



TO: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Request for Resolution – Setting November 4, 2014 as the first public hearing on the 2015-2016 Biennial Budget
DATE: October 14, 2014

SUMMARY:

Setting November 4, 2014, as the date for the City of Tacoma’s first public hearing on the proposed 2015-2016 Biennial Budget and directing the City Clerk to prepare and circulate proper notices of the time and place of such hearing.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and maintain a strong fiscal management position.
- Encourage and promote an open, effective, results-oriented organization.

BACKGROUND:

- (1) RCW 35.34.080.090. City Manager prepares and submits preliminary budget and budget message to Council and City Clerk
- (2) RCW 35.34.100. City Clerk publishes notice of filing of preliminary budget and notice of public hearing on final budget once a week for consecutive weeks. The legislative body shall meet on the day fixed by RCW 35.34.100 for the purpose of fixing the final budget of the city or town at the time and place designated in the notice thereof. Any taxpayer may appear and be heard for or against any part of the budget. The hearing may be continued from day-to-day but not later than the 25th day prior to commencement of the city or town’s fiscal biennium.
- (3) RCW 34.34.120. Following conclusion of the hearing the Council shall make adjustments/changes to the Budget as it deems necessary and shall by ordinance adopt the Budget in its final form.

ISSUE:

This resolution will set November 4, 2014 as the date for a public hearing on the proposed 2015-2016 Biennial Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

RCW35.34.100 requires that the City of Tacoma hold a public hearing on the proposed 2015-2016 budget; therefore, staff has not identified an alternative.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City of Tacoma set November 4, 2014 as the date for a public hearing on the proposed 2015-2016 Biennial Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.