

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Final Public Hearing on the 2019-2020 Budget and 2019-2025 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, including all proposed levies, taxes, fees, and rates to aid the City Council and staff prior to adoption of the City's 2019-2020 Budget and 2019-2025 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

Hold the final public hearing on the 2019-2020 Budget and 2019-2025 Capital Investment Program Plan.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Council held a budget workshop on March 26 to kick off the budget development season. At that time, the Council received information on the budget process, the state of the City's general fund financial forecast, the Utilities forecast, budget and business survey highlights, and the early look at the CIP plan. Agenda materials can be found at the link below.

[3/26 Budget Workshop](#)

On September 10, staff reviewed the upcoming budget calendar with the Council and reviewed the actions necessary for budget adoption. Agenda materials can be found at the link below.

[9/10 Agenda Materials](#)

On October 15, City Manager Miyake presented his 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget and 2019-2025 CIP plan to the City Council. Agenda materials can be found at the link below.

[10/15 Preliminary Budget Materials](#)

On October 22, the Development Services fees were presented to the City Council. Agenda materials can be found at the link below.

[10/22 Development Services Materials](#)

On November 5, the Council received a Human Services and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) recommendation from the Human Services Commission. Agenda materials can be found at the link below.

[11/05 Human Services Materials](#)

On November 13, 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget Follow-up was presented to the City Council including an operating discussion on public safety and General CIP detail. Agenda materials can be found at the link below.

[11/15 Public Safety & CIP Materials](#)

In addition, on November 13, the Utilities Department presented materials to the City Council on proposed rates. Agenda materials can be found at the link below.

[11/13 Utilities Materials](#)

The November 19 public hearing represents the final of three public hearings planned for the City's 2019-2020 Budget and 2019-2025 CIP Plan. The purpose of the public hearing is to enable the City Council and City management to hear public comment after the council receives the Preliminary Budget which was presented to the Council on October 15. Interested parties are provided the opportunity to address new budget proposals and comment on budget issues before adoption in December. This public hearing is in keeping with Bellevue's long history of overall citizen involvement with the budget process. All information can be found on the City's budget page located at:

<https://bellevuewa.gov/budget>.

An initial public hearing was held on June 4 with a second public hearing held on August 6. This is the final public hearing prior to adoption of the budget scheduled for December.

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.

This public hearing was advertised in the Seattle Times on November 5 and November 12.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

State Law

RCW 35A.34.110 requires that the City Council hold a public hearing to develop the budget for the City. A legally required public hearing must be held prior to the Council adopting the budget.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with the public hearing.

OPTIONS

1. Hold the final public hearing on the 2019-2020 Budget and 2019-2025 Capital Investment Program Plan.
2. Do not hold the final public hearing on the 2019-2020 Budget and 2019-2025 Capital Investment Program Plan and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. Public Hearing Notice

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N/A