



City Council

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Public Hearing

Public Hearing and Resolution No. 3656: Adopting Budget, Making Appropriations, and Levying, Declaring, and Categorizing Property Tax for Fiscal Year 2025/26

Meeting Date: June 17, 2025
Service Area: Budget and Finance

Staff Member: Elizabeth McCann
Agenda Item Number: D-2

Requested Council Action and Suggested Motion:

Hold public hearing and take public testimony regarding Approved Budget.

Move to approve Resolution No. 3656 adopting budget, making appropriations, levying taxes, and declaring and categorizing permanent property tax rate of \$3.6129 per \$1,000 of assessed value and local option levy rate of \$1.3500 per \$1,000 of assessed value for fiscal year 2025/26.

Public Purpose, Community Outcome, and Strategic Plan Alignment:

As required by Oregon law, each year the City Council holds a public hearing to allow comments from citizens regarding the City of Gresham budget as approved by the Budget Committee.

The City Council has the final responsibility for allocating the resources of the budget to the programs or departments of the City. This authority is part of the responsibility given to the governing body to adopt the budget and to make appropriations by which the budget is administered (ORS 294.456).

Background:

The 2025/26 budget process started in the fall of 2024 with the updating of financial plans and departments submitting budget proposals. The process was guided by Council direction and goals, Finance Committee discussions and sound business practices. The City Manager's Proposed Budget was presented at a public meeting of the Budget Committee on April 17, 2025. The Budget Committee is composed of the members of the City Council and the citizen members of the City's Finance Committee. This meeting included the opportunity for citizen input and committee discussion. The fiscal year 2025/26 Proposed Budget was approved by the Budget Committee on April 29, 2025. The Approved Budget is now brought to the City Council for final consideration. The adjustments recommended to be included in the Adopted Budget are listed in Attachment A. Council may make budget adjustments at the time of budget adoption, within statutory restrictions. The recommended adjustments fall within the statutory restrictions. By law, jurisdictions in Oregon must have a budget adopted prior to the new fiscal year which starts on July 1st.

Recommendation and Alternatives:**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that Council move to approve Resolution No. 3656 adopting budget, making appropriations, and levying, declaring, and categorizing permanent property tax rate of \$3.6129 per \$1,000 of assessed value and local option levy rate of \$1.3500 per \$1,000 of assessed value for Fiscal Year 2025/26.

Alternative:

Council may choose to hold the public hearing, hear public testimony, and revise the FY 2025/26 Budget within statutory restrictions. Adoption of the budget must occur prior to June 30, 2025.

Budget/Financial Impact:

The budget for Fiscal Year 2025/26 is adopted and appropriated by means of Resolution No. 3656.

Public Involvement:

Notice of the April 17, 2025, Budget Committee meeting was published in the Gresham Outlook on March 26, 2025, with a second notice published on April 2, 2025.

Two public meetings were held on April 17, 2025, and April 29, 2025, using Zoom, an online meeting platform. Oral and written community comments were allowed.

Notice of the public hearing for Council to adopt the budget was published in the Gresham Outlook on May 28, 2025.

Attachments:

- A. Recommended Adjustments
- B. Resolution 3656 with Exhibit A: FY 2025/26 Appropriations by Fund
- C. Finance Committee Recommendation

Reviewed Through:

Elizabeth McCann, Director of Budget & Finance
Ellen Van Riper, City Attorney
Christina Still, City Recorder