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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Ordinance - 2021-2022 Biennial Operating Budget Adoption - November 17, 2020
DATE: October 12, 2020

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

An ordinance adopting the City of Tacoma’s 2021-2022 Biennial Operating Budget.

BACKGROUND:

On October 6, 2020, the City Manager presented to the City Council the 2021-2022 Proposed Operating Budget. In order to inform the community and receive feedback on the Proposed Budget, staff hosted a series of engagement sessions, worksessions, and tools to receive feedback.

On October 7, 2020, the Office of Management and Budget launched an interactive budgeting tool, called Balancing Act, for community members to submit feedback on redirecting General Fund resources between programs in the Proposed Budget.

On October 21, 2020, a virtual Community Town Hall was held. At the Town Hall, staff gave a brief presentation on the Proposed Budget and attendees were given opportunities to provide their thoughts and ask questions. To inform City Council and the public further, four Budget worksessions were held between October 13 and November 3, 2020. These worksessions provided more detailed information on the Proposed Budget as it relates to City Council priorities: Community Safety, Health, Affordable Housing, Access, Livable Wage Jobs, Belief and Trust, and Culture and Effectiveness.

Two public hearings were held on October 27 and November 10, 2020.

Budgets, estimates, notices of hearing(s), hearing(s) and adoption of the Biennial Budget are processed and accomplished in accordance with the requirements of RCW 35.34.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

Community Engagement was included throughout the budget development process. This included a statistically significant and representative community survey, online narrative surveys, an interactive online budget-balancing tool, online community events, and public hearings. The City Council priorities were set based on the strategic priorities of Tacoma 2025 and input from community members. The 2021-2022 Proposed Budget is aligned with City Council priorities.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility: (Mandatory)

The City’s budget is one of the most basic and important ways that we demonstrate our commitment to the community. In the budget development process, and with this Proposed Budget, we are honoring City Council Resolution No. 40622, which directs staff to keep anti-racism as a top priority in budget development and to prioritize anti-racism in the planning of an economic recovery strategy. Staff did this through a program and services review performed by the Office of Equity and Human Rights, and through adoption of the City’s first Departmental Racial Equity Action Plans.



ALTERNATIVES:

Pursuant to RCW 35.34, the City of Tacoma must pass an ordinance that appropriates estimated expenditures and revenues/use of available funds for the biennium; therefore, no alternatives have been identified.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

The Office of Management and Budget will continue to produce reports for budget versus actuals in the 2021-2022 biennium and provide quarterly updates to City Council.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the ordinance to appropriate the estimated expenditures and revenues/use of available funds for the Operating Budget for the 2021-2022 biennium, as outlined in Exhibit "A."

FISCAL IMPACT:

Please provide a short summary of the fiscal impacts associated with the grant, agreement, policy action, or other action.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
Multiple - See Exhibit "A"			
TOTAL			

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

Multiple - see Exhibit "A"

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?

NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW

N/A

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

YES

Failing to adopt the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget will result in the City being out of compliance with RCW 35.34.

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

YES

See Exhibit "A."

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?

YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW

Personnel changes are outlined in the Proposed Budget Book.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Exhibit A
- 2021-2022 Proposed Budget Book