

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: ALAN ALTON, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET
PRIORITIES

AGENDA ACTION: PUBLIC HEARING

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 (FY) 2024-25 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 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, a public hearing notice to solicit public input on budget priorities for the next fiscal year was published in the Press Democrat on December 12, 2023, and again on December 19, 2023. Also pursuant to City Charter, the public hearing on budget priorities will be held prior to the City Council goal-setting meeting in 2024.

Written comments and suggestions can also be directed to, the City Clerk at the following addresses:

Attn: City Clerk
Santa Rosa City Hall
100 Santa Rosa Ave, Room 10
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Finally, the public may provide input relative to the upcoming budget on the City's Public Involvement page, located on the website at www.srcity.org/BudgetComments.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact from holding the public hearing.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The Council finds that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under section 15061(b)(3) and 15378 in that there is no possibility that the implementation of this action may have significant effects on the environment, and that no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Publication in the Press Democrat as listed above.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Public Notice December 2023

PRESENTER

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