
USER'S GUIDE TO THE BUDGET DOCUMENT

The budget document describes how the City of Tigard plans to meet the needs of the community. It is also a resource for residents interested in learning more about the operation of their city government.

The city budget fulfills several functions:

- The budget is a communication tool. It explains the various demands, needs, constraints, resources and opportunities it faces. It communicates the choices made and the direction in which the city is headed.
- The budget is an important policy document. Through the annual budget process, city operations and processes are reviewed in a comprehensive manner. The city reviews the needs of the community, priorities and goals, and then matches resources against those needs, priorities, and goals. Resources are limited, so choices must be made. The annual budget reflects those choices.
- The budget also serves as an operational guide. It identifies work programs and goals to be achieved for each city department or division in the coming fiscal year.
- The budget is an accounting document. It establishes guidelines that the city uses to measure and control expenditures and to track its revenues.

The budget document has been organized to assist the reader in understanding how and why the city budgets and to provide summary level information at the beginning of the budget document with more detailed information at the end. The document provides high level summary in further detail, each section of the document is also arranged in this manner.

The City of Tigard's budget document is divided into the following sections:

Introduction

The Introduction contains the Budget Transmittal from the City Manager. This letter summarizes the major provisions that have been included in the FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget. It includes a discussion of the major policy issues that were considered and major changes from last year. This section also contains what the council plans to focus on through 2021-22, providing the foundation and direction for many of the choices made in constructing this budget. Also included is general city information about Tigard, including a map that shows the city's boundaries.

Reader's Guide

Reader's Guide provides an overview of the budget process, the basis of budgeting, and the budget structure. This section is designed to help familiarize the reader with the city and the budget.

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Budget Summary

The Budget Summary is designed to give the reader an overall view of the entire city budget.

This section contains summary charts and information to provide a one-stop picture of the budget. These high-level summaries provide an easy reference for overall city trends and conditions.

This section also presents the Comprehensive Long Term Financial Forecast. The Financial Forecast projects city revenues and expenses for major operational areas of the city over the next six years, based on current conditions. The city uses the forecast to identify future trends, needed corrective action, and to forecast the success of current financial efforts.

Revenue Analysis

The Revenue Analysis section contains information about the city's primary sources of revenue across all funds. This section explains Oregon's property tax system and summarizes the City of Tigard's property tax revenues and assessed valuation. This section also provides historical trend information for each of the city's major revenue categories.

Program Summaries

The city's operating budget is organized by major functional program areas: Community Services, Public Works, Community Development and Policy and Administration. Each functional area contains one or more operating departments or budget units. The Program Summaries section provides detailed information for each program area by department and budget unit. The information in this section includes a program-level narrative and summary expenditures and authorized position counts.

The Program sections include a narrative for each budget division presenting the long term results the unit is working to achieve, a description of the unit's services and activities, FY 2021-22 goals, and major highlights of the unit's budget.

Community Services Program

Community Services includes budget appropriations and explanatory material for the Community Services Program. The Community Services Program includes Police, Library and Social Services and Community Events.

Public Works Program

Public Works section includes budget appropriations and explanatory material for the Public Works Program. The Public Works Program includes Public Works Administration, Engineering, Parks Maintenance, Recreation, Sanitary Sewer, Stormwater, Street Maintenance, Street Lights and Signals, and Water.

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Community Development Program

Community Development section includes budget appropriations and explanatory material for the Community Development Program which includes Community Development Planning, Building and Economic Development.

Policy and Administration Program

Policy and Administration section includes budget appropriations and explanatory material for the Mayor and Council, City Attorney, City Management, Central Services and Finance and Information Services.

Capital Improvement Plan

This section provides information about the city's six-year capital improvement program. It includes information about major construction and capital acquisition projects that are planned during FY 2021-22 as well as projections of capital needs over the following four years.

Debt Service

The Debt Service section presents information on the City of Tigard's outstanding long term debt. This section shows current and future debt service requirements, calculations of debt ratios, the comparison to statutory debt limitations, and debt service schedules.

Fund Summaries

The Fund Summaries section shows the city's fund structure and detailed fund reconciliations for each fund managed by the city. A fund is a self-balancing set of accounts and is used to track revenues and expenditures for specific operations. Under Oregon law and "accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America," revenues and expenditures of individual funds may not be co-mingled. This section shows current and historical information on the resources and requirements of each of the city's funds.

Appendix

The Appendix section contains a variety of other budget-related information to assist the reader, such as salary schedules, staffing summary, the city's financial policies, and a glossary of terms used in the budget. This section also includes a listing of advisory board and committee members.

BUDGET PROCESS

The annual budget begins several months prior to adoption. In November staff completes a six year forecast of all revenues, expenditures and fund balances. The forecast takes the budget and known future changes in fees, technology, laws and impact of capital construction on operating costs. The forecast does not assume future decisions in staffing levels or proposed programs. By producing a forecast on known items, it allows the city to see the size of decisions that need to be made. As the city works through the budget process in the following months, the forecast is continually updated.

The City Manager reviews the forecasts for all funds and directs which future expenditures must be postponed or eliminated to ensure a stable financial future, but still provide the necessary resources to continue to provide current services at the same level of service in the future and accomplish city goals that are set by council in December.

Budget parameters and guidelines for the coming fiscal year are set in relation to the finalized six year forecast. Guidelines can include the number of additional or reduced staffing allowed in the budget requests, changes in programs, equipment replacement, etc. In January, department staff prepares their requested budgets to fulfill City Council goals set for the coming year. These goals and the necessary resources to accomplish them are included in the budget requests and may require adjustments to the forecast and budget guidelines.

After departments submit their requested budgets, Finance staff, and the City Manager reviews the requests and meets with the departments to discuss the requests and obtain additional information to assist with their analysis. In March and April, Finance staff finalizes their budget analyses and meets with the City Manager and department directors to review the requests. The City Manager makes decisions on the requested budgets, which are then incorporated into the proposed budget.

In April, the City Manager presents the proposed budget to the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee, in accordance with Oregon Budget Law, is made up of the City Council and an equal number of Tigard resident members. In Tigard's case, the Budget Committee is comprised of the Mayor, four council members, and five residents. All budget meetings are open to the public and are required to be advertised. At each budget meeting, time for public comment and input is provided. After all input has been received, the Budget Committee approves the budget with any changes and forwards it to the City Council for adoption.

In June, the City Council holds another public hearing to allow for additional public comment. After the public hearing, the approved budget is adopted by City Council resolution. The adopted budget takes effect on July 1. According to Oregon Budget Law, a budget must be adopted prior to July 1.

BUDGET PROCESS

Budget Timeline	
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance staff updates the six year revenue and expenditure forecasts and sets growth trends and baselines. • City Manager reviews forecasts and sets guidelines and policy. • City Council establishes goals for the year. • Finance staff prepares budget instructions, provides training as required, and distributes budget guidelines to department staff.
December-January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departments prepare budget requests for review by Finance staff. • Finance staff reviews requests and prepares budget analysis. • Departments and Finance staff review budget requests
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The six year forecast is updated based on requested budget amounts and projections for the current fiscal year. • Requested budgets and budget analyses are submitted to the City Manager. Budget discussions between the City Manager, department directors, and Finance staff take place.
March-April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance staff updates six year forecast based on proposed budget. • The proposed budget document is produced by Finance staff. • Budget Committee meetings are advertised.
April-May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City Manager's proposed budget is submitted to the Budget Committee. Public meetings are held to present the proposed budget to the Budget Committee to discuss and to allow community comment. The Budget Committee makes changes and then approves the budget before forwarding it to the City Council for adoption. • Finance staff updates six year forecast based on approved budget and revised projections for current fiscal year revenues and expenditures. • Public Hearing Notice for Budget Adoption is advertised.
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A public hearing before City Council is held to allow the community to comment on the approved budget. After the public hearing, the Approved Budget is adopted by City Council resolution. • Finance staff updates six year forecast based on adopted budget.
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The adopted budget document is produced by Finance staff. • The adopted budget takes effect.

BUDGET PROCESS

Budget Revision Procedures

Oregon Local Budget Law establishes procedures to revise the budget as events occur after budget adoption. The type of event determines the procedures to be followed.

Budget Amendment

The adopted budget appropriates contingencies in several funds. As allowed by Oregon Local Budget Law, contingencies cannot be used unless transferred to a specific appropriation by Council Resolution amending the budget.

Budget amendments during a fiscal year cannot exceed 10% of fund appropriations without approval of a supplemental budget. However, the City of Tigard elects to have a council hearing for all changes in fund appropriations, regardless of size.

Supplemental Budgets

In accordance with Oregon Local Budget Law, a supplemental budget is required to appropriate increased resources within a fund (except for gifts, grants, and donations), or if total budget amendments in a fund exceed 10% of the original adopted appropriations. If at least ten taxpayers make a written request within ten days of the notice, the council must refer the supplemental budget to the Budget Committee prior to consideration and action.

BASIS OF BUDGETING

The basis of budgeting is largely the same as the basis of accounting with a few exceptions. Budgets are prepared in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting for Governmental Fund Types. Proprietary Fund Type budgets follow the accrual basis of accounting, with the exception that depreciation is not shown as a budgetary expense. Proprietary funds also accrue compensated absences when incurred and become a fund liability. In the governmental funds, compensated absences are paid from current resources and are reported as an expenditure in the year they are paid. And finally, both governmental and proprietary funds show debt service proceeds as a resource and debt service payments as an expense under the budgetary basis of accounting.

Activities of the general fund, special revenue funds, debt service funds, capital project funds, enterprise funds, and internal service funds are included in the annual appropriated budget. Annual appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year (June 30). The level of budgetary control (that is, the level at which expenditures cannot legally exceed the appropriated amount), is established at the program level within each individual fund. The city maintains an encumbrance accounting system as one technique of accomplishing budgetary control.



Tigard City Council adopted a Strategic Plan to make Tigard the most walkable city in the Pacific NW where people of all ages and abilities enjoy healthy and interconnected lives. In honor and celebration of this goal, the city hosts walking events that feature different parts of the city and share new and interesting places to walk that residents might not know about.

FUND STRUCTURE

The City of Tigard uses various funds to account for its revenues and expenditures. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Also, funds are categorized by fund type as defined by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and Oregon Budget Law.

The revenues in each fund may be spent only for the purpose specified by the fund. For example, the revenues in the Water Fund may be used only for purposes related to water operations. However, the General Fund is the primary exception to this rule. The General Fund is used to account for general-purpose revenues and operations of the city. City operations budgeted in the General Fund include, Police, Library, Parks, Planning and Mayor and Council. In FY 2021-22, the city will use the following fund types:

- **General:** account for resources not accounted for in other funds. These resources support most central business services, public safety services, cultural/leisure services and some public development services.
- **Enterprise:** account for goods or services which are provided on a continuing basis to the general public and are financed primarily through user charges. Enterprise funds in Tigard include: Sanitary Sewer, Stormwater, Water, Water CIP, Water Debt Service, Water Quality/Water Quantity, and Water SDC.
- **Special Revenue:** account for restricted resources designated for specific uses. In Tigard, these funds are Building, City Gas Tax, Criminal Forfeiture, Electrical Inspection, Gas Tax, Library Donation and Bequests, Parks Bond, Parks SDC, Park Utility, Police Levy, Street Maintenance, Transient Lodging Tax, Transportation Development Tax, Transportation SDC, Underground Utility and Urban Forestry.
- **Debt Service:** account for the accumulation of resources for the payment of debt principal and interest. Bancroft debt service and general obligation debt service fall into this category.
- **Capital Funds:** account for financial resources for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of capital facilities. These funds include Facilities Capital Projects, Parks Capital and Transportation CIP.
- **Internal Service:** Account for goods or services provided internally from one department to another. The Central Services Fund, Fleet and Property Management Fund, Public Works Admin Fund, Public Works Engineering Fund, and Insurance Fund are the five internal service funds in Tigard.

A Summary of All Funds is provided in the Budget Summary section to show a summary of each of the funds resources and requirements as budgeted and more detailed breakdown is shown in the Fund Summaries section. Resources include beginning fund balances, current revenues and transfers in from other funds. Requirements include operating expenditures, debt service, loans, capital improvements, transfers out to other funds contingencies and ending fund balances or reserves. The FY 2021-22 budget is a balanced budget where total resources equal total requirements in each fund.

Program Budget Structure

The city adopts and manages its budget by program. Each program is an aggregation of departments and their divisions that are similar in nature or function.

FUND STRUCTURE

Program	Department	Division
Community Services	Police	Administration Operations Support Services
	Library	Administration Readers' Services Technical Services Circulation
	Social Services/Community Events	Social Services Community Events
Public Works	Public Works	Administration Engineering Parks Maintenance Recreation Sanitary Sewer Streets Stormwater Water Street Lights & Signals
Community Development	Community Development	Community Planning Building Economic Development
Policy and Administration	City Attorney	City Attorney
	City Management	City Manager's Office Human Resources Risk Management
	Mayor and Council	Mayor and Council
	Central Services	Design/Communications City Recorder/Records Municipal Court Property Management Fleet Maintenance
	Finance and Information Services	Administration Financial Operations Utility Billing Information Technology Contracts and Purchasing

PROGRAM BUDGET STRUCTURE

A breakdown of each of these programs, departments, and budget units' expenditures can be found in the individual program sections.

In addition to the operating programs, the budget includes the following functions:

- Debt Service includes appropriations for interest and principal on all types for debt, i.e. general obligation, local improvement districts, loans and both short term and long-term debt for construction projects.
- Loans to the Town Center Development Agency (TCDA), the city's urban renewal district, are for catalyst projects in the downtown and Tigard Triangle plans. As the Urban Renewal District generates more tax increment financing revenues in the future, it will be able to finance its own projects. Until then, the city may loan monies to the TCDA, which will be repaid as outlined in the intergovernmental agreement between the two entities.
- Capital Improvement includes appropriations for all major construction project expenditures. Capital improvement projects are included in the long range plan for city facilities and infrastructure.
- Transfers will be made between funds when the revenue received in one fund for an expense that occurs in another fund or when city functions have more than one funding source. Another primary reason for transfers is for a fund to pay for services provided by another fund.
- Contingency includes allowance for unforeseen needs that have not been planned for in the current budget and some reserves. Contingency can only be accessed by City Council resolution.