

June 4, 2018

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Initial Public Hearing on the 2019-2020 Budget and 2019-2025 Capital Investment Program Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the public hearing.

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POLICY CONSIDERATION

State law (RCW 35A.34.110) requires that the City Council hold a public hearing to develop the budget for the city. This legally required public hearing must be held prior to the council adopting the budget.

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 2019-2020 Budget and 2019-2025 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan. Two additional public hearings are anticipated prior to budget adoption.

BACKGROUND

On March 26, Council held its first budget workshop for the 2019-2020 Budget in which staff updated the Council on the process, timelines, and budget survey topline results, the current fiscal condition of the General Fund and General 2019-2025 CIP, and provided an overview on the Utilities Financial policies and 2019 and 2020 early rates. All information can be found on the city's budget information page located at: <https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/finance/budget-and-performance/budgets/public-involvement/>.

The public hearing scheduled for June 4 represents the first of three public hearings planned for the City's 2019-2020 Budget and 2019-2025 CIP Plan. The purpose of this initial public hearing is to enable the City Council and city management to hear public comment prior to development of the City's 2019-2020 Budget and 2019-2025 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 is scheduled for July, or thereabouts, to hear additional public comment prior to the development and publication of the Preliminary Budget, which is scheduled to be presented to the council in October.

The final public hearing is scheduled for November, prior to adoption of the budget scheduled for December 2018.

At all three public hearings on the city's 2019-2020 Budget and 2019-2025 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 21 and May 28.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Motion becomes effective immediately upon Council adoption.

OPTIONS

1. Hold the initial public hearing on the 2019-2020 Budget and 2019-2025 CIP Plan.
2. Provide alternative direction to staff regarding the public hearing(s).

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

MOTION

Move to open the initial public hearing on the 2019-2020 Budget and 2019-2025 CIP Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Public Hearing Notice

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N/A