

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Ordinance adopting the modification of the 2025-2026 Biennium Budget and 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Plan; as both have been previously amended; setting forth the estimated appropriations; and establishing an effective date.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

This Ordinance adopts the City of Bellevue's 2025-2026 Mid-Biennial adjustments and updated 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Plan; and sets forth the estimated appropriations.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6883

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

This Ordinance is the last Council action required to fully implement the 2025-2026 mid-biennium budget. The Ordinance adopts the total appropriation by fund as detailed in Attachment A, notifies Council of accepted Grants of less than \$350,000 as received from November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025 (Attachment B), and provides a list of donations under \$350,000 received from November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025 (Attachment C).

Council actions earlier tonight to fully implement the 2025-2026 mid-biennium budget include the following items that have been incorporated into the umbrella Ordinance:

- Pay Plan and Classification acceptance Ordinance
- Development Services Fee Ordinance: Set the Development Service rates
- Transportation Wireless Communication Fees Ordinance: Formalize by ordinance Wireless Communication Fee Schedule
- Sewer Rate Ordinance: Set the Sewer 2026 rates
- 2026 Property Tax Levy Ordinance: Adopt 2026 property tax levy (RCW 35A.34.230)
- 2026 Property Tax Banked Capacity Resolution: Preserve the full levy amount available to the City (RCWs 84.55.005, 84.55.0101 and, 84.55.092).

Council will not be required to adopt the 2026 Utilities Rates for Water and Storm & Surface Water as they were included in the 2025-2026 Adopted Budget via Ordinance Nos. 6819 and 6820.

Background

Ordinance No. 6822 adopted the 2025-2026 Budget and the 2025-2030 CIP Plan on November 19, 2024. The mid-biennium budget update provides an opportunity for modifications to the 2025-2026 operating budget and the 2025-2030 CIP Plan in accordance with RCW 35A.34.130. The proposed mid-biennium budget update largely contains technical updates at the fund level as adopted in

Ordinance No. 6822 and amended thereafter. These technical updates include adjustments to revenues, personnel salaries, and benefits among other minor expenditures. The Ordinance also includes the one percent councilmanic property tax adjustment for 2026 which was assumed in the Adopted 2025-2026 Budget passed in November 2024. An overview and additional details can be found in the [October 28, 2025 agenda materials](#).

Previous Council Discussions

On October 28, FAM staff reviewed the mid-biennium proposed budget calendar with Council and outlined the actions necessary for budget adoption. Staff also presented the proposed technical updates to the 2025-2026 Operating Budget and 2025-2030 CIP Plan, along with a General Fund forecast update ([10/28 Agenda Materials](#)). Council discussed using available contingency to support needs around food and basic needs, immigrant and refugee legal services and advocacy, and financial assistance. Also discussed was adding a navigator feature to the My Bellevue app.

At the same meeting on October 28, Development Services and Transportation staff presented updates to Development Services fees, including City-provided service fee, passthrough impact fees for the Renton and Issaquah school districts, and Transportation Small Wireless Facility Fees ([10/28 Agenda Materials](#)). Utilities staff also presented a recommended adjustment to the 2026 sewer rates ([10/28 Agenda Materials](#)).

On November 12, the City Council held a public hearing regarding the proposed 2025-2026 mid-biennium budget. The City Clerk received fifteen written communications regarding the proposed mid-biennium budget in advance of the meeting covering requests for funding to help immigrants by allocating more resources. Additionally, three oral communications were provided by the public as part of the meeting. Council directed that contingency funds be used to fund three categories of Human Services Spending including food assistance, legal assistance, and financial assistance at \$200,000 each for a cumulative total of \$600,000.

Council directed staff to return on November 18 with all legislation needed to adopt the mid-biennium budget update.

Grants and Donations

Per Ordinance No. 6728 updates Bellevue City Code (BCC) to increase the administrative approval for all procurement types that are set in the BCC to \$350,000. As such, staff have provided a list grants (Attachment B) and donations (Attachment C) below that threshold that were received in the most recent annual period of November 1, 2024, through October 31, 2025.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

RCW 35A.34.130: State law requires that a mid-biennium budget review be completed between September 1 and the end of the first year of the biennium and that a public hearing be held on the mid-biennium review.

RCW 35A.34.230: Council action on the City's 2026 property tax levy is required by State law in conjunction with the budget update.

RCW 84.55.092: Protection of future levy capacity for tax levies below the level that otherwise could be imposed.

Fiscal Impact

Mid-biennium fiscal impacts, if appropriated in their current form, are as noted by fund in Attachment A.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance adopting the modification of the 2025-2026 Biennium Budget and 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Plan; as both have been previously amended; setting forth the estimated appropriations; and establishing an effective date.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. 2025-2026 Mid-Biennium Changes by Fund
 - B. Summary of Grants Accepted
 - C. Summary of Donations Accepted
- Proposed Ordinance No. 6883

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