



INFORMATION REQUEST

INFORMATION REQUEST #: IR-11-25

REQUESTED BY: Councillor Bennett

TOPIC: Public Consultation on the Budget

DATE OF REQUEST: Prior to GPC Meeting 2025

DATE OF RESPONSE: November 17, 2025

QUESTION:

What public consultation has occurred on the budget besides the in-person consultation meetings? Were there any online tools or opportunities for submissions?

Response

The public consultation process is twofold at the City. First, organizations in the community have an opportunity early in the year to apply for grants under the Civic Grants Program to be considered for funding in the upcoming budget, based on the Community Services Advisory Committee recommendation, and second, the public can ask questions during the public Q & A part of the budget deliberations process. The Q & A process takes place at the first GPC budget meeting. Council may ask Administration to research and inform Council on any item(s) that the public might bring up during the Q & A and Administration will bring forward information for Council's consideration as part of the information request process.

The budget package is shared with the public in advance of the budget deliberation meetings. For 2026, the budget document and budget highlights were made available to the public on November 10, 2025 with posts on all of the City's social media platforms. Currently, the City does not use any specific online tools to engage with the public on budget.

Background

Shared in the response above.

Financial Implications/Taxation Impact

None

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