

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 25-5483 FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE FY 2025-26 BUDGET, SETTING PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND TRANSMITTING THE APPROVED BUDGET TO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY TAX SUPERVISING AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Date: April 22, 2025

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Meeting date: May 1, 2025

Length: 30 minutes

ISSUE STATEMENT

The Chief Operating Officer, acting in their capacity as Budget Officer, presented the FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget to the Metro Council, convened as Budget Committee, at the April 10, 2025, Council meeting. This was a Public Hearing where the Council provided an opportunity to receive testimony from interested members of the public and agency stakeholders.

Additional meetings were held for department presentations and budget deliberations throughout the month of April 2025.

On May 1, 2025, Council, convened as Budget Committee, will vote to approve the full budget by way of Resolution 25-5483. Per Oregon Budget Law, changes to the budget from the Proposed to Approved stage require the affirmative vote of the majority of the Budget Committee membership.

Approval of the FY 2025-26 budget will be the final budget adoption action for Council, convened as Budget Committee, but Council will have additional opportunities to amend the budget, as the Governing Body, prior the vote to adopt the budget on June 12, 2025.

ACTION REQUESTED

- Consideration and vote on Resolution 25-5483 approving the FY 2025-26 budget, setting property tax levies, and transmitting the approved budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

Compliance with Oregon Budget Law.

POLICY QUESTION

Does the budget reflect Council priorities, policies, and goals?

POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

Approval of the budget, by Council convened as Budget Committee, will meet one of the legal mandates established by Oregon Budget Law.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer recommend that Council, convened as Budget Committee, adopt Resolution 25-5483, approving the FY 2025-26 budget as adjusted, setting property tax levies, and authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to submit the FY 2025-26 Approved Budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget was released electronically to Council and posted to Metro's budget webpage for the public, on April 4, 2025, and presented by the Chief Operating Officer, in their capacity as the Budget Officer, to the Council, sitting as Budget Committee, on April 10, 2025.

Relationship to Metro's Strategic Plan, racial equity, and climate action goals

By approving the FY 2025-26 Budget, Metro is one step closer to adopting a budget that will focus on programming related to Metro's guiding principles of racial justice, climate justice and resiliency, and shared prosperity.

Known Opposition: None known.

Legal Antecedents: The preparation, review and adoption of Metro's annual budget is subject to the requirements of Oregon Budget Law, ORS Chapter 294. Oregon Revised Statutes 294.635 requires that Metro prepare and submit its Approved Budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission. The Commission will conduct a hearing on May 29, 2025, for the purpose of receiving information from the public regarding the Approved Budget. Following the hearing, the Commission will certify the budget to the Council for adoption and may provide recommendations to the Council regarding any aspect of the budget.

Anticipated Effects: Adoption of Resolution 25-5483 will set the maximum tax levies for FY 2025-26 and authorize the Chief Operating Officer to transmit of the Approved Budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission.

Budget Impacts: The total amount of the FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget with adjustments is \$1,855,194,431 with 1,128.15 FTE.

BACKGROUND

The actions taken by this resolution are the interim steps between initial proposal of the budget and final adoption of the budget in June. Oregon Budget Law requires that Metro approve and transmit its budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC). Members of the TSCC are appointed by the Governor to supervise local government budgeting and taxing activities in Multnomah County. The TSCC will hold a Public Hearing on Metro's budget on May 29, 2025, in the Metro Council Chambers at 11:00 a.m. Following the meeting, the TSCC will provide a letter of certification for Metro's budget. The Council's adoption of the final FY 2025-26 budget is currently scheduled for June 12, 2025.

Oregon Budget Law requires the Budget Committee of each local jurisdiction to set the property tax levies for the ensuing year at the time the budget is approved. Under Oregon Budget Law the Metro Council sits as the Budget Committee for this action. The tax levies must be summarized in the resolution that approves the budget and cannot be increased beyond this amount following approval without resubmitting the budget to the TSCC and holding an additional TSCC Public Hearing. Metro's levy for general obligation debt reflects actual debt service levies for all outstanding general obligation bonds. The levy authorization for FY 2025-26 budget also includes

the 5-year local option levy for Parks and Natural Areas support, which was renewed by the voters in November 2022, as well as the levy for Metro's permanent tax rate for general operations.

ATTACHMENTS

None