

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC**

Initial Public Hearing on the 2027-2028 Budget and 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Program Plan

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****ACTION**

The public hearing is an opportunity for residents and other stakeholders to provide input on the budget, including all proposed levies, taxes, fees, and rates to aid the City Manager and staff in development of the Preliminary 2027-2028 Budget and 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Plan in advance of being transmitted to City Council for consideration, modification, and adoption this fall. There will be two additional public hearings. One hearing will be with the presentation of the preliminary budget, and the third and final public hearing will be after the preliminary budget is transmitted to City Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Hold the initial public hearing on the 2027-2028 Budget and the 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Program Plan.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

Bellevue's budget is produced every two years and includes a six-year capital budget. It serves as a major policy document and describes how the City intends to finance its services and infrastructure. This public hearing marks another step in a process that launched earlier this year. The council will receive an initial update on the evolving state of inflationary pressures, the General Fund forecast, and a discussion of long-term financial strategies and options that the council can consider as part of the 2027-2028 Budget Development process. As the City Manager begins to prepare the preliminary budget, these topics along with others will contribute to the broader discussion and decision-making process. The public hearing scheduled for June 23 represents the first of three public hearings planned for the City's 2027-2028 Budget and 2027-2032 CIP Plan. The purpose of this initial hearing is to enable the council and City management to hear public comment prior to the development of the City's 2027-2028 Budget and 2027-2032 CIP Plan. This public hearing is in keeping with Bellevue's long history of overall citizen involvement with the budget process. A second public hearing to hear additional public comment will be held with the presentation and publication of the preliminary budget, which is anticipated to be in September. The final public hearing will be scheduled for October. At all three public hearings on the City's 2027-2028 Budget and 2027-2032 CIP Plan, the public is invited to provide testimony on the operating and capital budgets, including all levies, taxes, fees, and rates. A public hearing gives the public an opportunity to provide feedback to the council before a final decision

is made.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

RCW 35A.34.090 provides that prior to a final hearing on the budget, the legislative body shall schedule hearings on the budget or parts of it.

RCW 35A.34.110 requires that the City Council hold a final public hearing pertaining to the budget for the City. This legally required public hearing must be held not later than the 25th day prior to commencement of the fiscal biennium.

### **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this public hearing.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Hold the initial public hearing on the 2027-2028 Budget and 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Program Plan.
2. Provide alternative direction to staff regarding the public hearing.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Public Hearing Notice

## **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

N/A