

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Second Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Budget and 2023-2029 Capital Investment Program Plan.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The public hearing is an opportunity for residents and other stakeholders to provide input on the budget update, including all proposed levies, taxes, fees, and rates to aid the City Council and staff prior to development of the City's 2023-2024 Budget and 2023-2029 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan. One additional public hearing is anticipated prior to budget adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

Hold the public hearing on the 2023-2024 Budget and 2023-2029 Capital Investment Program Plan.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Bellevue's budget is produced every two years and includes a seven-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 at the [March 7 Budget Workshop](#).

On March 7, the City Council received an initial update on the evolving state of inflationary pressures, the General Fund forecast as well as a discussion of long-term financial strategies and options that the Council can consider. Additionally, Council received an update on the 2023-2029 CIP.

Tonight is the second of three public hearings planned for the City's 2023-2024 Budget and 2023-2029 CIP Plan. The purpose of this public hearing is to enable the City Council and city management to hear public comment prior to development of the City's 2023-2024 Budget and 2023-2029 CIP Plan. This public hearing is in keeping with Bellevue's long history of overall citizen involvement with the budget process.

The first public hearing was held on May 23rd, a total of seven total submissions were received, three speakers and four written communications.

The final public hearing is scheduled for late October or early November, after the submission of the City Manager's Preliminary Budget and prior to Council action and adoption of the budget scheduled for November 2022.

At all three public hearings on the City's 2023-2024 Budget and 2023-2029 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 on the City's budget is required by State law and gives the public an opportunity to provide feedback to the Council before a final decision is made.

The first public hearing was advertised in the Seattle Times on May 9 and May 16. The second public hearing was advertised in the Seattle Times on July 18th and July 25th.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Revised Code of Washington 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 public hearing pertaining to the budget for the City. This legally required public hearing must be held not later than 25 days prior to commencement of the fiscal biennium.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this public hearing.

OPTIONS

1. Hold the public hearing on the 2023-2024 Budget and 2023-2029 Capital Investment Program Plan.
2. Do not hold the public hearing and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. Public Hearing Notice

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N/A