



**CITY OF MEDFORD
2013/2015
Biennial Budget**

August 13, 2013

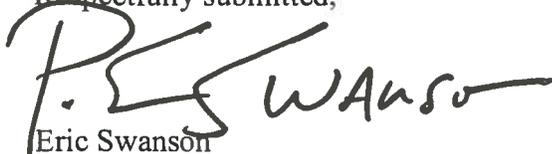
Honorable Mayor
Council Members
Appointed Members of the Budget Committee
Citizens of the City of Medford

As City Manager of the City of Medford I present the 2013-2015 Adopted Biennial Budget for the City of Medford. This budget includes all 31 funds of the City. The General Fund was discussed in detail as it is the largest fund for revenues and expenses and serves as the funding location for most City employees.

As you are all aware, the economic climate that existed at the last biennium has not improved. Because the City of Medford has been continually conservative and frugal with past budgeting, we were equipped to handle the challenges presented. However, there remain material issues addressed in the budget process. The most significant was the increased costs associated with PERs. The previous blended employer rate was 11.4% and was scheduled to rise to 15.4% on July 1, 2013. Changes to PERs were discussed at the Legislature and a limited amount of change was enacted. That resulted in the rates remaining at the previous 11.4%. This change was not passed until late June so this budget was prepared assuming the rate provided by PERs of 15.4% would be in effect.

I want to thank all the departments for all their hard work and their willingness to identify and reduce expenditures. The budget was balanced by reducing expenditures and budgeting for unspent personnel services of \$1.0 million. It was a long and difficult task but the results are before you in this document. The budget is balanced; the contingency remains at 3 months and core services are preserved.

Respectfully submitted,


Eric Swanson
City Manager