



2015-2016 Budget One Public Engagement

March 24, 2014

People interested in following and/or providing input for the development of the 2015-16 budget will have many opportunities to participate in the process between now and December, when the City Council will approve the budget, including:

Budget 15/16 Website is available at: www.bellevuewa.gov/2015-16-budget-process.htm

- The website provides links and contact information for anyone interested in further information.

Statistically Valid Budget and Performance Surveys (completed in January, highlight information is included in this Council Workshop Book)

- **Budget Survey**
In preparation for the new budget, the City conducts a budget survey each biennium. The survey is designed to provide a statistically valid tool to enhance the City's knowledge of residents' perceptions about the City and to better understand community priorities and expectations regarding City services. This survey has been conducted every other year since 1998.
- **Performance Survey**
The methodology for the 2013 Performance Survey is the same as in the Budget Survey. Respondents were screened to ensure that they were a head of household in Bellevue who was 18 years or older.

Neighborhood Leadership Gathering

- On February 27, 2014 the Neighborhood Outreach team hosted a Neighborhood Leadership Gathering which assembled over 60 neighborhood leaders, invited to share their priorities for the City budget and their neighborhoods for the coming year. The full report can be found at: <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/2015-16-Budget-Involvement.htm>

Public Hearings in May, July, and November

- The City Council will hold three public hearings on the 2015-2016 budget to provide stakeholders multiple opportunities to officially comment on the operating and capital budgets. Two public hearings, one in May and the other in July, are held prior to the submission of the Preliminary Budget to the Council, and offer residents and other stakeholders the opportunity to let the Council know what issues are important to them. The third hearing, in November after the Council receives the Preliminary Budget, provides interested parties the chance to address new budget proposals and comment on significant budget issues.

Public comment at all Council meetings

- The public is welcomed and encouraged to speak during public comment at all Council meetings. The Council agendas are posted on the Council website.



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Boards and Commissions: http://www.bellevuewa.gov/boards_commissions.htm

- Five city boards and commissions provide input on the budget process.
 - Transportation Commission: provides funding recommendations on the Capital Investment Program (CIP) budget.
 - Environmental Services Commission: provides funding recommendations on both the operating and CIP budgets as well as rate recommendations.
 - Parks & Community Services Board: provides funding recommendations on the CIP budget.
 - Human Services Commission: provides funding recommendations on allocations to human services (City/CDBG) agencies.
 - Arts Commission: provides funding recommendations on arts acquisitions as well as allocations to arts groups.

E-mail/Contact Councilmembers: Council@bellevuewa.gov

Comments to the full Council may be emailed to the address above or submitted by phone to the Council Office at 452-452-7810 (to leave message).

E-mail/Contact Finance: FinanceDepartment@bellevuewa.gov

- **Presentations to Neighborhood Groups, Business Associations and Others**
The Finance Department will give presentations about the budget upon request to any group. Please contact us (425-452-5281) or at the email above.
- **Information Provided Upon Request**
Finally, the Finance Department responds to any communication received regarding the budget process. Please contact us (425-452-5281) or at the email above.