

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12-035

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON ADOPTING THE 2023-2024 BIENNIAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Mayor presented the preliminary 2023-2024 Biennial Budget to City Council on October 3, 2022; and

WHEREAS, City Council conducted work sessions to review, evaluate, and interview City staff regarding revenue estimates, assumptions, and programmatic expenditure needs for the 2023-2024 Biennium; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the City of Bellingham's revenue forecast for the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget was held on October 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, public hearings on the City of Bellingham's preliminary 2023-2024 Biennial Budget were held on October 24, 2022 and November 7, 2022; and

WHEREAS, City Council, having made such adjustments and changes as it deems necessary, and having determined the allowance in each item, department, classification, and fund, is prepared to adopt the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget in its final form and content, in accordance with RCW 35.34.120.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES HEREBY ORDAIN THAT:

Section 1 – The budget for the City of Bellingham in the form and content as filed with the City Clerk and the supporting line items and worksheets is by this reference adopted and approved as the budget for the years 2023-2024 ("2023-2024 Biennial Budget"). Budgetary control for the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget will be at the fund level with the exception of the General Fund, which will be at the department level.

Section 2 – In summary form, the total of estimated resources and appropriations and ending reserves for each separate fund / subfund, and the aggregate totals for all such funds combined, in the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget appear as set forth in the following table:

Fund Number and Name	Estimated Beginning Reserve	Revenue	Expense	Estimated Ending Reserves	Change in Reserve Balance	Percent Change
Interest Allocation		1,233,974	-			
Office Of The Mayor		1,029,023	4,781,893			
City Council		476,193	2,169,083			
Hearing Examiner		44,000	288,102			
Museum		10,000	3,282,016			
Library		72,200	15,283,789			
Finance		5,303,095	7,663,399			

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	Human Resources		1,738,138	6,113,339			
	Legal		1,808,582	4,751,203			
	Municipal Court		2,246,900	6,058,974			
	Parks & Recreation		2,774,338	25,957,282			
	Planning & Comm Dev.		668,000	10,328,938			
	Fire		14,698,819	59,159,591			
	Police		1,755,574	65,094,972			
	Non-Departmental		175,006,276	15,792,544			
001	General Fund	55,000,000	208,865,111	226,725,126	37,139,985	(17,860,015)	-32%
111	Street	20,000,000	40,613,718	57,714,329	2,899,389	(17,100,611)	-86%
126	Library Gift	50,000	300,000	100,000	250,000	200,000	400%
136	Environmental Remediation	9,000,000	6,161,923	8,673,406	6,488,517	(2,511,483)	-28%
141	1st 1/4% REET	7,300,000	3,363,782	8,620,000	2,043,782	(5,256,218)	-72%
142	2nd 1/4% REET	12,000,000	6,199,231	12,200,000	5,999,231	(6,000,769)	-50%
151	Police Federal Equitable Share	100,000	2,244	66,443	35,801	(64,199)	-64%
152	Asset Forfeiture /Drug Enforce.	100,000	2,244	12,199	90,045	(9,955)	-10%
153	Criminal Justice	300,000	785,901	566,879	519,022	219,022	73%
160	Public Safety Dispatch	500,000	19,253,433	19,543,626	209,807	(290,193)	-58%
161	Transportation Fund	15,000,000	26,901,038	34,032,152	7,868,886	(7,131,114)	-48%
162	Publ Educ & Gov Acc TV	480,000	556,731	666,684	370,046	(109,954)	-23%
163	Restricted Equipment/PEG	770,000	182,276	251,000	701,276	(68,724)	-9%
173	Greenways	14,600,000	12,248,660	20,154,235	6,694,425	(7,905,575)	-54%
177	Park Impact	10,300,000	3,831,090	11,875,708	2,255,382	(8,044,618)	-78%
180	Tourism	1,900,000	4,535,510	4,186,098	2,249,412	349,412	18%
181	Low Income Housing	8,700,000	8,657,957	15,854,998	1,502,959	(7,197,041)	-83%
182	Affordable Housing Sales tax	3,600,000	8,143,769	7,617,242	4,126,527	526,527	15%
183	Tourism Promotion Area	-	3,368,916	2,500,000	868,916	868,916	0%
190	Comm. Dev. Block Grant	-	3,306,098	3,306,098	-	-	0%
191	Home Invest. Partnership Grant	-	1,679,999	1,679,999	-	-	0%
192	HUD Home Subfund	-	2,400,000	2,400,000	-	-	0%
224	2004 Sportsplex Acq. LTGO	-	569,075	569,075	-	-	0%
225	2004 PFD/Civic Field LTGO	-	1,657,275	1,657,275	-	-	0%
226	2011 QEC Bond	5,013,000	859,007	-	5,872,007	859,007	17%
227	2016 PFD Refunding Bonds	-	2,364,900	2,364,900	-	-	0%
228	2014 Solid Waste LTGO	-	1,275,450	1,275,450	-	-	0%
235	Governmental Debt Service	-	913,566	913,566	-	-	0%
371	Waterfront Construction #1	10,700,000	2,311,370	-	13,011,370	2,311,370	22%
410	Water Fund	21,000,000	48,109,154	55,607,318	13,501,835	(7,498,165)	-36%
411	Watershed Fund	19,000,000	12,836,282	13,579,878	18,256,404	(743,596)	-4%

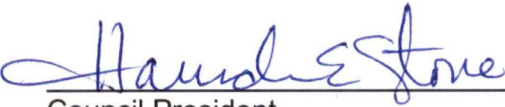
420	Wastewater Fund	60,000,000	66,304,403	102,061,144	24,243,260	(35,756,740)	-60%
430	Storm Surface Water Utility	8,100,000	32,778,837	38,697,362	2,181,475	(5,918,525)	-73%
456	Cemetery	225,000	719,048	924,170	19,878	(205,122)	-91%
460	Golf Course	65,000	4,301,458	4,328,238	38,220	(26,780)	-41%
465	Parking Services	300,000	5,716,371	5,491,050	525,320	225,320	75%
470	Medic One	20,000	25,355,419	24,926,734	448,685	428,685	2143%
475	Development Services	7,900,000	6,919,376	10,455,547	4,363,829	(3,536,171)	-45%
510	Fleet Administration	8,000,000	12,500,207	20,320,006	180,201	(7,819,799)	-98%
511	Radio Communications	2,000,000	2,934,872	3,000,091	1,934,780	(65,220)	-3%
530	Facilities Administration	3,000,000	16,391,429	17,826,768	1,564,660	(1,435,340)	-48%
540	Tech and Telecom	200,000	1,211,229	1,247,820	163,410	(36,590)	-18%
542	Computer Infra. Replacement	1,700,000	7,308,188	8,902,770	105,418	(1,594,582)	-94%
543	Information Technology Fund	10,000	10,587,571	10,232,365	365,206	355,206	3552%
550	Claims, Lit & Prop Loss Fund	3,500,000	4,972,420	4,514,433	3,957,986	457,986	13%
561	Unemployment compensation	500,000	293,218	367,125	426,093	(73,907)	-15%
562	Workers Comp Self-Insurance	1,200,000	1,126,923	1,580,350	746,573	(453,427)	-38%
565	Health Benefits Fund	4,000,000	37,205,744	40,034,903	1,170,841	(2,829,159)	-71%
570	PW Admin & Engineering	2,000,000	24,786,720	24,258,724	2,527,996	527,996	26%
612	Firefighter's Pensions	20,000,000	4,823,478	3,840,478	20,983,000	983,000	5%
613	Police Officer's Pensions	9,000,000	307,099	2,210,680	7,096,419	(1,903,581)	-21%
701	Greenways Maint. Endow	5,000,000	1,935,186	-	6,935,186	1,935,186	39%
702	Nat Res Protect & Restore	4,500,000	421,368	-	4,921,368	421,368	9%
965	Public Facilities District	2,118,544	4,712,721	4,491,255	2,340,011	221,467	10%
Total		358,751,544	705,868,993	844,425,699	220,194,839	(138,556,705)	-39%

Section 5 – The budget amends the Capital Facilities Plan to include capital projects included in this budget, as well projects approved by ordinance during the year and amends the Bellingham Comprehensive Plan. The list of projects contained in the Capital Facilities Plan shall be considered a part of the Capital Facilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Section 6 – If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected.

Section 7 – This ordinance shall be in force and take effect on January 1, 2023.

PASSED by the Council this 12th day of December, 2022.


Council President

APPROVED by me this 27 day of December, 2022.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Office of the City Attorney

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