2027-2028 Budget Questions

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1	10/16/26	D.Treen	Utility Tax	10/20 Slide 3: "6% utility tax approved in 2025 appears sufficient until the 2031-2032 biennium — Equivalent levy rate for the utility tax is approximately 33 cents per thousand"	Question: Could we afford to reduce utility tax to 3%? Is the 33 cent equivalent based on 2026 assessed values or a different point in time?	Reducing the utility tax to 3% moves the cross-over year to 2029 and reduce ongoing revenues by approximately $5.5 million annually.
2	10/16/26	D.Treen	Full Budget	10/20 Slide 3: "$220.3 million of expenditures against $204.0 million of revenue — $16.3 million difference comes from savings, almost all for one-time capital"	Is this the TOTAL expenditures including planned capital expenditures for ALL funds or which funds are included?	It is all funds; nothing is excluded.
3	10/16/26	D.Treen	General Fund	10/20 Slide 3: "Day-to-day General Fund operations run a surplus; no borrowing is planned and the City has no general obligation debt"	I don't understand how the "Day-to-day General Fund operations run a surplus" with $220.3M expenditures vs $204M revenue.	The $220.3 million in expenditures and $204 million in revenue is for all funds. Expenditures are higher because total expenditures include capital with some projects being paid for with existing fund balance.
4	10/16/26	D.Treen	Property Tax	10/20 Slide 4: Chart showing "Combined property tax rate per $1,000 of assessed value"	Is there a breakout of existing 1% increase vs what is added for one-time construction or other additions to the property base?	The 1% increase is adjusted, usually downwards, for corrections to the prior year's levy amount. The King County Assessor calculates this number and provides it to the city. For 2027 the amount is $297,237. The final new construction increase will not be available from King County until the end of November. The estimate as of 10/15/2026 is $139,008. Annexations would add to the property base however there were no annexations for the 2027 tax levy year.
5	10/16/26	D.Treen	Staffing	10/20 Slide 5: "Authorized FTE: 140.50, plus one limited-term"	For clarification, our CM recruiting brochure had 148 employees. Is the difference from open positions that are now not approved? Or is there a different explanation?	The City Manager recruiting brochure references 146 employees. The proposed budget proposes 140 FTEs moving forward, with one LTE to supports parks capital.
6	10/16/26	D.Treen	Full Budget	10/20 Slide 5: Table showing "Revenue, all funds $204.0 million Expenditures, all funds $220.3 million Transfers between City funds $35.1 million Total appropriation $255.4 million"	Again, this looks like operating at a deficit. Is the operating budget positive? Explain the transfers between City funds. Why does that result in an overall appropriation if it's reducing one fund and increasing another?	See updated slide presented on October 20 to clarify that the additional expenditures above revenues for the biennium are due to ending fund balances in capital funds that are being expended in the coming biennium.
7	10/16/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/20 Slide 6: On the Fiscal Sustainability slide reading "General Fund capital not included in the proposal Several additional alternatives presented tonight for consideration"	Not sure I understand how this is impacting the summary numbers above.	The referenced proposals have no impact on the numbers unless Council collectively agree to put them into the budget.
8	10/16/26	D.Treen	Transfers	10/20 Slide 6: On the Fiscal Sustainability slide regarding transfer of ending fund balance to capital funds	So is the $20M catch-up on depreciation or is there another calculation to determine past use? Review 6yr TIP compared to $10M What is included in the $3.7M Facilities Capital? What is included in the $1.2M for street preservation?	Yes, the $20 M is a back of the napkin low-end estimate of depreciation. Finance will conduct an analysis in 2027 to determine a more defensible amount. The $10 M for TIP recognizes there are several projects - 24th Street related and Sahalee that are unfunded in 6-year TIP The $3.7 M for facilities comes from the 2022 facilities study -- it's a ~ 14-year look ahead $1.2 M for street preservation is consistent with prior years. The funded amount is likely less than needed.
9	10/16/26	D.Treen	Public Safety	10/20 Slide 7: "Eastside Fire & Rescue contract budgeted 12.8% higher in 2027 and 13.5% in 2028"	Do you expect to need to explain how these numbers were derived, or to have EF&R continue to push for more? Is there agreement on the 12.8% and 13.5%?	The amounts listed in the budget are what was provided by the contracted entities. For example, the EF&R budget was approved by the Board at the October 8th meeting, and the percent increase is comparing the previous year's approved budget to the current one. EF&R will provide the Council quarterly updates, including updated year-end projections. If they believe they need additional funding to retain services they are to communicate through this channel.
10	10/16/26	D.Treen	Staffing	10/20 Slide 10: "Vacancy allowance lowered to 6.5% (from 8.0%) Results in General Fund salary credit of $1.52 million in 2027 and $1.58 million in 2028"	Is this directly related to the reduction in FTE's or is there historical data to support lowering the 8%?	The vacancy allowance is not tied to FTE reductions. The allowance was reduce to 6.5% due to the focus on filling positions the City has undertaken in the last half of this year. Note that a 3%-5% vacancy rate is a target. The 6.5% rate is a trending rate toward the target rate.
11	10/16/26	D.Treen	Full Budget	10/20 Slide 10: "Training budgets are restored ($60k) and the ban on out-of-state travel is removed, with City Manager approval required for out-of-state training"	I support this. It's important for our employees to have access to continuing education and seminars related to their work.	Noted.
12	10/16/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/20 Slide 11: Regarding chart showing capital outlay by fund 2027-2028	Compare to amounts in the 6 year TIP	The amounts listed on Slide 11 are those amounts from the 2027-2032 6-Year CIP document.
13	10/16/26	D.Treen	Debt	10/20 Slide 12: "Reimbursement resolution comes in November; if exercised, it lets Council issue debt to repay itself for qualified expenditures"	Just an FYI: I am very familiar with this resolution as I have worked with several non profits to obtain tax exempt financing.	Noted.
14	10/16/26	D.Treen	Transfers	10/20 Slide 12: "General Fund transfers to facilities: $1.8M in ‘27 and $1.9M in ‘28 (Recommended min. annual transfers in the ‘22 facilities study)"	Can you share the '22 facilities study?	This was shared by the Interim City Manager with the Council via email on Monday, October 19.
15	10/16/26	D.Treen	Transfers	10/20 Slide 12: "The one-time $20M transfer to the Facilities Capital is funding for past use and future needs"	Already asked, but how is this determined?	See Answer to Question #8.
16	10/16/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/20 Slide 12: "Also coming: Sahalee Way roundabout, Shore Lane reconstruction, sidewalk infill to schools, surface-water projects, and technology work to replace legacy systems"	What capital fund are these included in?	The projects are listed in the Transportation Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 340), the Surface Water Management Fund (Fund 408), and the Technology Service Fund (Fund 502).
17	10/16/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/20 Slide 13: "City Hall lobby tile: Tile will keep failing; options are repair as it fails or replace with a more flexible surface. Recommend holding the decision until an architect reviews lobby alternatives"	OK. Do you anticipate other repairs/maintenance as a part of an architect review?	The initial architect services are aimed at a space assessment to determine what space is needed for police/sheriff (note the lease renewal includes no new space for the Sheriff) and City staff. As a component of this work the architect would also receive feedback on other uses such as community meeting rooms, etc. Based on the results of the space assessment a phase II, if approved, likely would look at potential remodeling to address the findings of the space assessment. It is during this phase the architect would provide alternatives for flooring and HVAC requirements. Phase III, construction, should the City move forward, may find other R&M items as construction occurs.
18	10/16/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/20 Slide 13: "City Hall space assessment: Lobby and counters are underused; study would include the police ten-year space need and possible community-group space"	Good idea!	Noted.

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19	10/16/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/20 Slide 13: "HVAC Electrification (City Hall, MOC): Replace the aging gas HVAC systems in City Hall and the MOC with Electrified HVAC systems"	Do we have quotes or an estimate of cost and savings? Is the Electrified HVAC system justified by its cost, or what are the other alternatives?	This information was shared with the Council at the June 2, 2026 Council meeting. Link to the agenda bill here: https://sammamishwa.civicweb.net/document/308816/Findings%20of%20the%20Facilities%20Electrification%20Stud.pdf?handle=26CDD629A1CF443B918B7F5AFAA5CDB7
20	10/16/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/20 Slide 13: "Rooftop solar (City Hall, MOC): Tax credits expire end of 2027; payback is about 20 years even with credits; would require an owner's representative for Fire Station 83 and additional $200,000"	So are you recommending against the solar rooftops?	The Interim City Manager is not proposing the rooftop solar. The rooftop solar for the MOC is also not recommended; the description was initially HVAC.
21	10/16/26	D.Treen	Full Budget	10/20 Slide 13: "Addition of Contingencies: General Fund and Facilities Capital contingencies"	$$ amount? or % of future estimated needs? Is this something we would update every year as more properties are acquired or improved, so we need an estimate of the ongoing need?	The contingency option relates to the general fund to ensure adequate funds are budgeted for unforeseen events. Contingency funds could not be encumbered without Council approval.
22	10/16/26	D.Treen	Other	10/20 Slide 13: "Communications (non-capital): Quarterly 4-page newsletter saves $66,000; invest savings in marketing/PR contracts or outsourcing the Communications Manager role; can wait for permanent City Manager"	OK, still have question about printing a newsletter that is mailed to every household, but if it contains useful information, it might make sense. Could people be given the option to opt out and receive a digital copy only?	Yes, this is doable, but note that if a household that opted out switched ownership the new owners would not know to opt back in. It is anticipated that the savings of households opting in would be very minimal and may not be worth the impact on staff to manually remove households from the mailing list.
23	10/16/26	D.Treen	Work Plan	10/20 Slide 15: Future recommendations slide: "Complete an in-house fee study for full cost recovery; implement updated fees as directed by Council in January 2028"	Is this full cost recovery for permit processing or what?	The recommendation is to do a study to understand what full cost recovery would look like for all City fees, and then have the Council make policy decisions as to what services may move to full cost recovery, if any. Please note that RCW 82.02.020 states permit fees must be "reasonable." Also, fees cannot be inflated to increase infrastructure or development funding.
24	10/16/26	D.Treen	Work Plan	10/20 Slide 15: Future recommendations slide: "Convene an Economic Development Task Force on commercial growth and revenue tools"	FYI I had a long conversation with Julie Honn and Joanine from Chamber of Commerce and they want to be part of this task force. I mentioned that one way to support our merchants is to bolster our local community events. That might require an additional staff person in Parks Dept to support Recreation to include public events.	Noted.
25	10/16/26	D.Treen	Work Plan	10/20 Slide 15: Future recommendations slide: "Convene a limited-term Public Works Task Force with a defined set of issues to evaluate"	Is this what is anticipated as a Public Works Commission to be formed in January? Or is this a separate group?	Yes. This is what has been previously discussed and was mentioned at the October 20, 2026 budget introduction item. Further information will be coming to the Council in November.
26	10/16/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/20 Slide 15: Future recommendations slide: "Create a single transportation fund so property tax is not the default transportation source"	Yes.	Noted.
27	10/16/26	D.Treen	Work Plan	10/20 Slide 15: Future recommendations slide: "Prepare a City funding measure if EF&R's does not come to fruition"	Would this include a Park Management District or a levy lid lift? What else?	When last discussed with Council, the voter-approved options with the most Council interest were the Metropolitan Parks District and the levy lid lift. This topic will require more research and discussion with Council to determine which option(s) are preferable. If EFR moves forward with a successful RFA, the City would not move forward with a separate voter approved measure.
28	10/16/26	D.Treen	Other	10/20 Slide 16: Work Plan	What will be the discussion around Council Goals? I am comfortable moving directly to the Work Plan, but I believe we will get pushback from the community and some Council members	The Council discussed the goals at the October 20, 2026 meeting and are expected to continue that deliberation at the first meeting in November.
29	10/16/26	D.Treen	Property Tax	10/20 Slide 18: "Includes 1% Property Tax Increase Takes the statutory 1 percent property tax increase ($297,237) plus unused banked capacity ($286,979) in the 2027 levy"	Agree. If we want to provide any tax relief I would opt to reduce the Utility tax to 3%.	Noted. See response to Q1.
30	10/16/26	D.Treen	General Fund	10/20 Slide 19: "Fund balance, end of 2028 (projected): $41.3M"	Isn't this still more than 25% of operating expenses?	Yes. The reserve policy is to have the minimum reserve at 25% of prior-year ongoing General Fund expenditures, estimated at $14.8 million. The Interim Cit y Manager is also recommending a Stabilization Designation of fund balance of $6.2 million. The total minimum including stabilization is $21.0 million. The amount above this ($20.3 million) may be used to fund the Facilities Fund per the results of the finance analysis, capital funding for parks or transportation or additional fund balance in the General Fund.
31	10/16/26	D.Treen	General Fund	10/20 Slide 20: "New: Stabilization Assignment ($6.2M): $6.2 million proposed as a bridge while a funding measure may be before voters"	Thanks for the explanation of the extra funds	Noted.
32	10/16/26	D.Treen	General Fund	10/20 Slide 20: "Ending Fund Balance ($38.5M): $17.2 million unassigned balance at the end of 2028"	What do you anticipate to be the process for managing the $17.2M unassigned balance? Could we use some of this to reduce the Utility tax, knowing we may need to increase it after 2028?	See answer to Q30. The Council can consider a reduction in the utility tax. However, a future Council will need to increase the utility tax (or other revenue) in subsequent years to meet forecast expenditures. Additionally, without the financial analysis of previous depreciation and an updated target balance for facilities a reduction will reduce the City's capacity to address a potential need and lastly, there are potential unanticipated street capital projects that may need additional funding.
33	10/16/26	D.Treen	Programs	10/20 Slide 22: Program Summary by Service Area	What does the "Not Assigned..." category include?	The "Not Assigned to a Program" category includes budget items that belong to no single service. Its cost is the charges the General Fund and the Surface Water Management Fund pay to the Technology Services Fund and the Equipment Rental and Replacement Fund, less the citywide vacancy allowance.
34	10/16/26	D.Treen	General Fund	10/20 Slide 24: General Fund Financial Forecast	Not sure how to interpret this. For example, the General Inflation is duplicated in all of the other categories. It's interesting, but I would maybe call out the General Inflation in a way that shows that even with general inflation we can't keep up, and then highlight all the other items that are on top of general inflation?	General inflation isn't a separate cost on top of the others. Most expense drivers already include it, and several grow faster: COLA is set from CPI, while the fire contract and medical costs run well above it. As a result, ongoing General Fund spending grows about 4.7% a year from FY2029 to FY2038, while ongoing revenue grows about 2.2%, held back largely by the 1% annual limit on property tax growth. Because revenue doesn't even keep up with inflation, the gap narrows each year until spending overtakes revenue.
35	10/16/26	D.Treen	Transfers	10/20 Slide 25: "The Ask" slide - "Confirm General Fund transfers"	I don't totally understand these yet. Will there be a somewhat more detailed itemization of items in each of the buckets?	Yes. This conversation began on October 20, 2026 and will continue on October 27, 2026.
36	10/16/26	D.Treen	Other	10/20 Slide 25: "The Ask" slide - "Consider the alternatives not included in the proposed budget"	Specifically, what alternatives are not included? Is this to confirm support for the items being designated to address in the future?	The Alternatives are listed on Slide 13 of the presentation given by the Interim City Manager on October 20, 2026..
37	10/16/26	D.Treen	Other	10/20 Slide 25: "The Ask" slide - "Use quarterly reports, including police and fire, and program measures, as the way residents hold us accountable to what we said"	Do you have an example of these? And will we also receive the basic City financial statements by fund on a quarterly basis?	Yes, the most current example of the quarterly report will be provided in the Council packet 10/27 for the 11/4 meeting. It will include information at the fund level. Additionally, we have requested police and fire to make quarterly presentations similar to the one received from Police at the 10/20 work session.

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38	10/18/26	Boyer	Full Budget		Are there any new revenues added? Are there any new expenses added that were not part of the 2025-2026 budget. If so, what moneys and amounts to which funds or programs.	No new revenues. There are some new expenditures along with some restored budgets. Restored expenditures include reinstating out-of-state training and totals roughly $60k. Approximately $400k in new costs to the general fund; mostly related to DCD (required comprehensive plan update, required shoreline master plan) and sustainability (CAP update, UFMP update and implementation).
39	10/18/26	Boyer	Full Budget		Which recurring expenses have actually been eliminated, not transferred to another fund, moved, deferred, or offset by new revenue. If so, what are the actual annualized savings.	About $1.2 million a year (2%). Staffing and associated costs related to those positions.
40	10/18/26	Boyer	Full Budget		What would the 2027-2028 budget look like if the total recurring operating expenditures remained at or below the 2025-2026 level except for adjustments for unavoidable contractual obligations.	From budget to budget comparison or 2025-2026 actuals to 2027-2028 budget comparison?
41	10/18/26	Boyer	Full Budget		Of the $223.1M in proposed expenditures, how much is legally mandated, contractually obligated, functionally necessary, or generally discretionary. Which specific discretionary expenditures could the Council remove. Is any of the $223.1M genuinely avoidable.	The chart starting on page 85 of the budget indicates which programs are legally required, functionally required or discretionary, with total expenditures by program included.
42	10/18/26	Boyer	Capital		Are the capital investments supported by corresponding operating, maintenance, staffing, and replacement costs? Are these life cycle costs in the budget.	Capital investments include operating, maintenance and staffing costs. Replacement costs are not usually included in municipal budgeting for many capital projects, such as infrastructure like roads and sidewalks. The $20M investment in the facilities fund is to address facility replacement/repair needs.
43	10/18/26	Boyer	General Fund		What rate of annual operating expenditure growth can we sustain through 2037 (10 years) without a new tax or voter approved levy. Is there any way to avoid the 2032 crossover without new taxes.	To push the cross-over year through 2037, we would need to reduce recurring operating expenditures by $11M each year. However; this is not factoring in the potential loss of recurring revenues and services associated with the cuts, as the 2027 recurring operating budget is only $81.7M, of which, 31% is personnel. While economic development could provide a benefit to the City, the only real options, other than increased taxes, that would move the cross-over year beyond 2032 would be to get out of lines of business, lay off staff, and reduce contracted services to eliminate ongoing expenditures. This is why most other jurisdictions rely on voter-approved measures to provide ongoing services. It is simply the way our governmental system is set up in Washington State.
44	10/18/26	Boyer	Utility Tax		More specifically, with the $11M in utility tax revenue now being collected, what is the magnitude (in today dollars) of the structural imbalance that we are still facing.	Given the current information, the ongoing general fund revenues are set to surpass ongoing general fund expenditures in 2031-2032. If the utility tax is reduced, that cross-over year moves to 2029-2030, depending on the reduction. However, increasing the utility tax by an additional one (1) percentage point moves the cross-over year to 2033.
45	10/18/26	Boyer	General Fund		Is an MPD, an RFA, or some other voter approved tax the only way to resolve our structural imbalance. Is there no realistic way to reduced expenditures to solve this problem.	There are several alternative revenue sources available other than a tax measure to help fund City services. Community Development fees, Transportation Benefit District, Admin Fee for Solid Waste are those that generate $1 M - $3 M+ per year. These sources grow with population and inflation. The services that are the primary cost drivers in the general fund that do not generate revenue, i.e., police, fire, and parks and recreation. The cost of these services, retaining at existing service levels, have increased above inflation and growth due to unfunded mandates such as FMLA, health insurance increasing above inflation, liability insurance, etc. Without additional taxes or other revenue, service levels would need to be reduced. Another expenditure area that may have some ability to reduce is public records requests. This can be attained by reducing the number of requests and digitizing records to make retrieval less costly.
46	10/18/26	Boyer	General Fund		My calculations show an increase of $15M from the 2025-2026 budget even after eliminating the 7 positions. What is causing this increase.	The $15M increase appears to reflect a comparison of 2025-2026 General Fund expenditure actuals with the 2027-2028 proposed budget, rather than a comparison of the two biennial expenditure budgets. When comparing General Fund expenditure budgets for the two biennia, the net increase is approximately $4.374M. The primary driver is the increase in the Police and Fire contracts, which together increased by approximately $8.472M. These increases are partially offset by a combined decrease of approximately $4.098M in budgeted salaries, benefits, and all other expenditures. In other words, while the Police and Fire contracts account for a significant increase in expenditures, the overall General Fund expenditure budget increases by a substantially smaller amount because of reductions in other budgeted spending.
47	10/18/26	Boyer	Public Safety		Have we forecasted what the Public Safety (i.e. police) cost increase will be and it is included in this budget. I believe that the EFR costs are updated.	Yes. The long-range forecast utilizes the previous and current Public Safety contracts into the projections.
48	10/18/26	Boyer	Full Budget		How close are we to the $5.90 aggregate limit (RCW 84.52.043) levy rate, and the $10.00 Constitutional limit.	The $5.90 and $10.00 limits are for multiple taxing districts combined. The city's statutory limit is $3.60 less the library rate. Per the King County Assessor, the library rate for 2027 is $0.24827 leaving the city's allowable rate at $3.35173. The city's actual rate based on the allowable levy for 2027 is $1.07333.
49	10/19/26	Stuart	Other	The Interim City Manager's *Communications Program Alternative for Council Consideration* which reads, in part, "The updated communications plan moves from a bi-monthly glossy 12-page mailer to a quarterly 4-page newsletter. This change is estimated to save approximately $66,000. Alternative for Consideration Utilize the estimated $66,000 savings to secure outside public relations assistance. The goal would be to help the organization communicate more effectively with constituents on major issues the City is working on..."	What would 66k get us from a PR firm? I like the idea but worry 66k won't be enough to really accomplish anything but I don't know what the going PR rates are and what we can get for that amount of money.	Suggested structures Given the existing internal capacity, the practical options are: 1.Retainer + project flexibility (recommended starting point) $2,000–$2,500/month retainer for baseline support (messaging review, media list maintenance, light outreach, monthly check-in) plus the remaining balance held for specific projects or issues that arise. This preserves flexibility and avoids over-committing to a fixed scope that may not match actual needs. 2.Focused project-based approach Identify 2–4 priority issues for the year (e.g., housing capacity, fire service costs/governance, major capital projects, or community engagement on a specific topic) and issue targeted RFPs or contracts for those. This can deliver clearer deliverables and is easier to evaluate. 3.$5,500/month fixed-scope contract Possible with a boutique firm, but only if the scope is tightly defined and realistic. Expect a mid-level account lead with limited senior oversight. Clear metrics (e.g., number of media contacts, materials produced, placements achieved) should be written into the agreement. If approved the Interim City Manger would likely prefer option 1, give it 6+ months and evaluate.
50	10/20/26	Stuart	Full Budget	Proposed Budget p. 75, Table 33 (Personnel expenditure by fund)	Based on Page 75, the 27-28 budget is increasing by $2.712M or 5.4%, correct? I thought that the direction was to cut $1M from 2023-2024 budget levels? Or even 2025-2026 levels?	The direction was an annual real reduction of $1.0 million/year in expenditures. The proposed budget includes $1.2 million/year reduction that is ongoing. This information was reviewed with Council August 18. To reduce the budget $1.0 M from the 2023-24 or 2025-26 budget would require not only the $1.2 M as proposed but holding all other spending, including police, fire, parks and recreation to $0.0 increase.
51	10/20/26	Stuart	Public Safety		I do not believe that you can state there are no reductions is service as the budget for EF&R will require a reduction in Fire Service, as prescribed by the council 4-3 vote on the EF&R budget.	The approved budget for EF&R includes maintaining existing fire suppression staffing budgeted at full occupancy, additional overtime previously not budgeted, and the addition of three personnel. There is no cut in services expected unless there are unexpected loss time injuries or FMLA instances that exceed funds budgeted.
52	10/20/26	Stuart	Full Budget	Proposed Budget p. 5 (Executive Summary)	I don't think I understand the statement: $220.3million of expenditures against $204.0 million of revenue • $16.3million difference comes from savings, almost all for one-time capital As we are spending more than we bring in, what savings?	The term "savings" is referring to the use of prior-year savings, resulting in increased unrestricted fund balance.

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53	10/20/26	Stuart	Staffing		What are guiding your assumptions of 2.9% cost of living increase for 2028? I worry this is optimistic given the current Geopolitics	Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council (September 2026 forecast) •2026: 4.3% •2027: 2.4% •2028: 2.5% •Average 2027–2031: 2.4% This is the official state economic forecast and is a downward revision from the June forecast (which had 2.8% for 2027). City of Seattle Office of Economic and Revenue Forecasts (September 2026 baseline) •Inflation peaks around 4.4% in 2026 •2027: approximately 3.2% •Then declines toward 2% in 2028 The City of Seattle updates its regional CPI forecast quarterly for budget and labor-contract purposes. The two sources differ modestly for 2027 (2.4% vs. ~3.2%), reflecting differences in timing, methodology, and underlying assumptions. The most recent state-level forecast (ERFC, September) shows 2.4% for Seattle-area inflation in 2027. These are year-over-year CPI-U forecasts for the Seattle MSA, not the Fed's national PCE measure.
54	10/20/26	Stuart	Utility Tax		I thought we were only on track to collect ~ $9M in utility tax revenue - why are we estimating 11M per year, did the amounts we are collecting start to increase?	Year-to-date collections are currently at $7.683 million. Preliminary utility tax revenues were delayed 1-2 months, so the updated forecast includes the remaining collections for 2026, and those 2026 revenues received in early 2027 but which will be accrued in 2026.
55	10/20/26	Stuart	Public Safety		Why is public safety called Police and Fire is not included in that? Is public safety only police work? What else are you including in that and why is it called Police?	Public Safety consists of contracted services for Police, Fire, Animal Control, Jail, and the Court (Attorneys), as well as the one (1.00) FTE position assigned to the Police Division.
56	10/20/26	Stuart	Public Safety		Does the graph that shows police and fire costs include the additional costs that the city spends directly with the police? We don't have similar expenditures for EF&R so it seems we should show our total costs for both.	Police costs represent total cost for police services.
57	10/20/26	Stuart	Public Safety		Where in the budget are you accounting for the 1 FTE we dedicate to the police plus the money we pay for the CEO and SRO?	The 1.00 FTE and all contracted positions associated with police, fire, etc. are included in the Public Safety (Police Division) of the budget.
58	10/20/26	Stuart	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 84 (Work Plan)	We are only spending 199,000 on DEI? Is there any new work being done here?	Yes, the Team has wrapped up the 2027 workplan which included improvements to community engagement, data collection, development of equity toolkits and improvements to hiring and onboarding. The 2028 workplan will be developed in late 2027.
59	10/20/26	Stuart	City Operations	Proposed Budget p. 87 (Work Plan)	And 1.177M on sustainability and it is listed as discretionary? How do you figure? Don't CW 36.70A.070(9) and the related climate-planning provisions in RCW 36.70A.095-.096. [app.leg.wa.gov], [app.leg.wa.gov] require cities, like Sammamish (ie planning under the GMA) to reduce our GHG and VMT? And our own comprehensive plan states that we achieve a 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and a 96% reduction by 2050, using data from 2019 as the baseline. I believe we are legally obligated to make planning and regulatory decisions consistent with its adopted Comprehensive Plan and state Growth Management Act requirements.	The portion of the Sustainability budget that is listed as "Discretionary" and "Not Required but Highly Valued" only total to $477,100 for the biennium and is primarily for training/travel, program supplies, memberships, and a few other programs (e.g., Energy Smart Eastside Program, PSE Green Power Program, etc.). All other costs are either legally required or functionally required.
60	10/20/26	Stuart	Work Plan		Does the workplan and budget include fleet include electrification plans?	Yes. The Fleet Electrification Infrastructure Upgrades is included in the 2027-2032 CIP, and is budgeted at $3.075 million and planned for 2031-2032.
61	10/20/26	Stuart	Measures	'Proposed Budget p. 92 (Work Plan)	Public map tools Keep public-facing map tools available 99% of the time and grow annual page views 10% over the 2026 baseline by 2028. Web analytics and uptime Monitoring. Why do we care if page views grows on this?	Tracking page views helps the city measure public interest, evaluate communication effectiveness, improve public services, justify digital investments, and optimize resource allocation.
62	10/20/26	Stuart	Measures	"Proposed Budget p. 90 (Work Plan)	For emergency management we should be measuring what % of the residents receive comms in emergencies	Noted.
63	10/20/26	Stuart	Measures	"Proposed Budget p. 93 (Work Plan)	For city council - how about responding to questions... and requests within a certain time?	We can add this as a measure. A suggestion of a response within one business day of when the question is received; the response may include receipt of the question and a timeline to fully respond.
64	10/20/26	Stuart	Measures		Overall, not sure the measures of success are specific enough, but let's see if we can align on those with the council goals.	Noted.
65	10/20/26	O'Farrell	General Fund	'10/20 presentation, slide 20.	The $6.2m stabilization assignment. Will this show up in the '29/30 budget if council choose to do this?	Yes, the stabilization designation would continue to be used as long as the organization finds value to its use.
66	10/20/26	O'Farrell	Debt	10/20 presentation, slide 12, bullet 2: "Reimbursement resolution comes in November; if exercised, it lets Council issue debt to repay itself for qualified expenditures"	Could you further explain point 2 on slide 12 of your presentation tonight?	The Council has the opportunity to pass a reimbursement resolution that would retain the option of using councilmanic bonds in the future for the payment of Fire Station 83. Basically, the resolution would allow the Council to pay the general fund back via bonds if so desired. The resolution simply preserves this authority and does not commit the City to bonds at this time. Without such a resolution the City would be precluded from such repayment after the fact.
67	10/20/26	O'Farrell	Transfers	10/20 presentation, slide 6.	The $10m to capital funding is in addition to what is already assigned to the CIP '26-31?	Yes.
68	10/20/26	O'Farrell	Transfers	10/20 presentation, slide 6.	Slide 6. What is the benefit of transferring funds to assigned funds from our ending fund balance? In other words, why should we change how we are currently managing this money ?	Moving these funds to the facilities fund will allow the Council to have dedicated revenue to lifecycle needs of City facilities. Additional funds to transportation will allow the Council to bring additional transportation projects online in the next biennium. Monies not designated for a purpose tend to receive additional scrutiny, as they should.
69	10/20/26	O'Farrell	General Fund	'10/20 presentation, slide 20.	Is the $38.5m ending fund balance on slide 20 what remains after the $34.9m is moved to capital funds?	There was a change to the figures on slide 20 after the presentation was initially published. The ending fund balance of $41.3 million is after the transfers to capital have been made.
70	10/20/26	O'Farrell	Revenue	'10/20 presentation, slide 15. 2029-30 Budget recommendation - "Create a single transportation fund so property tax is not the default transportation source"	Can you explain the importance of creating a single transportation fund referenced on slide 15?	Presently, costs of transportation operations and capital are accounted for in several areas, with funding from various sources, making it challenging to easily understand the cost of transportation and its sources of funding. Consolidating all costs and revenue into a single fund will provide increased transparency and improve the communication of the rational nexus of revenues to expenditures.

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71	10/20/26	O'Farrell	Full Budget	'10/20 presentation, slide 22. Regarding program summary by service area.	Can you further explain the numbers on slide 22 and how they relate to the executive summary? Particularly the $180,569 net cost.	Service areas are another way to view the budget. Slide 22 shows various service areas where the 56 programs roll up to. The $180,569 (in thousands) net cost reflects that it costs the City $180,569,000 to fund these programs (funded by taxes and other revenue excluding fees and charges), while bringing in a total of $39,731,000 in revenue (fees and charges) as the total cost of all of these programs is $220,300,000 for the biennium.
72	10/20/26	O'Farrell	Building 120		I would like to better understand the budgetary implications of our decision about the future of the 120 Building. It's impact on our operating and capital budget.	The financial impact of building 120 is entirely dependent on policy decisions by the Council. For instance, sale would result in net revenue to the City. A lease to a third party could be revenue neutral or could require a subsidy, which could be either operating, capital or a mix of both. The City taking on Building 120 and running programs would have significant impacts on the operating budget and would likely include capital investments, though both operating and capital costs with a City-run community center are known without understand the programming offered.
73	10/22/26	D.Treen	Utility Tax	Proposed Budget p. 5 (Budget Message, Executive Summary): "Day-to-day General Fund operations run a surplus of $11.4 million for the 2027-2028 biennium, after ongoing capital maintenance transfers."	Therefore, we do not need the Utility Tax and should consider reducing it to 3%	Reducing the utility tax to 3% moves the cross-over year to 2029 and reduce ongoing revenues by approximately $5.5 million annually.
74	10/22/26	D.Treen	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 5 (Budget Message, Executive Summary): "Another is the comprehensive plan work that will inform code changes for housing, including middle housing, and process improvements in Community Development."	I'm glad to see we plan to address the challenges being created by our middle housing code.	Noted.
75	10/22/26	D.Treen	Full Budget	Proposed Budget p. 5 (Budget Message, Executive Summary): "Given the use of the zero-based budgeting approach I am including an alternative for the Council to consider to provide flexibility to address unanticipated events during the biennium without requiring budget amendments: a contingency line item."	OK, is that a carve out from the General Fund Balance?	Yes. If the Council adds the contingency, it would be appropriated from General Fund balance. See also Question #21. Although appropriated, no expenditure may occur without the Council authorizing a transfer of contingency to a spending appropriation.
76	10/22/26	D.Treen	Public Safety	Proposed Budget p. 5 (Budget Message, Executive Summary): "Additionally, this budget includes funding for an operational assessment and governance evaluation by the Eastside Fire & Rescue Board and parallel governance efforts by the City."	Include $ amount here?	The budget includes $150,000 in 2027 for the City's share of a consultant team that will work with the Eastside Fire & Rescue Board on operations and governance options as well as alternatives the City may desire to consider (pg. 7 and 12).
77	10/22/26	D.Treen	Staffing	Proposed Budget p. 6 (The budget at a glance): "Authorized FTE: 140.50, plus one limited-term employee"	Does this include seasonals?	No. Seasonal and part-time staff are not counted as FTE. They are budgeted as part-time and seasonal wages over the biennium: $262,000 for summer help (including six Parks seasonal employees), $203,000 for lifeguards, and $108,000 for facility monitors, plus $164,000 of on-call and standby pay. Related benefits are budgeted separately (Proposed Budget p. 70).
78	10/22/26	D.Treen	Transfers	Proposed Budget p. 6 (The budget at a glance): "A further $3.7 million goes to the facilities capital program over the two years, reflecting ongoing capital maintenance funding, and $1.2 million supports street preservation."	Is this [$1.2M] specifically Shore Lane? Aren't there other street preservation projects too?	No, the $1.2 million is the General Fund transfer to the Street Special Revenue Fund (Fund 101) for the citywide pavement overlay/preservation program. Shore Lane Reconstruction is separate; it is part of the Pavement Reconstruction Program in the Transportation Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 340).
79	10/22/26	D.Treen	Capital	Proposed Budget p. 6 (The budget at a glance): "The budget included $73.6 million of capital work for 2025-2026 and now expects to deliver about $19.4 million (26 percent)."	What projects were included in this that haven't been completed? Are they being carried forward to the 2027-2028 capital work?	Generally, yes. Unspent capital resources remain in each capital fund's balance, and projects that are still needed have been re-budgeted in the 2027-2032 CIP.
80	10/22/26	D.Treen	General Fund	Proposed Budget p. 7 (Budget Message, General Fund): "The balance falls because the General Fund moves savings built in earlier years into capital funds that will spend them. It does not fall because operations are short."	I really don't understand how the prior budgets could be presented as deficit operations with capital fund included. Operations is a General Fund function, so how did capital activity skew the numbers?	Some capital projects included in the 2027-2032 CIP are funded through transfers from the General Fund and the use of prior-year unrestricted fund balance, including certain projects in the Facilities Capital Improvement Fund. These capital expenditures and related funding activity can affect the overall financial results when capital funds are included in the analysis, even though they do not represent ongoing General Fund operating expenditures.
81	10/22/26	D.Treen	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 7 (Budget Message, General Fund): "A facilities analysis will be completed in 2027 and a transportation master plan update in 2028 to help inform decision making into the 2029-2030 biennial budget."	We need to see the work plan that includes these.	The Transportation Master Plan update is work plan item PW9 (Proposed Budget p. 40). The 2027 facilities analysis is described in the Budget Message (pp. 7 and 10) but is not listed as a separate work plan item.
82	10/22/26	D.Treen	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 9 (Budget Message, Where the money comes from): "An in-house fee study by the third quarter of 2027, with implementation in January 2028, will give the Council the fees required for full cost recovery… I encourage the Council to adopt a policy to provide for annual fee adjustments."	It sounds like our fees may be very low compared to full cost. Do you have an idea of what to expect? It would be hard to approve a policy on annual fee adjustments if we don't have any perspective on the impact.	The recommendation is to do a study to understand what full cost recovery would look like for all City fees, benchmarked to comparable fees from other cities, and then have the Council make policy decisions as to what services may move to full cost recovery, if any. See also Question #23.
83	10/22/26	D.Treen	Capital	Proposed Budget p. 10 (Budget Message, Investing in the community): "Other work residents will see includes the roundabout on Sahalee Way, Shore Lane reconstruction, sidewalk infill to schools, surface-water projects in the adopted plan, and technology work…"	Has this [Sahalee roundabout] decision been made? There are also other Sahalee improvements for pedestrians and bikes?	The 2027-2032 CIP includes a proposed Sahalee Way Corridor Improvements project intended to improve access for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders, while enhancing safety for all users. The roundabout is included in the CIP for construction in the coming biennium. Additionally, it is anticipated that other Sahalee improvements will be a part of the discussion of how to allocate the additional $10M in transportation capital funding that will occur at the end of Q1 in 2027.
84	10/22/26	D.Treen	Transfers	Proposed Budget p. 12 (Budget Message, The Ask #2): "Confirm the General Fund transfers: $20.0 million to facilities for prior use and for future needs, $10.0 million to transportation capital, the facilities capital-program transfer of $1.80 million in 2027 and about $1.85 million in 2028, and the $6.2 million stabilization assignment."	Is there anything we need to do to meet audit requirements related to these transfers?	The main requirement is Council authorization, which adoption of the budget ordinance provides, because the transfers are appropriated in the budget. The stabilization assignment is not yet in the adopted financial policies; adopting the budget establishes it, and staff will bring a financial policy update afterward (Proposed Budget p. 34).

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85	10/22/26	D.Treen	Other	Proposed Budget p. 25 (Introduction, Present Day Sammamish): "...lying north of Interstate 90 and the City of Issaquah, and south of Highway 520 and the City of Redmond."	Kind of a strange description. Would it be better to reference Hwy 202 and the City of Redmond?	This is a general description of the City's geographic location rather than a budget-specific statement. Referencing State Route 202 and the City of Redmond may provide a more recognizable geographic reference point. We can review the wording for accuracy and clarity.
86	10/22/26	D.Treen	Full Budget	Proposed Budget p. 29 (Introduction, Spend Plans): "For the first time, each expenditure justification also carries a spend plan showing the months in which the money is expected to be spent... Spend plans are not included in this budget document."	This is a good improvement that was identified as too much work to do in the past. Glad to have this added.	Noted.
87	10/22/26	D.Treen	Full Budget	Proposed Budget p. 29 (Introduction, Amending the Budget): "Appropriation remains at the fund level in 2027-2028... moving dollars between programs within a fund does not require Council action."	Is this a change in policy? Or were transfers between categories permitted without Council review in the past, regardless of dollar amount?	This is not a change. The Council adopts the budget at the fund level. Under state law for biennial budgets (RCW 35A.34.200), the City Manager may transfer budget amounts within a fund. Any change to a fund's total requires an ordinance.
88	10/22/26	D.Treen	Full Budget	Proposed Budget p. 29 (Introduction, Budgeting, Accounting, and Reporting System): "The City's financial structure is consistent with Washington State's required Budgeting, Accounting, and Reporting System (BARS)."	Does this include billing capital funds for administrative support and other accounting policy changes?	The City's use of BARS establishes the accounting and reporting framework; however, the appropriate allocation of personnel, administrative support, and other costs to capital funds depends on the nature of the expense and its relationship to the capital project. Under the State Auditor's BARS guidance (BARS GAAP Manual, Section 3.3.10), costs directly attributable to acquiring or constructing a specific capital asset may be included in the asset's cost. This does not mean that general administrative or operating expenses can automatically be charged to capital funds. The City must follow applicable accounting guidance and any restrictions associated with the project's funding source.
89	10/22/26	D.Treen	Capital	Proposed Budget p. 31 (Fund Descriptions, Surface Water Management Fund): "System capacity is also increased by surface water detention and conveyance systems built by developers and contributed to the City, such as detention ponds, stream restoration, and surface water culverts."	Are we planning for the long term maintenance of these systems? My understanding is that underground vaults result in long term cost for the City. I would love to see an analysis of the long term maintenance of LID stormwater treatment vs underground concrete vaults, if such a study exists. Note that I'm not asking for another study by Sammamish. I'm sure this has been studied already by others.	Yes. Maintenance of contributed facilities is funded through the Surface Water System Operations program.
90	10/22/26	D.Treen	Full Budget	Proposed Budget p. 32 (Introduction, Budgetary Basis): "Every fund is budgeted on the modified accrual basis... Earned employee leave and long-term debt are the two exceptions; they are recognized when payment is due."	Interesting. Is this a governmental accounting standard? Do employees accumulate PTO or sick pay, but we only book the expense when it is used? Is there a liability recorded for these?	Yes, this is standard governmental accounting (GASB) for governmental funds on the modified accrual basis. Employees accrue leave as they earn it; in the budget and the governmental funds, the cost is recognized when it is paid, for example when leave is taken or cashed out at separation. The full liability for earned but unused leave is recorded in the City's financial statements in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.
91	10/22/26	D.Treen	Financial Policies	Proposed Budget p. 33 (Financial Policies, goals): "Provide quality, responsive community services in a cost-efficient manner."	Value judgment, not sure how to measure this? Same for "appropriate level of police, fire and other protective services." Who judges this?	These are broad goal statements in the City's adopted financial policies (Resolution R2025-1124), and the Council decides what is "appropriate" through the budget. The performance measures introduced in this budget (Proposed Budget pp. 90-96) and the police and fire data provided by KCSO and EF&R are intended to make these goals measurable over time. The financial policies are reviewed every other year, and the Council could refine this language in the update that follows budget adoption.
92	10/22/26	D.Treen	Financial Policies	Proposed Budget p. 33 (Financial Policies, goals): "Maintain capital assets including streets, parks, and buildings in very good condition."	Wow, these are very broad. What LOS/pavement condition, etc. is "very good condition"?	The financial policies do not define "very good condition" with a specific level of service. Measurable standards would come from the asset plans, for example a target pavement condition index from the pavement management program, facility condition scores from the Facilities Condition Assessment, and park asset condition assessments. Council can choose to refine these goals during the next review of the financial policies.
93	10/22/26	D.Treen	Financial Policies	Proposed Budget p. 33 (Financial Policies, goals): "Maintain vehicles and equipment to achieve their longest reasonable useful lives."	Do we have a reasonable useful life definition for vehicles and equipment?	Staff have moved away from a defined replacement schedule to one that is based on the actual condition of the vehicle or equipment. This reduces unnecessary costly replacements and extends the life of vehicles and equipment to the extent practical, including by adding $45,000 for rental vehicles while units are out for repair. Council can choose to refine these goals during the next review of the financial policies.
94	10/22/26	D.Treen	Financial Policies	Proposed Budget p. 33 (Financial Policies, goals): "Develop a proactive and desirable parks and recreation program."	Again, value statement without measurement?	Correct; this is a goal statement. See answer to Question #91. Council can choose to refine these goals during the next review of the financial policies.
95	10/22/26	D.Treen	Financial Policies	Proposed Budget p. 33 (Financial Policies, Table 4, 3.3 Expenditure Control Policies): "Authorization and monitoring of spending against appropriation, and the treatment of new ongoing commitments."	Can you share the spending approval limits? I don't intend to micro-manage, but we should be aware of the limits.	The City's Purchasing Manual establishes spending approval and signing authority limits, which vary by purchase type. Under Section 6.2, signing authority ranges from $1,000 for support staff to $50,000 for the City Manager. Most contracts exceeding $50,000 require City Council approval, subject to the applicable provisions of SMC 2.50. The manual also establishes separate procurement requirements for purchases, professional services, and public works, including quote and competitive bidding thresholds. These requirements are separate from the City's financial policies and are intended to establish appropriate approval and procurement controls. The applicable requirements depend on the type and amount of the expenditure. Finance plans to implement the use of encumbrance accounting in 2027.
96	10/22/26	D.Treen	Financial Policies	Proposed Budget p. 33 (Financial Policies, Table 4, 3.4 Capital Improvement Policies): "...pay-as-you-go financing as the norm, and new development paying its share through impact and mitigation fees."	How do we adjust this for waiver of impact fees on affordable housing?	Section 3.4 establishes the general principle that new development should pay its share of infrastructure costs through impact and mitigation fees. However, that principle does not necessarily preclude the City from waiving impact fees for qualifying affordable housing when authorized by law and City policy. Such waivers are an intentional policy tool to support affordable housing, rather than a departure from the City's broader financial management objectives. The key consideration is how the City accounts for the resulting revenue reduction and, where required, identifies alternative funding to support the capital improvements those fees would otherwise help fund.
97	10/22/26	D.Treen	Financial Policies	Proposed Budget p. 33 (Financial Policies, Table 4, 3.6 Cash Management and Investment Policies): "...bond proceeds invested separately; and periodic investment reporting to the Council."	FYI, I have never seen investment reports for Sammamish. Are they available online?	A summary report of investments is included with the quarterly reports to be provided by the Finance Department.
98	10/22/26	D.Treen	Financial Policies	Proposed Budget p. 34 (Financial Policies, Reserves): "...a new General Fund stabilization assignment of $3,000,000 in 2027 and $3,200,000 in 2028... If the Council adopts the budget as proposed, that action will establish the assignment, and the financial policies will be updated to include it after the budget is adopted."	I think I read that the proposal will be to grow this stabilization fund by inflation rate going forward. Are there other updates being considered to be adopted after the budget is adopted?	The proposed budget does not specify how the stabilization assignment would change after 2028; that would be addressed in the financial policy update. The financial policies are reviewed every other year as part of budget preparation, and staff will bring a list of proposed policy updates after budget adoption.

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99	10/22/26	D.Treen	Financial Policies	Proposed Budget p. 34 (Financial Policies, Principles the City Follows): "If expenditure reductions are necessary, complete elimination of a specific service is preferable to lowering the quality of programs provided."	Interesting idea. What is the thought behind this?	The principle is meant to avoid across-the-board cuts that gradually lower the quality of every service. When every program is cut a little, each may fall below an effective level and the impact is hard to see. Eliminating a specific service makes the trade-off visible and lets the remaining services be delivered well.
100	10/22/26	D.Treen	Debt	Proposed Budget p. 35 (Financial Policies, Long-Term Debt Capacity): "Washington State law provides a maximum limit on general obligation debt... There are three types of limits on general debt capacity applicable to the city."	Shouldn't this also address the fact that issuing debt is dependent upon providing a revenue stream for repayments? So we may have the ability to borrow, but not have the forecasted revenue for repayments?	The section is discussing the legal debt capacity rather than affordability. It is true that using debt requires a sufficient repayment source.
101	10/22/26	D.Treen	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 37 (Work Plan, CM2 Urban Forest Management Plan Update): "Work with a consultant to update the Urban Forest Management Plan in alignment with the State's updated Wildland Urban Interface code, ROW Tree Study, and current level of staffing."	This update needs to include an economic analysis of the value of trees. I will share the recent report completed by Tukwila.	The workplan item to update the Urban Forest Management Plan will include this effort.
102	10/22/26	D.Treen	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 38 (Work Plan, CM7 Economic Development Taskforce): "Creation of a short-term taskforce made up of community members to review economic development strategies to bring in additional revenues."	Who will lead this? Will it need an outside consultant? I know that Chamber of Commerce is expecting to be included (duh).	The City Manager will determine who leads the new Taskforce. Staff have budgeted $30,000 in the City Operations Department for a consultant/facilitator to assist with this taskforce as the City does not have anyone on staff with deep expertise in economic development. Staff will pursue grant opportunities that may be available through the Port of Seattle to reimburse this work.
103	10/22/26	D.Treen	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 39 (Work Plan, PW4 Tree Canopy Mapping and Goals for Stormwater Management Purposes): "Identify methodology to map tree canopy and adopt canopy goals to support stormwater management, as required by the 2024-2029 NPDES Permit."	Is this part of the Urban Forest Management Plan update?	They are separate work plan items with different drivers. PW4 is a Public Works item required by the NPDES stormwater permit; the Urban Forest Management Plan update (CM2) is led by City Operations in coordination with DCD and Surface Water. Staff will coordinate the two so that canopy mapping data and goals are consistent.
104	10/22/26	D.Treen	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 39 (Work Plan, PW7 American Public Works Association (APWA) Accreditation): "After completing the self-assessment in 2026, begin the work towards accreditation in 2027-2029. Based on national standards and industry best practices. Includes values, goals, policy review, SOPs, succession planning, and asset management."	Please refresh my memory on the benefits of this accreditation.	APWA accreditation recognizes public works agencies that meet the recommended practices in APWA's Public Works Management Practices Manual. Benefits include documented policies and standard operating procedures, more consistent and efficient operations, stronger succession planning and retention of institutional knowledge as staff turn over, a framework for asset management, and independent verification of practices that supports accountability to residents.
105	10/22/26	D.Treen	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 40 (Work Plan, PW9 2029 Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Update and Report): "TMP update satisfies the Growth Management Act's required 5-Year Implementation Report requirements..."	I would assign a higher priority to this, to start in 2027.	Noted.
106	10/22/26	D.Treen	Capital	Proposed Budget p. 40 (Work Plan, TR-145 Sahalee Way Roundabout): "This project implements the Sahalee Way Corridor Plan and installs a roundabout at 228th & NE 28th. Design is planned to begin in 2026."	And other related pedestrian/bicycle improvements? When will this scope be determined?	See answer to Question #83.
107	10/22/26	D.Treen	Capital	Proposed Budget p. 41 (Work Plan, TR-C School Access Improvement Program): "Provide safety improvements and multimodal enhancements near school facilities. Staff plans to incorporate projects near schools identified in the Bike and Pedestrian Mobility Plan into the program."	Sounds like a good idea, but need the details.	Additional project details can be found in the 2027-2032 CIP document, as well as the 2027-2032 TIP.
108	10/22/26	D.Treen	Capital	Proposed Budget p. 41 (Work Plan, TR-E Safety and Speed Management Program (New)): "Provide safety improvements and speed management improvements citywide. This proposed capital program focuses on quick delivery projects..."	Is this enough to address some of the requests by the public?	It will address some but likely not all requests. The program is $100,000 per year and focuses on quick-delivery improvements. An assessment in Q1-Q2 2027 will prioritize locations using speed and crash data; the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program is part of it. The Council could dedicate additional funding for this program from the $10 M.
109	10/22/26	D.Treen	Capital	Proposed Budget p. 41 (Work Plan, TR-F Streetlight Enhancement Program): "Utilizing prioritization from the Streetlight Enhancement Plan, conversion of High Pressure Sodium (HPS) streetlights to Light Emitting Diode (LED)."	I would like to see the policy around this. Will the lighting be bird/wildlife friendly?	The Streetlight Enhancement Program is intended to improve roadway safety and visibility for all road users. The Citywide Streetlight Enhancement Plan, currently in development, will identify LED conversion projects and other streetlight improvements for 2027-2032. The program overview does not specify whether the plan will incorporate bird- or wildlife-friendly lighting criteria. As the plan is being developed, Public Works should be asked whether it will address factors such as LED color temperature, fixture shielding, light spill, and lighting near sensitive habitat. These considerations can help reduce unnecessary impacts on wildlife while accounting for the program's roadway safety objectives.
110	10/22/26	D.Treen	Capital	Proposed Budget p. 41 (Work Plan, TR-J Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Program): "Ongoing implementation of the program."	This is a common source of resident complaints. Will $50,000 result in adequate alignment of signals to enhance movement of vehicles?	Public Works will identify the planned signal coordination improvements, targeted intersections, and expected outcomes to assess whether the proposed $25,000 annual budget is sufficient to improve traffic flow and address resident concerns.
111	10/22/26	D.Treen	Utility Tax	Proposed Budget p. 55 (Revenues, Utility Tax): "Following Council approval, Sammamish implemented a 6 percent utility tax on January 1, 2026... budgeted at approximately $11.0 million in each year of the biennium with no restrictions on its use."	Can we add an alternative that would reduce the Utility Tax to 3% and then forecast how it could be scaled up to the 6% as we approach the crossover with expenses?	Reducing the utility tax will reduce the amount of time the City has to plan for and implement a new long term revenue source and its long term fiscal sustainability plan. Also see answer to question #1.

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112	10/22/26	D.Treen	Sales Tax	Proposed Budget p. 57 (Revenues, Retail sales tax trends and key assumptions): "Absent population growth or new businesses, growth in sales tax revenue is projected to be minimal; the forecast assumes revenue stays flat until commercial development occurs in Town Center."	What assumptions were made for the timing of the Town Center? On page it is noted that TC development is expected to take place in 2027-2028, yielding 4 times the 2025-2026 impact fees. If we expect the impact fees to be 4 times, why wouldn't we also expect the related sales tax to be higher?	Impact fees are collected when permits are issued, before construction, while retail sales tax from new businesses begins only after space is built and occupied, which is likely after 2028. We may see a bump in construction related sales tax revenues depending on the timing of development.
113	10/22/26	D.Treen	Parks	Proposed Budget p. 60 (Revenues, Field Use Fees): "Field use fees are budgeted at $856,000 for the biennium, most of the $1,026,000 budgeted for parks and recreation revenues."	There have been requests to reduce the field use fees for Sammamish leagues/residents. When the fields were changed to artificial turf, those costs were passed on to the leagues. This is a sore spot for Sammamish residents who not only pay for the City operations, but then also get charged way more than they used to for the natural grass fields. Could we consider reducing these fees?	Yes, the Council can consider it; field use fees are set in the fee schedule. Each 10 percent reduction would reduce revenue by about $86,000 per biennium, which would then be paid from general revenues. If fees are reduced ALL taxpayers, whether they use the fields or not, make up the difference. Also, see Q&A #82.
114	10/22/26	D.Treen	Capital	Proposed Budget p. 61 (Revenues, Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax): "...0.42 percent, about $5,000 a year for Sammamish, is restricted to pedestrian, equestrian or bicycle trails... The tax, including the increased distribution, is budgeted at $2.3 million for the biennium... alongside $170,000 of multimodal transportation distributions..."	Let's include equestrian trails in our multimodal plans. There is a significant equestrian community here, and we've already seen a middle housing project impact trail access.	Noted.
115	10/22/26	D.Treen	Capital	Proposed Budget p. 62 (Revenues, Summary): "State law now allows a limited share of real estate excise tax to maintain existing capital facilities, but the City has chosen, as a budget policy, to dedicate all of it to capital improvements."	Should we consider modifying this policy? Why wouldn't we?	This would be a Council policy decision, though there is not written policy and this has simply been a Council-driven practice. Allowing eligible REET revenue to fund maintenance of existing capital facilities could help address capital maintenance needs and reduce pressure on other funding sources. However, it would reduce funding available for capital improvements for transportation ad parks and could potentially delay planned projects.
116	10/22/26	D.Treen	Programs	Proposed Budget p. 63 (Expenditures (All Funds), Where the money goes): "There are 56 programs, every one of which carries a budget this biennium, and that is too many to take in at once, so they are grouped here into nine service areas."	I would like to see the data for the 56 programs please, even if we choose not to include it in the public document.	All 56 programs are in the Program List section of the Proposed Budget (pp. 82-89), with each program's description, delivering departments, FTE, cost, program revenue, net cost and level of requirement. Department sections (Part 5) show the programs each department delivers.
117	10/22/26	D.Treen	Capital	Proposed Budget p. 65 (Expenditures (All Funds), What the program view shows): "...the 2025-2026 capital budget was more than three times what is now expected to be spent against it."	What capital projects were included that are now delayed or reduced?	See answer to Question #79.
118	10/22/26	D.Treen	Programs	Proposed Budget p. 66 (Table 28, The ten largest operating programs): "Safe and Efficient Multimodal Transportation Operations"	What is the benefit to adding these descriptors ["Safe and Efficient"]? Isn't it just Transportation Operations? None of the other programs use adjectives to describe them.	Each of these is the specific name of the Program, as outlined in the Program list. "Safe and Efficient Multimodal Transportation Operations" is a program within the Transportation and Streets service area.
119	10/22/26	D.Treen	Fleet	Proposed Budget p. 68 (Expenditures (All Funds), Notes on this presentation): "...and $1.3 million that departments pay the Equipment Rental and Replacement Fund for vehicle maintenance and replacement."	What was the budget and actual specifically for vehicle replacement in 2025-26 vs 2027-28 budget?	Vehicle and equipment replacement in the Equipment Rental and Replacement Fund (p. 138, Table 75): 2023-2024 actual $705,000; 2025-2026 amended budget $650,000; 2025-2026 estimate $994,000; 2027-2028 budget $441,000.
120	10/22/26	D.Treen	Fleet	Proposed Budget p. 68 (Expenditures (All Funds), Notes on this presentation): "Vehicle replacement in the Equipment Rental and Replacement Fund is not treated as capital investment; it carries no project number and belongs to the Fleet Management program."	Not sure I understand how this works, but will see if other charts make this clear.	Departments pay the Equipment Rental and Replacement Fund a maintenance charge and a replacement charge each year for the vehicles they use; these appear as "services and charges" in the department budgets. The fund uses those charges and its accumulated balance to buy replacement vehicles on a schedule. Because these are routine replacements of existing vehicles rather than CIP projects, they are reported in the Fleet Management program rather than the Capital Project Investment program. See the Equipment Rental and Replacement Fund section (p. 135-139).
121	10/22/26	D.Treen	Staffing	Proposed Budget p. 70 (Personnel, Authorized Positions): "Table 30 shows authorized FTE by department, with each department's total across all funds."	Can this be compared to 4 year history, or at least to the 2025-26 biennial?	Both the 2023-2024 and 2025-2026 budgets authorized 146.50 FTE, compared with 140.50 FTE in 2027-2028 (seven positions eliminated and one limited-term position converted). Table 30 shows the eliminations by department, and p. 72 describes other department changes.
122	10/22/26	D.Treen	Staffing	Proposed Budget p. 75 (Personnel, Table 33): "Personnel expenditure by fund, actual and budget. Amounts are in thousands."	Could the FTE's be included in this chart?	Authorized FTE by fund for 2027-2028 is shown in Table 32 (p. 73).
123	10/22/26	D.Treen	Programs	Proposed Budget p. 77 (Program Budgeting, Figure 14): "The left column is accurate but offers little guidance for policy decisions. It reports that Community Development will spend $7.1 million on salaries (60.9 percent of the department in one line)..."	I would suggest that both options are necessary for the policy discussion. The amount spent on salaries vs contracted and professional services is a worthy policy discussion. Thank you for including both.	Noted.
124	10/22/26	D.Treen	Programs	Proposed Budget p. 78 (Program Budgeting, What the program structure makes visible): "Responding to public records requests is required by State law, consumes staff time in every department..." (Figure 15, Public Records Requests program, $2.0 million)	It would be useful to understand which departments are the subject of PRR's. Is that statistic available?	The City does not track PRRs by department as they often span multiple departments. However, a significant number of PRRs are DCD related for permit-related documents.
125	10/22/26	D.Treen	Programs	Proposed Budget p. 84 (Program List, Contract and Grant Management): "Manages City contracts from solicitation through closeout, and pursues and administers grants: writing applications, tracking awards, and meeting reporting requirements."	Would the portion of grants that is designated for "Administration" be identified as Revenue for this category? Don't most grants designate 15% for admin or some portion?	Not currently. Grant revenue is recorded in the program or project the grant funds, so any administrative or indirect cost portion is included there rather than in Contract and Grant Management program.
126	10/22/26	Lam	Other	Proposed Budget p. 1 & 13 (Budget Message)	Pg 12: Replace the word “Citizens” with “residents”. (not everyone in the community is a US citizen)	Noted.

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127	10/22/26	Lam	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 37 (Work Plan, Table 7)	Pg 37: Expenses with $$, $$$, $$$$, also excludes staff time?	Yes, all of the expense figures in the work plan section (p. 36) exclude staff time.
128	10/22/26	Lam	Revenue	Proposed Budget p. 53 (Major Revenues, Table 23)	Pg 53: What is “leasehold excise tax”?	Leasehold excise tax is a Washington State tax on private parties leasing or using tax-exempt public property, such as government-owned land or buildings. It generates tax revenue from these uses that would otherwise generally be exempt from property tax. It is separate from real estate excise tax (REET), which is imposed on property sales.
129	10/22/26	Lam	Capital		With proposed capital improvements, do we include operating costs in the longer term forecast?	Staffing and maintenance are included.
130	10/22/26	Lam	Measures	Proposed Budget p. 90 (Performance Measures)	Page 90: Performance measures to consider Communications performance measure: City engagement metrics such as form completion, search box utilization, document downloads, email open rate, number of followers on social media Emergency Management Community Preparedness Communications: Number of signups for ALERT King County (number of residents that have signed up is 2,000?)	Noted.
131	10/27/26	Stuart	Capital		Have we considered a hybrid HVAC replacement for Boys and Girls club and Beaver Lake Lodge? If not, why not?	Not currently as these systems are not at the end of their useful life.
132	10/27/26	Stuart	Capital		As we update lighting in the buildings, are we considering motion sensors and light sensors to ensure lights go off when not needed?	That project is part of CH-04 and proposed in the budget. However, if Council were to elect to move forward with the assessment of City Hall, it would make sense to wait until that work was finished and decisions made on any changes before paying to do that work.
133	10/27/26	Stuart	Capital	CIP p. 25	Why is the EV infrastructure pushed out to 2032? Does that mean any vehicles needing replacement between now and then will be gas or diesel? In doing research, Ford F-150 Lightnings are still available for fleets, are available through procurement channels, and have a 12-15 year lifespan, depending on use. With gas and diesel prices what they are, the financial case is quite compelling, not even factoring in the reduced emissions cost to people and the environment.	This investment must be driven by the availability of necessary EV fleet, which has changed since the initial EV study was complete.
134	10/27/26	Stuart	Capital		As we update playground equipment and make updates for ADA at parks, is there a plan to install bike racks at all of our parks?	Yes, staff can add this to the 2027–28 workplan. Most of our parks (12) currently have bike racks, and bike racks were added at Beaver Lake Park (lodge side) earlier this year. Staff can plan to install bike racks at the remaining parks.
135	10/27/26	Stuart	Capital	CIP p. 48	600k on vegetable garden. I love the gardens but if we can't afford to replace tile in city hall at 250k, not sure we have 600k for these, when my understanding is the use has waned from the community.	The community garden beds have reached the end of their useful life and need to be replaced. There are currently 58 beds, although several were not rented this year due to their poor condition. Demand remains high, with 275 residents on the waitlist.
136	10/27/26	Stuart	Capital	CIP p. 62	I didn't see SE8th improvements where we just repaved and there is no shoulder - it says 216th to 218th shouldn't it be 212th to 218th?	Yes, the project improves the 218th Avenue SE and 216th Avenue SE corridor from 212th Avenue SE to Inglewood Hill Road NE and includes SE 8th. Staff can work to update the description in the CIP to be more clear.
137	10/27/26	Stuart	Capital	CIP p. 68	ELSP stabilization - thought this was not needed right away - why start in 2027 - why not push out to 2028?	We have some exploratory dollars included for 2027. This was the most conservative approach for the project. We'll be presenting more information to Council in Q1 2027 and will make a determination on the timing at that point.
138	10/27/26	Amato	Staffing		What was the actual vacancy rate for 2025-2026?	The actual vacancy rate for the 2025-2026 biennium is approximately 12.18%.
139	10/27/26	Stuart	Staffing	10/27 PPT, Slide 32 (Administrative Services - Changes: 25-26 to 27-28)	Where did the other FTEs go from Admin Services?	Two Irrigation Maintenance Worker II's were transferred to Parks Maintenance, and half of the Deputy City Manager's (Mark's) time moved to City Operations.
140	10/27/26	Stuart	Capital	10/27 PPT, Slide 42 (27-28 Major Projects: City Hall HVAC Upgrades)	What is the Community Cost of going with the like-for-like for CH HVAC?	The estimated cost of the like-for-like HVAC replacement at City Hall is $1,375,000. Clarification is needed on the meaning of "Community Cost."
141	10/27/26	Boyer	Full Budget		When can we expect management-based accounting to come online so there is more buy-in by departments for overhead services?	For the 2029-2030 budget cycle.
142	10/27/26	Stuart	Capital	10/27 PPT, Slide 47 (Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Schedule)	Is it possible to replace any of the expected 11 new vehicles with EVs?	There are two 2017 Ford F150 Crew cab 4WD pickups on the replacement list (V059 and V060) - one in each year of the proposed biennial budget. Both replacements are currently used in the Parks Department. Ford has discontinued the Ford Lightening. The Fathom, their other midsize truck, is not yet available. There is a hybrid F150 that does come in 4WD. The department does not necessarily need 4WD, but they do need to be able to support lift gates, have trailer hitches, and have the towing power to transport equipment. The hybrids could be an option.
143	10/27/26	Stuart	Public Safety		Do other cities that contract with KCSO also provide free space for their police departments?	Yes, it is typical to have the contracting jurisdiction provide space for contract police services with KCSO. Our comparable cities that contract all provide space. Chief Meyer, who most recently came from the contract services unit confirmed the contract arrangement as the norm.
144	10/27/26	Amato	Capital	10/27 PPT, Slide 48 (Budget Alternatives for Council's Consideration)	Provide the breakdown of the $1.95M for City Hall space study and remodel.	Space needs and utilization study: $200K; Remodel (Lobby, counters, flooring): $1.75M
145	10/28/26	D.Treen	Full Budget		Not sure where this belongs, but can we see a list of all the memberships the City is funding and the dollars being spent on them? This is often an area that creeps up over time, similar to IT's work to evaluate licenses.	Membership accounts across all departments total about $962,000 for 2027-2028, essentially flat with the 2025-2026 amended budget. Two items make up most of it: the ARCH membership ($550,450) and the City Council's regional memberships ($337,485), which include: Association of Washington Cities $123,085, Sound Cities Association $116,795, Puget Sound Regional Council $78,900, National League of Cities $13,705 and other $5,000. Departmental professional memberships total about $74,000.

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146	10/28/26	D.Treen	Work Plan	10/28 PPT, Slide 6 (City Operations Work Plan Major Expenditures): "CM1 Eastside Climate Partnership"	What are the benefits [of the Eastside Climate Partnership] to the City?	Partner cities share consultant, program and outreach costs, and joint applications improve competitiveness for grants. ECP has been very successful in getting grants that amplify member contributions, leading to additional services in member cities. 2026 activities under the ECP banner include the tree giveaway coming up in November and a reusable serviceware effort, which is 100% grant funded.
147	10/28/26	D.Treen	Fees		I know there's work to evaluate our cost recovery. Can we also provide a comparison of our fees to other cities?	Yes, the comprehensive fee study (work plan item F5) will include a comparison of Sammamish fees with comparable cities.
148	10/28/26	D.Treen	Work Plan	10/28 PPT, Slide 10 (Community Development Work Plan Major Expenditures): "CD8 Tree Regulations Update (Requires Docketing)"	Can this be scheduled for 2027 along with the update to Urban Forest Management Plan?	We are following progression of the State Department of Natural Resources Wildland Urban Interface and Hazard Fire Maps which are due for completion in late 2026 or early 2027. Following the release of these maps, the City will begin work on updating the Urban Forest Management Plan. With refreshed policy direction provided through Urban Forest Management Plan update efforts, staff will work to Docket the tree code updates. The Docketing process will begin in 2027 through engagement with the Planning Commission, public, and City Council. The work to update the tree code is anticipated continue through 2028.
149	10/28/26	D.Treen	Staffing	10/28 PPT, Slide 13 (Public Works Changes, 25-26 to 27-28): In the explanation of changes: "Personnel: Wage and benefit growth and 2025-26 vacancies that are assumed filled in 2027-28; two traffic signal technician positions eliminated."	The two positions being filled net of the signal technicians being eliminated still results in a 15.4% increase in Personnel? Is there something else driving this increase?	Most of the increase is a result of comparing a fully-staffed 2027-2028 budget with 2025-2026 actual spending that was significantly lower due to vacancies. There are no vacancy savings built into the department's 2027-2028 budget because the citywide vacancy allowance is budgeted in Non-Departmental. The rest of the growth is primarily the COLA in each year, merit increases, and benefit costs.
150	10/28/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/28 PPT, Slide 14 (Public Works Work Plan Major Expenditures).	When Mayor and I met with SPWSD earlier, we offered to share our capital plans for stormwater and roads so they can coordinate with their utility work. We can share this high level information, but it also needs someone in Public Works to keep SPWSD informed of the detailed plans. Is that in place?	Staff routinely shares capital plans with staff at SPWSD. In addition, they will be invited to the City's CIP showcase later this year and are a stakeholder in the PW standards update.
151	10/28/26	D.Treen	Work Plan	10/28 PPT, Slide 14 (Public Works Work Plan): "PW3 Panhandle Basin Plan".	Where is the Panhandle Basin?	The Panhandle Basin is in the NW corner of the City.
152	10/28/26	D.Treen	Work Plan	10/28 PPT, Slide 14 (Public Works Work Plan): "PW9 2029 Transportation Master Plan Update and Report"	The TMP update needs a higher priority. When it was adopted in 2024, it was already agreed that it was not complete and had flaws. It was planned to be updated the following year, but now we're looking at 2028? Meanwhile we are using it to guide transportation priorities.	The TMP Update is planned for 2028 to align with the 2029 Comprehensive Plan report.
153	10/28/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/28 PPT, Slide 17 (Transportation Capital Improvement Fund, Major Projects in the Biennium): "TR-L: Pavement Reconstruction Program (incl. Shore Lane)"	What does ongoing mean? Isn't it planned to be completed in 2027?	"Ongoing" refers to the entire Pavement Reconstruction Program, not Shore Lane. TR-L is a continuing program funded every year to reconstruct roads. Shore Lane is a project planned within the program for 2027-2028; other roads will be selected for later years.
154	10/28/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/28 PPT, Slide 17 (Transportation Capital Improvement Fund, Major Projects): "TR-134: SE 6th Street Improvement Project ".	The description of TR-134 does not define the three phases. I've been told by City officials that the City is only committed to Phase I, and has no commitment to the future phases, so why are all the phases included?	All three phases are included in the TMP. Phase B abuts City frontage at both the park and Notch property. Phase C is currently shown on STCA's plan to be solely on their property (Block 9). This project is paid for by impact fees.
155	10/28/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/28 PPT, Slide 17 (Transportation Capital Improvement Fund, Major Projects): "TR-145: Sahalee Way Corridor Improvements"	Where is the description of TR-145 in the CIP? I wasn't able to find it. Same for TR-142?	TR-145 is on CIP p. 75. TR-142 is on CIP p. 73.
156	10/28/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/28 PPT, Slide 17 (Transportation Capital Improvement Fund, Major Projects): "TR-K: ADA Barrier Remediation Program"	Do we have an assessment of the ADA needs in the city with the total estimated cost and priorities assigned?	The City has an ADA Transition Plan, adopted in 2021, which is available here: https://sammamishwa.civicweb.net/document/64921/
157	10/28/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/28 PPT, Slide 17 (Transportation Capital Improvement Fund, Major Projects): "TR-02/03: Issaquah-Pine Lake Road Corridor Plan"	Given the focus on improving pedestrian and bicycle access, is a full corridor study necessary?	This corridor serves commercial and residential areas, three schools, and transit. A corridor plan establishes the long-term vision and phased improvements for the corridor. The City applied for a WSDOT Safe Routes to School grant for this project and will hear back in December 2026 if the project will be considered.
158	10/28/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/28 PPT, Slide 17 (Transportation Capital Improvement Fund, Major Projects)	For all of the undesignated programs (School Access, Safety and Speed, Transit, Streetlight, Intelligent Transportation), how are the projects identified and prioritized, and does Council have a role in approving priorities?	Most programs have unique criteria for project implementation. For example, priorities were identified for the Transit Enhancement Program through the Transit Plan and are refined with the CIP. The ADA Barrier Remediation Program utilizes an Accessibility & Location Combined Score (ALCS) to help guide investments. Staff are finalizing a comprehensive guide for transportation and stormwater capital projects that will complement the CIP. It provides greater detail into project selection and outcomes.
159	10/28/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/28 PPT, Slide 22 (27-28 Major Projects: SE 6th Street Improvements)	Continuing my thoughts on 6th Street. I would not move beyond Phase I until we have an updated Town Center plan. Why are we committing to Phase 2 and 3 without making the full transportation and zoning decisions first?	All three phases are included in the TMP. Phase B abuts City frontage at both the park and Notch property. Phase C is currently shown on STCA's plan to be solely on their property (Block 9). This project is paid for by impact fees.
160	10/28/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/28 PPT, Slide 23 (titled "Sahalee Way Roundabout," TR-145, CIP p. 75):	How can we incorporate the other potential improvements like re-striping and curb/planting separation between pedestrians/bicyclists and vehicles? What other program budgets would fund these?	Staff intends to come back to the Council at the end of Q1 2027 with options on how to spend the additional $10M in transportation capital that the Interim City Manager has recommended moving from the General Fund into the Transportation Capital fund. Assuming that transfer occurs as a part of this budget process, it is anticipated that additional improvements along Sahalee would be included in those options.
161	10/28/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/28 PPT, Slide 28 (Street Special Revenue Fund, Major Projects): "PW-12: Traffic Signal Cabinet Upgrades"	Could we consider restoring the historical photos that used to be on our cabinets, or perhaps displaying them in one of the parks? A lot of work went into researching and designing those photos.	This project was led by a former art commissioner. Staff will reach out to them to seek the files of the photos referenced and will circle back in a future Friday update.
162	10/28/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/28 PPT, Slide 32 (Surface Water Management Fund, Major Capital Projects in the Biennium)	Are we looking at any future fish passage work?	We are currently working on a fish passage barrier assessment plan that prioritizes future fish passage investments. This effort is anticipated to be completed soon and will be incorporated into the planned 2027-2027 Storm & Surface Water Comprehensive Plan Update.
163	10/28/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/28 PPT, Slide 34 (Storm Facility Retrofit Program): "Modernizes older stormwater facilities built mainly for flood control so they also treat water quality and protect streams. 2027-28 work includes the SE 20th and Demery Hill water quality projects and selecting the next retrofit (Work Plan, Pg. 42)."	Help me understand what this means. Are we going to build concrete vaults where we currently have open water detention? Can we, as a City, demonstrate the value of LID standards by modernizing to those standards instead?	The Stormwater Facility Retrofit Program retrofits existing City-owned facilities to provide water quality treatment specific to the basin and tributary system as well as flow control where feasible. The program implements both the City's adopted 2021 Stormwater Retrofit Strategy as well as satisfies regulatory requirements from the State.

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164	10/28/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/28 PPT, Slide 43 (Parks Capital Improvement Fund, Major Projects): "PK-03: Future Trail Connections"	Can we incorporate existing equestrian trails into this work?	Yes, we can add this to our work plan for 2027. Staff would appreciate an opportunity to meet offline to better understand the specifics of the request.
165	10/28/26	D.Treen	Capital	10/28 PPT, Slide 45 (Beaver Lake Athletic Fields, Phase 1): "Converts the baseball fields to synthetic turf, adds a lighted multi-use turf field, new irrigation and drainage, and expanded parking."	How will the surrounding forest be impacted by the addition of a field and the new irrigation/drainage and expanded parking? As a City, I would like to see us follow our own guidance by designing projects that preserve mature forest and implement LID standards.	The proposed plan will largely remain within the existing footprint of improvements. The forested area north of the fields is within stream buffers and is not expected to be impacted. Expanded parking may affect vegetation along the southern edge of the parking lot due to potential grading changes. As the project advances into the design phase, staff will prioritize tree preservation to the extent feasible.
166	10/28/26	D.Treen	Building 120	10/28 PPT, Slide 50 (City Manager Budget Message, The Ask, item 5): "Decide Building 120 when the lease-or-sale work is ready, and amend then"	As long as we're reserving enough funds to make the necessary repairs/upgrades if we choose to lease it?	Should the City choose to lease the building it is likely that there will be some negotiation with the potential tenant on what would constitute "necessary repairs/upgrades."
167	10/28/26	Amato	Other	Proposed Budget p. 21, Table 2 (Department Activity Highlights)	City Council is also responsible for oversight, which is part of “governance” but I think should also be called out explicitly.	Agreed; also no need to call out “professional” city manager
168	10/28/26	Amato	Capital	Proposed Budget p. 25 (Present Day Sammamish) : "The City has partnered with two of the three school districts to convert grass sports fields to artificial turf for year-round use by soccer, football, baseball, and lacrosse teams."	Have we partnered with ISD for ball fields? I was under the impression we’ve only had an ILA with LWSD?	Yes. The City has an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Issaquah School District (ISD) for shared use of athletic fields. Established around 2004, the partnership included City-funded field improvements at Skyline High School. When the turf needed replacement in 2017, ISD resumed responsibility for field scheduling due to reduced community-use hours and agreed to cover 80% of the turf replacement costs. The City no longer manages scheduling for these fields.
169	10/28/26	Amato	Capital	Proposed Budget p. 33 (Financial Policies) : "It shall be the goal of the City to achieve a strong financial condition with the ability to: … Adopt conservative borrowing practices." Table 4, Policy Section 3.8 refers to Debt Management Policies	Financial Practices - What does “conservative” borrowing practices mean? Is this 3.8 below?	Yes, 3.8 defines
170	10/28/26	Amato	Capital	Proposed Budget p. 33, Table 4 (Adopted Financial Policies) : "3.1 Revenue Policies - Revenue diversification so that no single source dominates, periodic review of fees and charges, and restriction of one-time revenues to one-time uses."	How can this be realistically handled when 50%+ comes from property taxes and there is no near-term resolution?	This is a goal statement and I believe the correct one. The policy has been utilized by the City since its’ inception. The proof of that is the City has not sought a levy lift to secure additional property tax revenue. Instead, the City has diversified its revenue by adopting utility taxes, implementing fees and charges for development related services, increased revenue from the surface water utility. Going forward there are several other material revenue sources, such as Transportation Benefit District (TBD), Admin Fee for Solid Waste, and increased cost recovery of various development revenue, including but not limited to building permits, planning services, and impact fees.
171	10/28/26	Amato	Full Budget		Can you call out the major accomplishment of the budget up front? Such as the stabilization account, bringing down consultant fees, etc? I want to make sure it’s clear to the residents that we’re doing/have done the work that should be done before we ask for more revenue.	Yes, I can update the final version with these changes.
172	10/28/26	Amato	Transfers		$20M Facilities Transfer: The money identified here will end up being “spent” based on an assessment and repair/replacement schedule? If so, that should be noted in writing so there’s a clear intent behind the allocation. Based on other comments I believe this is forthcoming.	I can update the language here. The money will be spent on facilities capital. This could be major capital repairs/upgrades, remodels/expansions, land and new facilities. The $20 M is seed money for current and future facilities. The ongoing $3.7 M is ongoing capital maintenance.
173	10/28/26	Amato	Financial Policies	Proposed Budget p. 34 (Financial Policies, Principles the City Follows): "If expenditure reductions are necessary, complete elimination of a specific service is preferable to lowering the quality of programs provided."	Principals: Why is it the city’s policy to wipe out a program rather than reduce service level? This seems like a case-by-case situation to me.	I believe determining whether to terminate a program or not is done on a case-by-case basis. Making cuts across the board, i.e., reducing services levels in all cases, is the other method typically deployed to operate within limited resources. See also: question 99
174	10/28/26	Amato	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 37 (Work Plan, CM3 Begin Process to Digitize High Retrieval Records)	CM3: Can we contract out or hire interns for a significant amount of this work? This represents a significant amount of future time savings once completed. I’d rather get this done.	Yes, contracting is a possibility. With the hiring of the Deputy Clerk we will have a staff person that will have the capacity to complete a portion of the work and determine the full scope and provide the alternatives to complete timely.
175	10/28/26	Amato	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 37 (Work Plan, CM5 Updated Communications Plan Implementation)	CM5: I think we need more council input into this. Particularly the calendar for communications which is what makes this plan ‘real’. The city does not have a personality and I think that should be created.	Noted. The present effort is to complete the updated plan, followed by submittal to the Council.
176	10/28/26	Amato	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 38 (Work Plan, CM7 Economic Development Taskforce)	CM7: Not just bring in additional revenue but help our small businesses grow/thrive (which drives revenue growth for the city). Our focus should be on outcomes/results for residents, which in turn provide a benefit for the city organization.	Agree, we will update with final document.
177	10/28/26	Amato	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 38 (Work Plan, CM9 Commission Charter Code Updates)	CM9: This is great, and I already have a draft written that I need to get to you. We may consider adopting it before we recruit the PW and ED commissions. Thank you for including.	Please send so that we can include in our work session discussions on these matters.
178	10/28/26	Amato	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 40 (Work Plan, PW9 2029 Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Update and Report)	PW9: What is this?	This is an update to a key infrastructure plan. It is a required element of the Growth Management Act.
179	10/28/26	Amato	Capital	Proposed Budget p. 40 (Work Plan, TR-139 SE 24th Street Boardwalk Rehabilitation Project)	TR-139: Add in re-striping of road to allow for continuous bike-lane from 228th to Beaver Lake Park?	This can be a key element of the alternatives analysis.
180	10/28/26	Amato	Capital	Proposed Budget p. 41 (Work Plan, TR-L Pavement Reconstruction Program)	TR-L: Add in that the re-striping be completed with the plastic product we tested.	I believe this is a policy decision to consider with the findings of the test project completed in 2026.
181	10/28/26	Amato	Capital	Proposed Budget p. 41 (Work Plan, TR-M Transit Enhancement Program Implementation)	TR-M: What is this?	TR-M is an ongoing Transportation CIP program that implements capital improvements from the City's Transit Plan to improve transit access, reliability and safety. Potential projects include crosswalk improvements near bus stops, bus stop amenities, transit signal priority and a mobility hub implementation plan (CIP p. 60; Proposed Budget p. 41).

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182	10/28/26	Amato	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 44 (Work Plan, CD10 Miscellaneous Code Updates: Sign Code (Requires Docketing))	CD10: Probably unrelated but Issaquah on Issaquah-Pine Lake Road and in several placed in Redmond they have added electronic sign boards that cab be updated. Can we update our sign code to allow the city to do this if it is disallowed and look into the costs for adding them along our major arteries for both traffic safety, emergency, but general city announcements? It would be a major communication channel.	This can be evaluated as a part of workplan item CD10 in Community Development.
183	10/28/26	Amato	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 45 (Work Plan, CD11 Miscellaneous Code Updates: Lighting Code (Requires Docketing)):	CD11: I'm fine with this change but there are no less than 5 homes around me breaking current light code, and one new home being built breaking current light code. We can have all the code we want but if we don't enforce it then it won't matter. How do we enforce? Enforcement needs a measurement and a regular report to the council.	Noted. Enforcement will be a part of the code update and discussion with Council when this item comes forward.
184	10/28/26	Amato	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 45 (Work Plan, Parks and Recreation).	PK: New item to explore — working with ISD to create an ILA for shared use of school facilities. Issaquah executed one this year.	Noted
185	10/28/26	Amato	Work Plan	Proposed Budget pp. 46-47 (Work Plan, Administrative Services): AD1 Emergency Sheltering Planning; AD2 Emergency Management Program Implementation ; AD3 Update Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan	AD1,2,3: Must include communication element so people are aware of it ahead of time.	Noted
186	10/28/26	Amato	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 48 (Work Plan, IT1 New ADA Accessible Website)	IT1 seems to be duplicative of CM4?	CM and IT both taking leadership roles; IT for the technology and CM for the content, policy, and communication.
187	10/28/26	Amato	Work Plan	Proposed Budget pp. 48-49 (Work Plan, Technology Management).	IT: We need an actual strategic plan written in-house. The one we have is insufficient, it is neither strategic nor a plan.	The IT strategic plan, developed in late 2024, and shared with Mayor Amato in June 2026, is very much a strategic technology plan, outlining technology initiatives and timelines. However, the organization doesn't stand still, and we could certainly re-visit and refresh the plan if so desired.
188	10/28/26	Amato	Sales Tax	Proposed Budget p. 57 (Retail sales tax trends and key assumptions): "Absent population growth or new businesses, growth in sales tax revenue is projected to be minimal; the forecast assumes revenue stays flat until commercial development occurs in Town Center."	Can this line "revenue stays flat until commercial development occurs in Town Center." Be quantified? I would imagine a large portion of Town Center revenue is internal redistribution or online sales moved local. A significant portion of Sammamish sales tax generation is likely from big box retail and the related chained purchases. Since the Town Center will not have big box retail, those chained purchases won't exist. I would guess the impact on sales tax would be minimal. Especially if the new businesses in the town center are not sales tax generating ventures, which is quite likely. There's a lot of hope being placed on the new revenue from town center businesses, but the core problem is Sammamish is empty during the day when people go to work.	The proposed budget forecasts $16.6 million in retail sales tax revenue for 2027-2028, essentially flat with the 2025-2026 estimate. We have not quantified incremental revenue from Town Center because the amount will depend on the types of businesses that locate there and the taxable sales they generate. As the Mayor notes, development does not guarantee significant net new sales tax revenue, particularly if businesses primarily shift existing spending within Sammamish rather than attract additional taxable activity. The Economic Development Task Force proposed for 2027 is intended to help evaluate the community's commercial growth opportunities and associated revenue potential.
189	10/28/26	Amato	Revenue	Proposed Budget p. 61 (Intergovernmental Revenues, Liquor Revenues): liquor license fee and Liquor Excise Tax Fund distributions to cities.	Liquor revenues - we can bring in cannabis excise tax by simply allowing grow/sale operations within the city. There are only two commercial locations where this would be permitted. We should explore updating our code to allow for it. The revenue is very likely small, around $100K. But if a cannabis shop were to locate in Sammamish it would grow, and we'd benefit from the tax revenue.	This will be provided to the Economic Development Task Force.
190	10/28/26	Amato	Measures	Proposed Budget pp. 90-96 (Performance Measures)	Performance measures: It would be helpful to understand the ramifications if performance measures aren't met. For example, achieving the WellCity designation from AWC has a direct impact on our insurance costs. Surfacing downsides will make missing the mark painful.	Understood. This will take time to address. As staff further develops the performance measures they can address the ramifications of not meeting measures. As an aside, achieving the WellCity designation saves the City $66K annually.
191	10/28/26	Amato	Measures		Decision log: As staff is making decisions about Program budgeting, performance measures, or otherwise, there should be a clear log about what was decided and why so future staff and councils have context. For example, why was 85% chosen goal for Fleet Availability? This could be as simple as an excel document with a list.	Agree, we will have staff document as we review and make final decisions. We'll include communications to Council.
192	10/28/26	Amato	Measures	Proposed Budget p. 92 (Performance Measures, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Public map tools): "Keep public-facing map tools available 99% of the time and grow annual page views 10% over the 2026 baseline by 2028."	GIS: What's the reason to grow mapping page views by 10% by 2028?	We'll track map usage growth or 'hits' to determine the usefulness of maps. Higher usage helps us determine design methods. Static maps, dynamic (multiple-layer) maps, or even storymap designs. Map growth can also help our Communications Team with determining topics to focus their efforts.
193	10/28/26	Amato	Measures	Proposed Budget p. 92 (Performance Measures, Help Desk and Service Desk, Time to first response): "80% of help desk requests are acknowledged within 1 business day."	Help Desk time to first response: How many help desk requests are being generated on a given day? The measure of 80% response time within 1 business days doesn't target work stoppage issues, which should rise to the top for resolution.	Thank you, we'll review and update.
194	10/28/26	Amato	Measures	Proposed Budget p. 92 (Performance Measures, Help Desk and Service Desk, New hire readiness): "Have devices and accounts ready on day one for 100% of new hires when IT receives 5 business days' notice."	Help Desk + Human Resources: IT is expected to have everything ready for a new hire if they are notified within 5 business days, but HR doesn't have a measure or expectation to create a repeatable onboarding program (maybe with automation) to ensure that the new hire has an excellent onboarding experience	HR does have a consistent onboarding process for new hires. It typically takes about half a day and includes an orientation on the City and the form of local government, benefits information, a tour of City Hall, meeting directors and City staff, and meeting the City Manager. The second half of the orientation day is with the employee's department. We consistently receive good reviews from new staff on the onboarding process when we circle back after several months.
195	10/28/26	Amato	Measures	Proposed Budget p. 92 (Performance Measures, Recruitment, Candidate experience): "Notify 100% of interviewed candidates of the outcome within 10 business days of the final decision."	Recruitment: Candidate experience is more than just notifying an applicant within 10 business days (which is a REALLY long time to make a decision) it's also about interview scheduling, loop flow, interviewer showing up, etc. Let's have goals that really drive how important the overall candidate experience is. Hiring has been such a pain point for us. Let's work to dial it in.	Noted. We'll review and update.
196	10/28/26	Amato	Measures	Proposed Budget p. 93 (Performance Measures, City Council Support, Packet timeliness): "Publish 100% of Council meeting agendas and packets at least 5 days before each regular meeting in 2027 and 2028."	City Council Support: Agendas published 5 business days before meetings. Should also add that agendas include complete presentations X% of the time.	We'll review and update.

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197	10/28/26	Amato	Measures	Proposed Budget p. 93 (Performance Measures, City Hall Reception, Call answering): "Answer at least 90% of main-line calls live during business hours in 2027 and 2028."	City Hall Reception: Voicemail response?	We'll review and update.
198	10/28/26	Amato	Measures	Proposed Budget p. 93 (Performance Measures, Governmental Affairs, Regional Issues and Legislative Oversight, Legislative Agenda): "Adopt a legislative agenda for each year."	Legislative Agenda: Adopt a legislative agenda by DATE each year. Preferably first part of Q4.	We'll review and update.
199	10/28/26	Amato	Measures	Proposed Budget p. 93 (Performance Measures, Governmental Affairs, Regional Issues and Legislative Oversight, Legislator Meetings): "Meet with all nine state legislators at least once per year to share City priorities."	Legislator Meetings: The goal should be more than once per year. At least twice, and preferable quarterly. They get as much out of the meetings and relationships as we do. If we miss the mark on one meeting per year we've had zero meetings per year.	Noted. The City Manager's Office should be involved with your legislator staff and the City's lobbyists on a no-less than quarterly basis.
200	10/28/26	Amato	Measures	Proposed Budget p. 94 (Performance Measures, Sustainability, Community outreach): "Reach at least 2,000 residents per year through sustainability events, workshops, and campaigns."	Sustainability: The goal is to reach 3% of residents annually? We need to either substantially increase this number or rethink our investment. We will effectively have no environmental impact while spending a lot of very limited money.	Do not disagree. We will review with the communications plan and update.
201	10/28/26	Amato	Measures	Proposed Budget p. 94 (Performance Measures, Sustainability)	Sustainability: We need a goal that measures some sort of emissions reduction or it is just a feel-good expense.	We do have GHG emission goals for 2030 and 2050, which are standard goal timelines. As a part of the CAP update the Sustainability Commission and Council will have an opportunity to review and update climate measures.
202	10/28/26	Amato	Measures	Proposed Budget p. 94 (Performance Measures, Code and Surface Water Compliance, Illicit discharge response): "Respond to 100% of reported illicit stormwater discharges per established requirements by the NPDES permit."	Surface Water Compliance: Respond to 100% within what timeframe?	Noted. Will review and update.
203	10/28/26	Amato	Measures	Proposed Budget p. 95 (Performance Measures, Arts and Culture Programs, Reach): "Have funded arts programs serve at least 3,000 attendees per year."	Arts & Culture: What is the 3,000 attendees number based off of?	This is a preliminary estimate provided by staff who manage the Arts & Culture program. As some programs are new, attendance will take time to grow. Staff estimate a combined annual attendance of approximately 3,000 across Shakespeare in the Park, Creative Connect classes, sponsored programming at the library, and participation in the Fairy House Trail.
204	10/28/26	Amato	Measures	Proposed Budget pp. 90-96 (Performance Measures)	For the performance metrics, there should be an easy to access and understand public dashboard. The dashboard should also show capital projects in the budget and the current status. This could be as simple as a QBR report with red/yellow/green lights and a short explanation. It does not need to be complex.	Agree. We will review with the team to create plan and execute.
205	10/28/26	Amato	Capital	Proposed Budget pp. 135-139 (Equipment Rental and Replacement Fund)	How is the vehicle replacement schedule determined? Is there an opportunity to stretch out replacements? Is there an opportunity to save money by purchasing King County surplus?	Replacements are scheduled based on maintenance/operating costs exceeding target amounts as well as downtime relative to standard. Most surplus vehicles are surplus for a reason. Best practice is to create and maintain a fleet of vehicles that meet the City's needs.
206	10/28/26	Amato	Capital	Proposed Budget p. 143 (Technology Services Fund, Technology replacement)	Can the IT hardware replacement schedule be explained? How are we using VMs or cloud compute to reduce physical server needs?	Typical replacement cycles range from 4 to 7 years, and delaying replacement increases the risk of failure. Unplanned replacement is typically more costly than planned replacement. Failure rates simply increase with equipment age. We've already experienced a disk failure in 2026. We currently have 5 physical servers (hosts) running 67 VMs.
207	10/28/26	Amato	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 149 (City Manager's Office, City Clerk division)	If we put more than $100K in the budget to digitize records, can we get it done faster?	Yes. Rather than put in a unknown amount, we wanted to provide a data driven funding request. This would be an example of a use of contingency.
208	10/28/26	Amato	Public Safety	Proposed Budget p. 162 (Public Safety, Fire): "$216,000 of fire inspection and review fees… Starting in 2026, the City sends the fire fees it collects directly to Eastside Fire & Rescue; previously, the City kept those fees to offset the cost of the contract. The fees are also budgeted as division revenue, so they do not add to the net cost."	"$216,000 of fire inspection and review fees. Starting in 2026, the City sends the fire fees it collects directly to Eastside Fire & Rescue;" - news to me. Can this be explained?	Beginning in 2026, fire inspection and plan review fees are being treated as pass-through revenue to EF&R, which provides these services. Previously, the City retained the fees to offset the fire services contract cost. This was a change made by all EF&R partner cities in 2026.
209	10/28/26	Amato	Measures		[Unanswered question from 10/28 meeting] What are the measures we will use to educate the public on our progress on major code compliance issues – i.e. sign sweeps, etc.?	Staff can address this and return with additional information.
210	10/28/26	Amato	Work Plan	Proposed Budget p. 44-45 (Community Development Work Plan, CD9-CD12)	[Unanswered question from 10/28 meeting] The optional DCD code changes are of high value to the Mayor. What can the City do to bring in additional staff, LTE or college project, to move them forward?	Staff will review the workplan and options to move these forward and return with additional information.
211	10/28/26	Stuart	Revenue		[Unanswered question from 10/28 meeting] EV registration fees – do they go to the streets fund?	Cities receive a formula-based share of the state gas tax, but the EV registration fee has no equivalent city share. Some of it reaches cities indirectly through a competitive state grant program run by the Transportation Improvement Board.
212	10/28/26	D.Treen	Capital		[Unanswered question from 10/28 meeting] Add equestrian trails to future trail assessment (PK-03)	Staff will add equestrian to the definitions.
213	10/28/26	K.Treen	Capital		[Unanswered question from 10/28 meeting] Sween house demo - can we put a green house on the foundation once demolished?	This can be evaluated as the project moves forward. It is recommended that a holistic approach to the future of the Commons is taken as the neighborhood around it changes.
214	10/28/26	Amato	Capital		[Unanswered question from 10/28 meeting] Covered park facilities for year-round use (pickleball courts, skate park, etc.) Budget amendment for an assessment to determine what could be covered is fine.	A budget amendment will be prepared. If approved, staff will initiate an assessment in 2027 to understand what potential facilities this could apply to.
215	10/28/26	Amato	Capital		[Unanswered question from 10/28 meeting] Strip between Klahanie Blvd - would it be feasible to work with PSE to turn that easement into a dog park?	Staff will follow up with PSE.
216	10/30/26	Amato	Capital	P. 61 CIP - Issaquah Pine Lake Road Project	My understanding is that the City has a grant in for this project. Please elaborate.	Yes, the City applied for a Safe Routes to School Grant that will cover 70% of the costs of this project. If the grant is not received, this project will be removed from the CIP. Staff expects to be notified in December of this year.