

November 20, 2017

## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

### **SUBJECT**

Motion to hold Public Hearing on November 20, 2017 on the 2017-2018 Budget and 2017-2023 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan Mid-Biennium Update

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the public hearing.

### **STAFF CONTACTS**

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### **POLICY CONSIDERATION**

State law: RCW 35A.34.130 requires that the Council hold a public hearing for the purpose of modifying the City's biennial budget. This legally required public hearing must be held prior to the Council adopting the mid-biennium budget modification. Consistent with this requirement, public notice was provided on November 6 and November 13 of the public hearing on Council's consideration of a mid-biennium budget update.

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 City Administration in updating the City's 2017-2018 Budget and 2017-2023 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City adopts a two-year, or biennial budget. The purpose of the public hearing is to enable the City Council and City management to hear public comment prior to adoption of the City's 2017-2018 Budget and 2017-2023 CIP Plan Mid-Biennium budget update. This public hearing is in keeping with Bellevue's long history of citizen involvement with the budget process. The public is invited to provide testimony on the operating and capital budgets as well on all levies, taxes, fees, and rates.

This public hearing is required by State law and gives the public an opportunity to provide feedback to the Council before a final decision is made. Currently, the 2017-2018 Budget and 2017-2023 Capital Investment Program Plan (CIP) Plan Mid-Biennium update is scheduled for adoption on November 27. Following the public hearing, Council will have the opportunity to ask for additional information or discuss potential changes to the proposed budgets.

This evening's public hearing was advertised in *The Seattle Times* on November 6 and November 13.

**OPTIONS**

1. Move to hold the legally required public hearing on November 20, 2017 on the 2017-2018 Budget and 2017-2023 CIP Plan Mid-Biennium update.
2. Provide alternative direction to staff regarding the public hearing.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Option 1

**MOTION**

Move to open the legally required public hearing on the 2017-2018 Budget and 2017-2023 CIP Plan Mid-Biennium update.  
Move to close the public hearing.

**ATTACHMENTS**

A. Public Hearing Notice

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N/A