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FY17-18 BUDGET WORKSHOP

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Purpose and Policy Guidance

The purpose of this item is for staff to present information regarding the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (FY17-18) proposed operating budget. This will be the first of two planned all-day workshop sessions where staff will present the proposed budget both in total and by department. Council will have the opportunity to give feedback to staff regarding the proposed budget.

Background

At the December 20, 2016 City Council Workshop, staff presented the Five-Year Financial Forecasts for the General Fund and other major operating funds of the city. Budget discussion continued at the February 7, March 7, March 21 and April 4, 2017 Council Workshops. During the planning process for the FY17-18 budget, a series of budget workshops have been scheduled to seek policy guidance and input from the Council on various budgetary items. During this budget process, staff will advise Council of the potential impacts of budgetary decisions on the long-term financial forecasts.

Budget discussions will continue through a second all-day Council workshop on April 28, 2017. An additional workshop is scheduled for May 2, 2017 before the Tentative Budget adoption which is currently scheduled for May 23, 2017. The public hearing and final budget adoption is scheduled for June 13, 2017. At Council's direction, additional budget workshops may be scheduled; or currently scheduled workshops may be cancelled depending upon the need.

Analysis

At the workshop, staff will review the FY17-18 budget requests, provide financial and departmental highlights, and respond to specific Council questions. The workshop on the proposed operating budget provides Council with an opportunity to identify changes or seek clarification relative to funding city services.

Based on Council feedback, staff can make changes to the proposed budget or research any additional information needed. Staff will return to Council at the May 2, 2017 Council Workshop for additional follow-up before the Tentative Budget is scheduled to be adopted on May 23, 2017.

Previous Related Council Action

On April 4, 2017 the FY17-18 Budget Workshop included follow-up presentations on the City's Draft FY2018-2027 Capital Improvement Plan.

On March 21, 2017 the FY17-18 Budget Workshop included presentation of the Draft FY2018-2027 Capital Improvement Plan.

On March 7, 2017 the FY17-18 Budget Overview including; revenues and other future discussion items were presented to the City Council at the second in a series of budget workshops.

February 7, 2017, the FY17-18 Budget Overview including; calendar, process, legal requirements, major budget components and future discussion items was presented to the City Council at the first in a series of budget workshops.

On December 20, 2016, the General Fund and Major Operating Funds Five-Year Financial Forecast was presented at Council Workshop and initiated the FY17-18 budget process.

Community Benefit/Public Involvement

The community benefit of the City's budget process, policy direction, and budgetary decisions demonstrates sound financial decisions are made through a transparent and public process where ultimate budgetary decisions align with the strategic direction of the City and provide the public with information on services provided and Council priorities.

Budget and Financial Impacts

Budget and financial impacts are based on Council feedback.