

City of Seattle Budget Primer

Urban Forestry Commission

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Today's presentation

- Budget process
- Timing
- Types of funds



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Who is involved

- Mayor
 - City Budget Office
 - City Departments
- City Attorney
- Council
- Public



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The budget

- Budget ordinance
 - Operating budget (O&M) - annual
- Capital Improvement Program – multi-year



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Budget timeline

- Budget submittal preparation: Feb – June
 - Mayor (w/Depts) develops and adjusts baseline budgets
- Proposed budget preparation: Jul – Sept
 - Mayor delivers proposed budget to Council
- Adopted budget preparation: Sept – Dec
 - Council reviews Mayor's proposal and propose changes
 - Public provides input
 - Councilmembers propose changes
 - Council votes to adopt the budget



Types of Money

- “Color of money”
 - General Fund
 - Commercial Parking Tax
 - Gas Tax
 - Real Estate Excise Tax
 - Levy
 - Grants
 - Capital budgets
 - Rate payer funds, and
 - Leveraged private dollars



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