

Subject: Ordinance #1575 – Public Hearing on Preliminary City of Ruston 2024 Budget

Dept. Origin: Mayor’s Office
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For Agenda of: October 17, 2023
Exhibits: None

Proposed Council Action:

This is on for a Preliminary Public Hearing on the City of Ruston 2024 Budget.

	Initial & Date
Concurred by Mayor:	_____
Approved by City Planner:	_____
Approved as to form by City Atty:	<u>JSR/10-12-23</u>
Approved by Finance Director:	_____
Approved by Department Head:	_____

INFORMATION / BACKGROUND

In accordance with State law,¹ the Mayor of the City of Ruston will complete and place on file with the City Clerk-Treasurer a proposed preliminary budget and estimate of the amount of monies required to meet the public expenses, interest, reserve funds, and expense of government of the city of Ruston for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. The Council is required to adopt its budget ordinance prior to January 1, 2024.²

On October 17, 2023 the Council will hold a preliminary public hearing to hear from the public about their budget priorities. The final public hearing on the budget will be held on November 21, 2023. The final public hearing must take place prior to budget adoption. The City is required to pass the budget before the end of this calendar year.

The City Council Budget consideration schedule for Fiscal Year 2024 is as follows:

Mayor’s Budget Message to Council:	October 3, 2023
Council discussion of revenue sources:	October 17, 2023
Public Hearing on Revenue Sources	October 17, 2023
Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget	October 17, 2023
Adoption of Tax Levy Ordinance No. 1561	November 7, 2023
Public Hearing on Proposed Budget	November 21, 2023
Budget Discussion #1:	October 17, 2023
Budget Discussion #2:	November 7, 2023
Budget Discussion #3:	November 21, 2023
Budget Discussion #4:	December 5, 2023

¹ RCW 35A.33.052.

² RCW 35A.33.075.

Prior to budget adoption, the City Clerk will have fully complied with state law³ by publishing notice of the availability of the budget for public review and publishing notice of the required public hearings on the City's proposed tax levy and budget, including a preliminary and final budget hearing.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION

The 2024 Budget Ordinance will establish the appropriations necessary to authorize expenditures for each of the City's funds. This information will be detailed in Ordinance #1575.

RECOMMENDATION / MOTION

This is on for the Preliminary Budget Public Hearing. Hold the Public Hearing.

MOTION 1: I move to open the public hearing.

[Take testimony.]

MOTION 2: I move to close the public hearing.

³ RCW 35A.33.060 and RCW 84.55.120.