

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: DEBORAH LAUCHNER, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 BUDGET
PRIORITIES

AGENDA ACTION: NO ACTION REQUIRED

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Finance Department that the Council hold a public hearing on budget priorities and consider written and oral comments as part of future budget deliberations. No action is necessary.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Every year, pursuant to the City Charter, the City Council holds a public hearing to solicit input from the community on priorities to be considered for the upcoming budget. This meeting complies with Charter requirements relative to posting and being held prior to the City Council goal setting meeting. It also marks the kick-off of the Fiscal Year 2017-18 budget process.

BACKGROUND

The City Charter, Section 28(a), states that "...not later than March 31st of each year and prior to any annual goal setting meeting held by the Council, the Council shall hold a public hearing seeking oral and written comment from the public on budget priorities for the upcoming fiscal year."

Public input is an important component to the preparation of the FY 2017-18 budget. This public hearing also provides information to the City Council as they establish and refine their Council Goals. In addition to this public hearing, members of the public may provide comments or suggestions at any time on the City's website.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

This is an annual public hearing held by the City Council.

ANALYSIS

Pursuant to City Charter, public hearing notices to solicit public input on budget priorities for next fiscal year (FY 2017-18) were published in the Press Democrat on January 3, 2017 and again on January 17, 2017. In addition to the public notice, advertisements were placed in the Empire Section of the Press Democrat on the same dates as the public hearing notice notifying the public of this hearing.

Also pursuant to City Charter, the public hearing on budget priorities will be held prior to the City Council goal setting meeting which is currently scheduled for March 10, 2017.

Comments and suggestions can also be directed to the City Clerk and/or the Budget Team at the following addresses:

Attn: City Clerk
Santa Rosa City Hall
100 Santa Rosa Ave.
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Attn: Budget Team
Finance Department
90 Santa Rosa Ave.
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Finally, the public may, at any time, provide input relative to the upcoming budget on the City's website. Comments and suggestions may be entered on comment forms on the Public Involvement page, located on the City's website at www.srcity.org/BudgetComments.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact from holding the public hearing.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

NOTIFICATION

Publication in the Press Democrat as listed above.

ATTACHMENTS

- None.

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