloads/FPCC-FINAL-BUDGET-RECOMMENDATION-2016-WEB.pdf>

Forest Preserve District of Cook County General Headquarters, 536 N. Harlem, General Office, Third Floor, River Forest, Illinois, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Secretary to the Board's Office, Room 436, Cook County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Second District Courthouse, 5600 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois, in the Office of the County Clerk, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Third District Courthouse, 2121 Euclid Avenue, Rolling Meadows, Illinois, in the Office of the County Clerk, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Fourth District Courthouse, 1500 South Maybrook Drive, Maywood, Illinois, in the Office of the County Clerk, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Fifth District Courthouse, 10220 South 76th Avenue, Bridgeview, Illinois, in the Office of the County Clerk, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sixth District Courthouse, 16501 South Kedzie Parkway, Markham, Illinois, in the Office of the County Clerk, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

October 28, 2015

NOTICE AND AGENDA

The Finance Committee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners has scheduled the meeting listed below in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of conducting departmental reviews on the proposed 2015 Executive Budget. Changes and updates to this schedule will be posted on <http://fpdcc.com/2015budget/>

| <u>Event</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Departmental Presentations, Brookfield Zoo, Chicago Botanic Gardens | Tuesday, November 17, 2015 | 1:00 P.M. |

Vice Chairman Steele, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, moved to adopt the schedule of hearings. The motion carried.

Chairman Goslin recessed the meeting to the hour of 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 5, 2015, at the Fourth District Courthouse.

Thursday, November 5, 2015

Pursuant to notice, your Committee on Finance of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners reconvened its recessed meeting of October 28, 2015 on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at the hour of 6:00 P.M. in the Fourth District Courthouse, 1500 South Maybrook Drive, Maywood, Illinois, Courtroom 098, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed 2016 Executive Budget.

The following speakers offered testimony during the hearing:

1. George Blakemore

Chairman Goslin recessed the meeting to the hour of 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at the County Building, Board Room, Room 569.

November 17, 2015

Pursuant to notice, your Committee on Finance of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners reconvened its recessed meetings of October 28, 2015, November 5, 2015 at 6P.M. in the Fourth District Courthouse, 1500 South Maybrook Drive, Maywood, Illinois, Courtroom, 098 for the purpose of conducting a public hearing and department reviews on the proposed 2015 Executive Budget.

The following individual offered testimony during the hearing:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Organization</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1. Evelyn Vazquez | Brookfield Zoo |
| 2. Shedd Butts | Growing Solutions Farm (Brookfield Zoo) |
| 3. Jack Moore | Growing Solutions Farm (Brookfield Zoo) |
| 4. Zechary Stigger | Growing Solutions Farm (Brookfield Zoo) |
| 5. George Blakemore | Concerned Citizen |
| 6. Laurence Msall | Civic Federation |
| 7. Benjamin Cox | Friends of the Forest Preserve |
| 8. Gerald Guevarra | Mujeres Latinas en Accion |
| 9. Alma Casas | El Valor, Rey B. Gonzalez Center |

10. Celia Alvarez
11. Sue Belpedio
12. Darius Jones

El Valor, Rey B. Gonzalez Center
Horse Promoters
Chicago Botanic Garden

The following departments presented their budget during the hearing:

Brookfield Zoo,
Chicago Botanic Gardens

Chairman Goslin recessed the meeting to the hour of 9:45am on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at the County Building, Board Room, Room 569.

December 15, 2015

The recessed meeting of this Committee of the Forest Preserve Board of Commissioners of Cook County, initially convened on October 28, 2015 and recessed and reconvened on various dates in the interim, will reconvene at the date and time listed above to consider the 2016 Executive Budget recommendations, including any proposed amendments thereto.

15-0711

PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT

FY2016 Amendment No. 1

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT: Technical correction in Debt Service Tax Levy

IMPACT OF AMENDMENT: \$ (331,680.00)

BUDGETARY UNIT: Bond & Interest Fund, page 22

COMMENTS: N/A

Motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Schneider to move approval of Amendment #1. The motion carried and Amendment #1 was approved.

15-0597

2016 EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

Department: Office of the President

Summary: Executive Budget Recommendation Message of the President to the Cook County Board of Commissioners and submittal of the Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2016.

Motion was made by Chairman Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved that the Finance Committee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners recommend to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Appropriation Resolution, as amended. Commissioner Garcia called for a Roll Call, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

**ROLL CALL ON MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF 2016 ANNUAL
APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION**

Yeas: Chairman Goslin, Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Vice Chairman Steele, Commissioners Butler, and Fritchey (3)

The motion carried and the recommendation of the 2016 Annual Appropriation Resolution was **APPROVED**.

Vice Chairman Steele, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously on a voice-vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

Transcripts for the meetings referenced in this report are available in the Office of the Secretary to the Board, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 436, Chicago, IL 60602.