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CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Roll Call: Bitetto, Brown, Cole, Hochstatter, Reed and Stuard

PROCLAMATION

1. Native American Heritage Month

The following items are distributed to Councilmembers in advance for study and review, and the recommended actions will be accepted in a single motion. Any item may be removed for further discussion if requested by a Councilmember.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of check and electronic payments in the amount of [\\$16,088,336.66](#).
2. Approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting of October 16, 2023 and the 23rd of October, 2023, study session.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Resolution No. 1664 - Ad Valorem Property Tax

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. **Unfinished Business**
2. **Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes)**
Members of the community who wish to give public comment are strongly encouraged to join the meeting via the provided link or by telephone. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please submit your public comment in writing via email to the City Clerk at Michelledc@sumnerwa.gov no later than 5:30pm on the day of the meeting. Any written comments received will be read into the record and/or distributed to the City Council. Please contact the City Clerk at 253-299-5590 with any questions.
3. **New Business**

- a. Ordinance No. 2873 - Compensation for Municipal Court Judge and Judges ProTempore
- b. 2024 Legislative Agenda
- 4. **Reports**
 - a. Council
 - b. City Administrator
 - c. Mayor
- 5. **Executive Session**
- 6. **Adjournment**

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PROCLAMATION
Recognizing Native American Heritage Month

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we are on the traditional homelands of the Native American Coast Salish people, including the Puyallup Tribe of Indians and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate throughout the year the diverse cultures who make Sumner vibrant, we also want to specially recognize that the first people on this land were these Indigenous Peoples, with everyone coming later, often through violent painful conflict and displacement of the Indigenous people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sumner acknowledges that Native American Tribes are not just part of our past but an integral part of our present and future; and

WHEREAS, we seek continued partnership among our governments for projects like the White River Restoration, restoring over 170 acres of land along the White River, creating side-channels and wetlands as large storage area for floodwaters to enhance habitat for endangered salmon; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the indigenous people of the Puyallup, Muckleshoot and other Tribes continue to live, work, raise their children, care for communities, uphold traditional practices and speak their native languages – just as their ancestors did; and

WHEREAS, the City offers its greatest respect to the Puyallup Indian Tribe and Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and their Elders and reaffirms our commitment to support the preservation of traditions and culture of the Tribes and to honor the unique heritage of our first inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the City joins Washington State and other states across the nation in celebrating Native American Heritage Month, honoring the unique heritage and reaffirming the commitment to respect each tribe's sovereignty and cultural identity.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Sumner joins Washington State and other states in proclaiming November 2023 as **Native American Heritage Month** as we commit to uplifting the voices, experiences, and histories of the Indigenous people of this land and beyond.

Dated this 6th day of November 2023.

Kathy Hayden, Mayor

SUBJECT: Approval of check and electronic payments in the amount of [\\$16,088,336.66](#).

CATEGORY: Consent

BUDGET IMPACT:

Expenditure Required: None

Within Budget Allocation: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Voucher Approvals

STAFF CONTACT: Jeff Steffens, Administrative Services Director

SUMMARY BACKGROUND:

Checks and electronic payments.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE/STUDY SESSION:

MEETING/STUDY SESSION DATE:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS/MOTION:

Approve as presented.



CLAIMS VOUCHER APPROVAL

City of Sumner
Finance Department

The following check/electronic payments are approved for payment:

Accounts Payable Check #:	From: 31827	To: 31917	\$1,262,276.95
Use Tax (paid to WA State Department of Revenue)	n/a	n/a	\$5,895.33
Voided Check(s)	-	-	\$0.00
Voided EFT(s)	-	-	\$0.00
AP Electronic (EFTs) Payments:	From: 637	To: 641	\$946,772.25
AP Wire(s):	From: 15296	To: 15297	\$451.07
Payroll & Benefits Electronic Payments	From: 9/5/2023	To: 9/19/2023	\$847,131.65
Payroll & Benefits Checks	From: 10022	To: 10023	\$6,695.00
		TOTAL	\$3,069,222.25

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the materials have been furnished, the service rendered, or the labor performed as described herein, and that the claim is a just, due, and unpaid obligation against the City of Sumner and I am authorized to authenticate and certify to said claim.

Kassandra Raymond
City of Sumner Officer

10/30/2023 | 3:54 PM PDT
Date

We, the undersigned Finance and Personnel Committee of the City of Sumner City Council, do hereby certify that the check numbers and electronic payments listed above are approved for payment in the amount of:

\$3,069,222.25

DocuSigned by:

Patricia Cole

10/26/2023 | 1:11 PM PDT

Date

DocuSigned by:

Barbara Bitetto

10/26/2023 | 8:53 AM PDT

Date

DocuSigned by:

E. Steward

10/29/2023 | 10:43 AM PDT

Date

DocuSigned by:



CLAIMS VOUCHER APPROVAL

City of Sumner

Finance Department

The following check/electronic payments are approved for payment:

Accounts Payable Check #:	From: 31918	To: 32037	\$633,025.57
Use Tax (paid to WA State Department of Revenue)	n/a	n/a	\$1,212.98
Voided Check(s)	-	-	\$0.00
Voided EFT(s)	-	-	\$0.00
AP Electronic (EFTs) Payments:	From: 642	To: 651	\$220,838.46
AP Wire(s):	From: 15298	To: 15301	\$102,562.96
Payroll & Benefits Electronic Payments	From: 9/20/2023	To: 10/4/2023	\$657,770.28
Payroll & Benefits Checks	From: -	To: -	\$0.00
		TOTAL	\$1,615,410.25

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CLAIMS VOUCHER APPROVAL

City of Sumner

Finance Department

The following check/electronic payments are approved for payment:

Accounts Payable Check #:	From: 32038	To: 32156	\$826,013.27
Use Tax (paid to WA State Department of Revenue)	n/a	n/a	\$269.55
Voided Check(s)	-	-	\$0.00
Voided EFT(s)	-	-	\$0.00
AP Electronic (EFTs) Payments:	From: 652	To: 664	\$539,976.44
AP Wire(s):	From: 15302	To: 15305	\$9,028,052.33
Payroll & Benefits Electronic Payments	From: 10/5/2023	To: 10/19/2023	\$997,302.57
Payroll & Benefits Checks	From: 10024	To: 10025	\$12,090.00
		TOTAL	\$11,403,704.16

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Chief Financial Officer

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Committee Member

10/26/2023 | 1:11 PM PDT

Date

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SUBJECT: Approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting of October 16, 2023 and the 23rd of October, 2023, study session.

CATEGORY: Consent

BUDGET IMPACT:

Expenditure Required: None

Within Budget Allocation: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Minutes - October 23, 2023
2. Minutes - October 16, 2023

STAFF CONTACT:

SUMMARY BACKGROUND:

Minutes from the previous two meetings.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE/STUDY SESSION:

MEETING/STUDY SESSION DATE:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS/MOTION:

Approve as presented.



The city conducted this public meeting using a hybrid model, in-person and Zoom.

Staff present: City Administrator Jason Wilson, City Attorney Andrea Marquez, Communications Director Carmen Palmer, Development Services Director Doug Beagle, Administrative Services Director Jeff Steffens, Police Chief Brad Moericke, Deputy City Attorney Maili Barber and City Engineer Michael Kosa.

Mayor Hayden called to order the Study Session at 6:00pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Bitetto, Brown, Cole, Hochstatter, Reed (arrived at 6:30pm) and Stuard

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Police Department Update
2. 2024 Legislative Agenda
3. Sound Transit Construction Update
4. Resolution No. 1664 – Ad Valorem Property Tax

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

AGENDA SETTING

1. Council Meeting Agenda Calendar
2. Council Committee Meeting Calendar

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, Mayor Hayden adjourned the meeting at 8:08pm.

Attest:

Kathy Hayden, Mayor

Michelle Converse, City Clerk, CMC



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Staff present: City Administrator Jason Wilson, City Attorney Andrea Marquez, Administrative Services Director Jeff Steffens, Police Chief Brad Moericke, Chief Financial Officer Cassandra Raymond, Assistant City Attorney Maili Barber, City Engineer Michael Kosa, and Senior Planner Ann Siegenthaler

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUMNER CITY COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR HAYDEN AT 6:00PM.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Roll Call: Bitetto, Brown, Cole, Hochstatter, Reed and Stuard

PROCLAMATION

A Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation was read into the record by Mayor Hayden.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY HOCHSTATTER SECONDED BY BITETTO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the meeting minutes from the regular council meeting of September 18th, 2023 and the study sessions of September 25th and October 9th, 2023.
2. Separation Agreement (John Kaylor)

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing tonight.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business tonight.

2. Public Comment

Melody Adams-Forsstrom

Randall Adams

Rose Giffin

Nick Biermann

Lindsay Norlin

Amie Rang

Spencer Gray

Ann Canton

Spoke during Public Comment. All speakers discussed the Ryan House, and a number of different matters were expressed including: feelings that the City's decision-making process lacked transparency, questions and confusion about funding and comments that the City should fundraise and/or pull funding from other projects that they don't want, comments related to the Ryan House's historic value and general comments about the petition filed by the "Save our Sumner Committee" with the Growth Management Hearing's Board.

3. New Business

a. Ordinance No. 2872 – 2023/2024 Budget Amendment – Q3

MOVED BY COLE SECONDED BY HOCHSTATTER TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2872, AMENDING THE 2023/2024 BIENNIAL BUDGET QUARTER THREE.

Chief Operating Officer Kassandra Raymond addressed the Council.

Discussion ensued.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

b. Appointment to Sumner Planning Commission – Adriann LaMear

MOVED BY BROWN SECONDED BY HOCHSTATTER TO CONFIRM THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF ADRIANN LAMEAR TO A TERM ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION ENDING APRIL 2026.

Senior Planner Ann Siegenthaler addressed the council.

Council thanked the new commissioner and in turn, thanked the council for the opportunity and is excited to serve the community.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

4. Reports

a. Council

Deputy Mayor Hochstatter thanked the public for voicing their opinions regarding the Ryan House. However, there is still quite a bit of misinformation being shared. Deputy Mayor encouraged staff to continue providing information with the public. She hopes that will clear up some of the comments that she heard tonight.

Councilmember Stuard had no comments tonight.

Councilmember Bitetto enjoyed the Homecoming Parade and seeing the local support.

Both Councilmembers Brown and Reed thanked the newly appointment Planning Commissioner Adriann LaMear for her service to the community and both ending their comments by thanking the community for sharing their comments tonight.

b. City Administrator

City Administrator Jason Wilson reported on the following:

- October 23, 2023 – Study Session
 - Sound Transit Parking Garage Update
 - Police Department Update
 - 2024 Legislative Agenda

- 2024 Ad Valorem Property Tax
- October 30, 2023 – 5th Monday, no meeting

Miscellaneous:

- Sunset Festival of Bands will be held at Sunset Stadium on Saturday, October 28th starting at 9am. More information can be found on their website, sunsetfestivalofbands.org. The event is privately organized, and the City is a sponsor.
- Street of Treats returns Tuesday October 31st from 5-7pm. Street of Treats is hosted by the Sumner Main Street Association with sponsorship from the City of Sumner.

c. **Mayor**

Mayor Hayden attended the High School Homecoming Parade and appreciated seeing the community's support. That's what Sumner is about!

5. Executive Session

There was none tonight.

6. Adjournment

With no other matters before the Council, Mayor Hayden adjourned the meeting at 6:52pm. Councilmembers concurred.

ATTEST:

Michelle Converse, City Clerk

Kathy Hayden, Mayor

To Whom it may concern:

I understand the City Council is taking public comment about the Ryan House and its future (or lack of). Let me first say that I don't support the demolition of the house. One of the reasons I moved to Sumner was because of its small-town charm which is currently being stripped at every turn. I am not so naive that I don't understand that there must be some growth, and I also understand the politics of it. But if you look at the changes in our area over the last 20 years, we are losing our soul at a rapid pace. The Ryan House is one of the last pieces of Sumner's past.

Of the four options listed in the news article, I cannot support the last two options resulting in the demolition of the house. I understand the costs involved, but I honestly believe that the City of Sumner had a responsibility to care for and maintain what was given to them in good faith. You failed to do that, and therefore SHOULD bear the consequences. If that means you put something else on the back burner, so be it. Poor management of property is not an excuse. Show Sumner residents that you are doing your job.

You can do better, make it right!

Kay McArthur

Please save the Ryan House from demolition!

My family has been a long time resident of Sumner for decades and have seen Sumner grown into a unique suburb with tons of charm and history. Please keep the history alive by saving the Ryan House.

It appears that the potential demolition of the Ryan House has not been very transparent and very little notification to the community for input. Please take time to include your residents and stakeholders in the discussion of this decision prior to taking a vote to demolish this historic site. At

the very least, postpone the vote.

It seems very unlikely that the two million dollar renovation price tag is realistic! I'm sure a group of dedicated citizens could work hard to find federal, state and county grants to help fund the necessary renovations to bring preserve the Ryan House.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carol Cullivan

Hey Jason,

Hope you are doing well. It's been forever since I've talked to you. The reason I'm writing is because I heard about the Ryan House last week. I am just sick about it, but completely understand why the City will likely be taking it down. I was wondering if you would be willing to let my curator and I into the house prior to any demolition so that we can document it. We have 3D software and have specific things we photograph for various reasons that can be connected to the information and archives we already have in our Collections. We know that Ezra served on the jury with Mr. Kincaid and that the two of them voted in opposition to hanging Chief Leschi. Ezra admired Mr. Kincaid, and it is our understanding that after his family left the home, Ezra worked with the Ryan's to eventually move into the Kincaid's former residence and then add on to it. The last part we have as part of our oral history records from the Sumner Historical Society members, so we do not have published proof. However, based on the timeline and our other records, it is likely Ezra knew Mr. Ryan.

We are familiar with documenting properties and do that quite often here for multiple cities, plus the county and the state. We are happy to share any and all photos with the city if you'd like, and we would also offer copies to the Sumner Historical Society, if and when, they are interested. We have communicated with Dale several times regarding their society's move from the property. When they sold and gave away many of the items in the house before their move, Dale contacted us ahead of time so four of our volunteers and our curator were there to get as many items as possible. Many of them had accession numbers from their database and look like they belonged to the Ryans. We plan to store them until such time as the Historical Society can find a new home to display the items. We have also talked with them about holding meetings here, but to date, that has not happened. We are also working with Heritage Quest and the Orting Historical Society for the same reasons. Our goal is to work with smaller organizations to ensure that the local heritage does not disappear.

Let me know if documenting the property is a possibility.

I look forward to hearing from you,
Shelly

P.S. If you and your wife would ever like to tour the Mansion, I'd love to have you over. I've had Ryan and Michelle here. Restoring, preserving and operating 130+ year old buildings is not for the faint of heart. All of us here appreciate the position the city is in right now as owner of the Ryan House property. It's taken us 50+ years and 100's of volunteers to get where we are right now. We are all wishing you and the City only the best of outcomes.

Shelly Schlumpf
President Cultural Heritage Center at Meeker Mansion

Hi Carmen:

Thank you for the information. I have contacted my siblings and referred the information on to them. I've also been in discussions with Dale and a cousin, Carol Peterkin Myers. I will not be attending the city council meeting Monday but sister, Nancy Ryan Dressel; and brother Tom Ryan plan to be there. I personally do not want anything as they demolish the house but Nancy and Tom may have an interest. I've told them all that if they do, to make arrangements with you directly.

I'm sure the city will share plans for the park and I'll see them through Dale. My only concern is that Carol Myers wants to call it Lucy Ryan Green which, as I explained to her, sounded like Lucy's full name. I prefer "Lucy Ryan Memorial Park" since "Green" is not a common NW designation.

Thanks again during this sad time but I do understand the circumstances.

Mary Beth Ryan

Dear Mayor Hayden and Council,

It was a surprise to learn about the current situation regarding the Ryan House. It is of particular interest to me as Lucy Ryan was my great grandmother, Amy Ryan, who wrote *The Sumner Story*, was my grandmother, and Dorothy Ryan Peterkin, my mother, was curator of the Ryan House Museum from the beginning until around 1994. So, Sumner history runs deep in my bones, growing up in Sumner surrounded by stories of its history and the Ryans, spending much time at my grandmother's next door to the library, and working at the library in the Ryan home throughout high school and a summer as vacation supply librarian. The Ryan House has served Sumner long and well. It is sad that its time is coming to a close. So, the question is, what is the best thing that can happen in this place next? What could best honor Lucy Ryan, the Ryan family's intentions, and enhance Sumner's Main Street?

The Ryan family's intention, as shown in the 1926 deed, is clear that the house and property were to be used for a public library. I believe they truly expected that the house would eventually be replaced by a new library building. The grounds intended to be kept as attractive park-like space around the building—both the original home and a replacement library. As we know, the new county library was built on a different site and the Ryan home then used as the Ryan House Museum. For a host of reasons, renovation of the Ryan house is no longer practical. The city's September 2023 Update on the Ryan House states that the city looks "forward to working with the family and the public to honor [Lucy Ryan] into the future with her park on Main Street."

I would like to propose the Lucy Ryan Green be an attractive, inviting place that welcomes citizens and visitors to sit and enjoy a beautiful, restful space, as well as host small events to complement Main Street activities; it would also be a good space for some Historical Society activities. The park to include:

- Landscaping featuring plantings that had been on the grounds in Lucy's time, including a butternut tree, cut leaf birch, holly, rhododendrons, a hemlock, and roses, as these were named in the 1926 deed. In addition other plantings common to the era, such as beauty bush, spirea, snowball, mock orange, honeysuckle, hollyhocks, sweet peas, violets, forget-me-nots, and snap dragons;

- A plaque with the name, Lucy Ryan Green, a relief image of the home, text telling about Lucy, including as first postmistress, that it was the home of George and Lucy Ryan and their five children, mentioning George was the first Sumner mayor;
- Retaining the memorial to George Whitworth, though, perhaps, moving it;
- Benches that would invite people to stop and sit;
- A Victorian gazebo (there is a gazebo in the Centennial Park where I live and it gets a lot of use)

Such a park would honor Lucy Ryan and respect the Ryan family while enhancing the city. It would fulfill the 1926 stipulation of “a tablet to the memory of their mother, Lucy V. Ryan, the same to be perpetually maintained by the town of Sumner.” It would be a positive addition to Main Street, a green oasis in the heart of downtown, much more appealing than a grassy area with a picnic table or two.

It would be heartening for both the Ryan family and Sumner citizens to have such a positive proposal to accompany the pending loss of the Ryan House. I would welcome an opportunity to have a conversation with you about how we together could make this happen.

Cordially,
Carol Peterkin Myers

cc. Mary Beth Ryan
Joseph W. Ryan

Submission for tonight's meeting

I am devastated to learn that the city is considering tearing down the Ryan House. I believe that it is a piece of Sumner's History that should be preserved at all costs. It is irreplaceable. As a lifelong Sumner resident am very disappointed at the way this has been handled. So much money is spent on things that hold little value to me as a resident and this is one item that I think is well worth the investment of my tax dollars. It is the only “park” in Sumner that I visit and holds value not just for me but for the future of our city and should not be destroyed despite any associated costs. This issue is definitely worth a second opinion and gathering additional bids, especially considering the investment that has already been made in consultants. This is not a decision that should be rushed.

Sincerely,
Amie Rang

City Council Members,

My name is Adeline Rang. I am the seventh generation of my family to live in Sumner and a current student at Oregon State University. I have spent my summer abroad conducting pollinator research in Thailand. You can imagine my surprise when I returned home to news of the Ryan House potentially being torn down. There is not enough time to give a fully cohesive response, but I must share my anguish and severe disappointment that this is even being considered by you, our city council. Your job is to advocate for Sumner. The Ryan House is an invaluable cultural stronghold of our city, and has provided over 100 years of our history as a town. As an older generation, you should best understand the importance of preserving and valuing history. As a young person I should not have to be the one to educate you on the importance of the Ryan House to Sumner. When I reached out to my friends no one even knew this was happening. We all grew up touring the Ryan House on school field trips and this is a piece of Sumner history that must be preserved.

In the future I simply cannot possibly with good conscience vote for anyone who claims to be for Sumner while choosing to demolish this vital piece of our community. I am very disappointed in the lack of opportunity to provide meaningful feedback. The way this is being handled makes it clear that the council has already made up their minds and I can not tell you how disappointed this makes me in our city government.

Sincerely,
Adeline Rang

Sadly, I am just now understanding that the City of Sumner is strongly considering the demolition of a cherished piece of our history, one that I believe is also on the National Historical Registry. I understand that if I had followed what you were doing, I would have known sooner. Had you also included this in your mailers to the citizens of Sumner, even in the water bills, we would have also known. With me being a Real Estate Broker, anytime a property is going to have anything done to it, we are required to post that change is being considered on large signs on the property for a significant period of time for everyone to see and give folks the opportunity to learn more. This has not been done here and leaves me to wonder why not? Without getting into finger pointing, could you simply send out to all citizens of Sumner what you are considering and the specific costs for each of the options, including monies already spent on this project, before you even consider railroading this through without true notification to your voters. I only have been here since 1969, yet living across the street from the Ryan family on Valley Ave I quickly learned the importance of the family in Sumner's history. As a matter of fact, my classmates & I have been working on the Class of 73's recent 50 yr reunion over the last 3/4 months, and this topic never came up, despite one of our committee being Nancy Ryan Dressel. She certainly was not in the loop or we all would have rallied to protect this historical home sooner and our pride in this special piece of Sumner's history. I look forward seeing all the accounting regarding the Ryan House options, incl. the monies already spent, how much of the \$1M grant is still available, and hope that you realize the irreversible pain that removing it would cause to current citizens and to the charm that helps our downtown be destination spot for many. This is especially hard to accept without the City sending out more information and truly soliciting feedback from the Citizens of Sumner. I can't imagine that you have a large contingent of voters who have been knocking on your doors saying remove the Ryan House....

Sincerely yours,
Randall Adams

Hello,
I am writing to weigh in on the fiscal responsibility of the City and as someone who was born and raised in Sumner. I feel the Ryan house should be preserved as an important historical piece of our City. It is sad that previous City Councils did not secure appropriate funds up to now. So much of the valley's history has already been lost. We do have to keep up with the needs of the City and be fiscally responsible, but I hate seeing the Cities history being sacrificed. Public meeting spaces are needed as is the museum. With a million dollars secured in grants, the costs of renovations should be covered (if not completely, it should certainly be close). There may be local contractors who would donate time and energy to help keep costs down. Citizens may also be willing to volunteer to help along the way. I hope the Council votes for one of the first two options and keeps a small piece of our history intact.

Thank you for all you do.
[Peggy Longnecker](#)

Dear Michelle C.,

I am concerned with the upcoming vote on the Ryan House. The proposal for preservation have merit. The complete restoration is expensive, but could be fundraised. The second seems to be the most cost effective. The grant will offset costs. The folly of destroying history is a loss to the community. It is interesting that the grant came from port of Tacoma and Sumner has not shared the expense. You can't replace what is destroyed. Don't erase your history. The city's lack of maintenance and hiring contractors that did not inspect the floor before demolition was the city's error and the house deserved better. It lasted 100 + years before interference caused the floor's demise. Think about it. Preserve it.

Sincerely, sue carson

Hello,

I moved to Sumner when i was three (1970). I have so many memories at the Ryan house. To me it is the heart and soul of the city. It is a shame that the City of Sumner let the home deteriorate. It should never have been allowed to get to this sad state, there should at least be some attempt to save it. At least give the community a chance and the time to raise the funds. For many this vote is the first time they are hearing the news. I would be willing to help raise money and I know many others in the community would feel the same way.

Julie Bacon (Raulston)

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 1664 - Ad Valorem Property Tax

CATEGORY: Public Hearings

BUDGET IMPACT:

Expenditure Required: None

Within Budget Allocation: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2024 Property Tax Presentation
 2. Resolution No. 1664 - 2024 Ad Valorem Property Tax Levy
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STAFF CONTACT: Cassandra Raymond, Chief Financial Officer

SUMMARY BACKGROUND: RCW 84.55.120 mandates a public hearing on revenue sources for the upcoming year's budget, including consideration of any potential increases in property tax revenues. The hearing process provides Sumner residents with the opportunity to voice their opinions prior to the adoption of the property tax levy.

In accordance with RCW 84.55.120, the Mayor of the City of Sumner must certify to the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer and the Pierce County Council that the City of Sumner requests the following property tax amounts to be collected in 2024:

A total levy of \$4,880,822, which includes a 1.0% increase over the prior year's collections as authorized by RCW, plus revenues resulting from new construction and improvements (\$76,112), annexations (\$4,544), and administrative refunds (\$163). The combined amount to be levied, inclusive of new revenues, is \$4,961,641.

In authorizing this action, it is the Council's intent that:

1. Of the effective levy rate, \$0.061128 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation shall be committed to leveraging funding opportunities (e.g. grants) for street/transportation projects, in an amount equal to \$330,000.
2. Of the effective levy rate, \$0.064833 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, in an amount equal to \$350,000, shall be reserved for Council appropriation in a future biennial budget cycle.

The 2023 levy rate of \$0.97 (rounded) per \$1,000 of assessed valuation was based on an overall City assessed valuation of \$4,973,477,995. Based on the 2023 preliminary certification from Pierce County for tax year 2024, the 2023 assessed valuation for 2024 taxes is estimated at \$5,398,522,248, resulting in a preliminary levy rate for tax year 2024 of \$0.9191 (rounded) per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE/STUDY SESSION: Finance & Personnel Committee 10/04/2023

City Council Study Session 10/23/2023

MEETING/STUDY SESSION DATE: 10/23/2023

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend 1.0% increase; move forward to City Council Meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS/MOTION:

Hold a public hearing in accordance with State Law.

2024 Property Tax Levy



City Council
November 6, 2023

About Property Taxes

- Most stable source
- 21% of the General Fund revenue (2023)
- Finance & Personnel Committee October 4, 2023
- City Council Study Session October 23, 2023
- Public Hearing November 6, 2023
- Resolution November 20, 2023
- Resolution must be passed and certified to Pierce County by November 30, 2023

State Law



RCW 84.55
authorizes taxing
districts with a
population of
10,000 or more
to increase its
levy up to 1.0%
from the highest
lawful levy since
1985.

EXAMPLE OF ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUESTING HIGHEST LAWFUL LEVY

Ordinance/Resolution No. _____
RCW 84.55.120

WHEREAS, the _____ of SUMNER has met and considered
(Governing body of the taxing district) (Name of the taxing district)
its budget for the calendar year 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the districts actual levy amount from the previous year was \$ 4,832,497.00 and,
(Previous Year's Levy Amount)

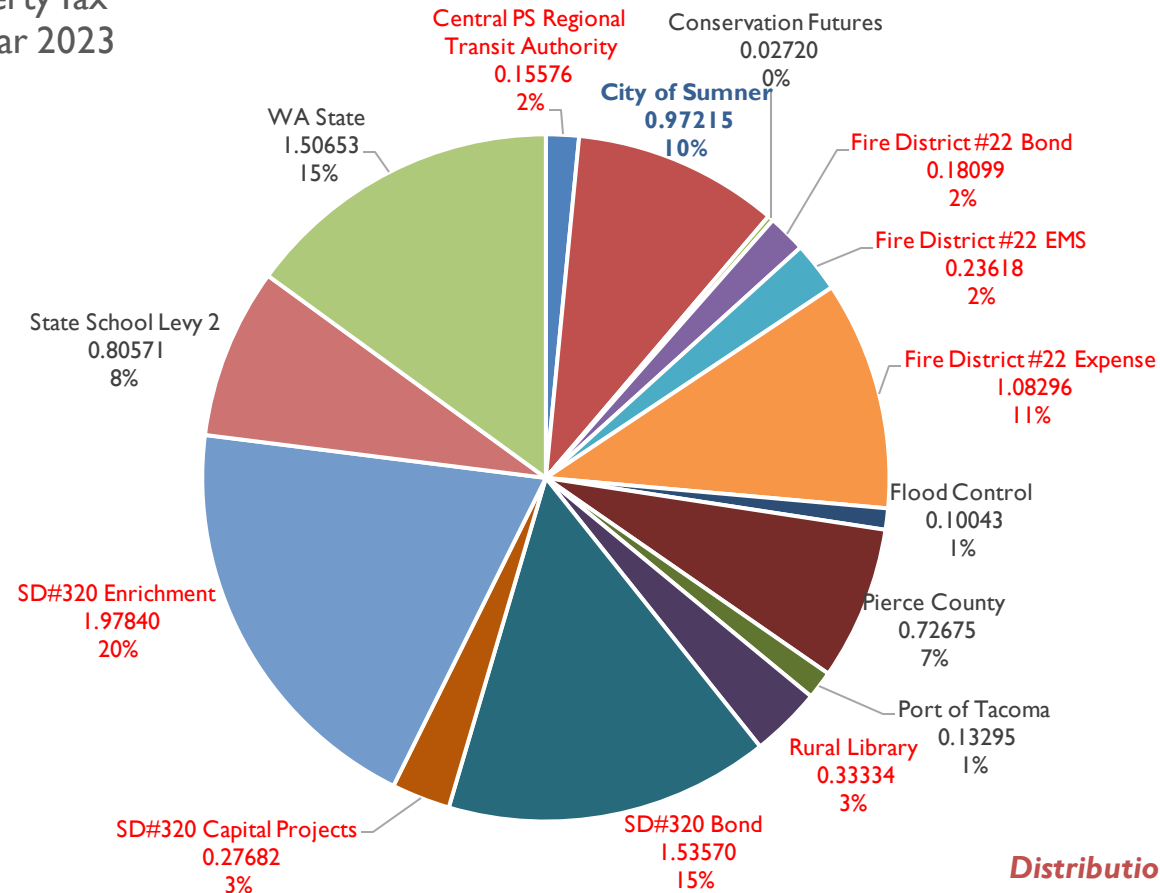
WHEREAS, the population of this district is ☐ more than or ☐ less than 10,000; and now, therefore,
(Check One)

BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the taxing district that an increase in the regular property tax levy
is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2024 tax year.
(Year of Collection)

The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount from the previous year shall be \$ 42,531.66
which is a percentage increase of 0.9% from the previous year. This increase is exclusive of
(Percentage Increase)

Property Tax Distribution

Property Tax
Tax Year 2023



*Distributions in
red font are
voter approved*

Property tax is the 2nd
largest revenue source
in the General Fund;

The City receives 10% of
Sumner's overall property
tax assessment.

SBLSD = 38%-46%

EPFR = 15%

Preliminary Certification

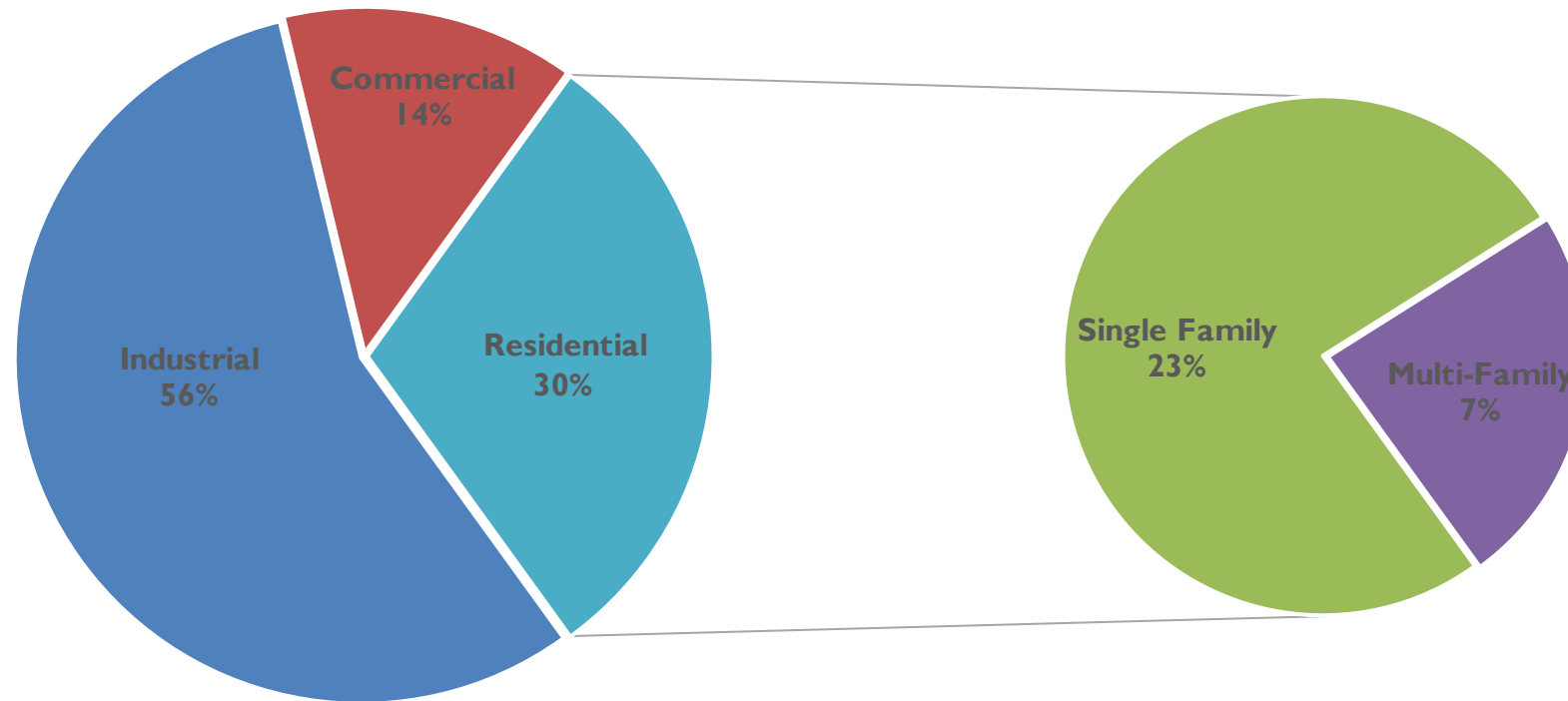


	TY 2023	TY2024	Change
Assessed Valuation	\$4,973,477,995	\$5,398,522,248	8.5%
A/V Single Family Residence	\$515,842	\$506,451	-1.8%

The dollar amount levied is calculated by the Assessed Valuation, divided by \$1,000, multiplied by the levy rate.

Assessed Valuation

for Tax Year 2024



Source: Pierce County preliminary assessed valuation for tax year 2024.

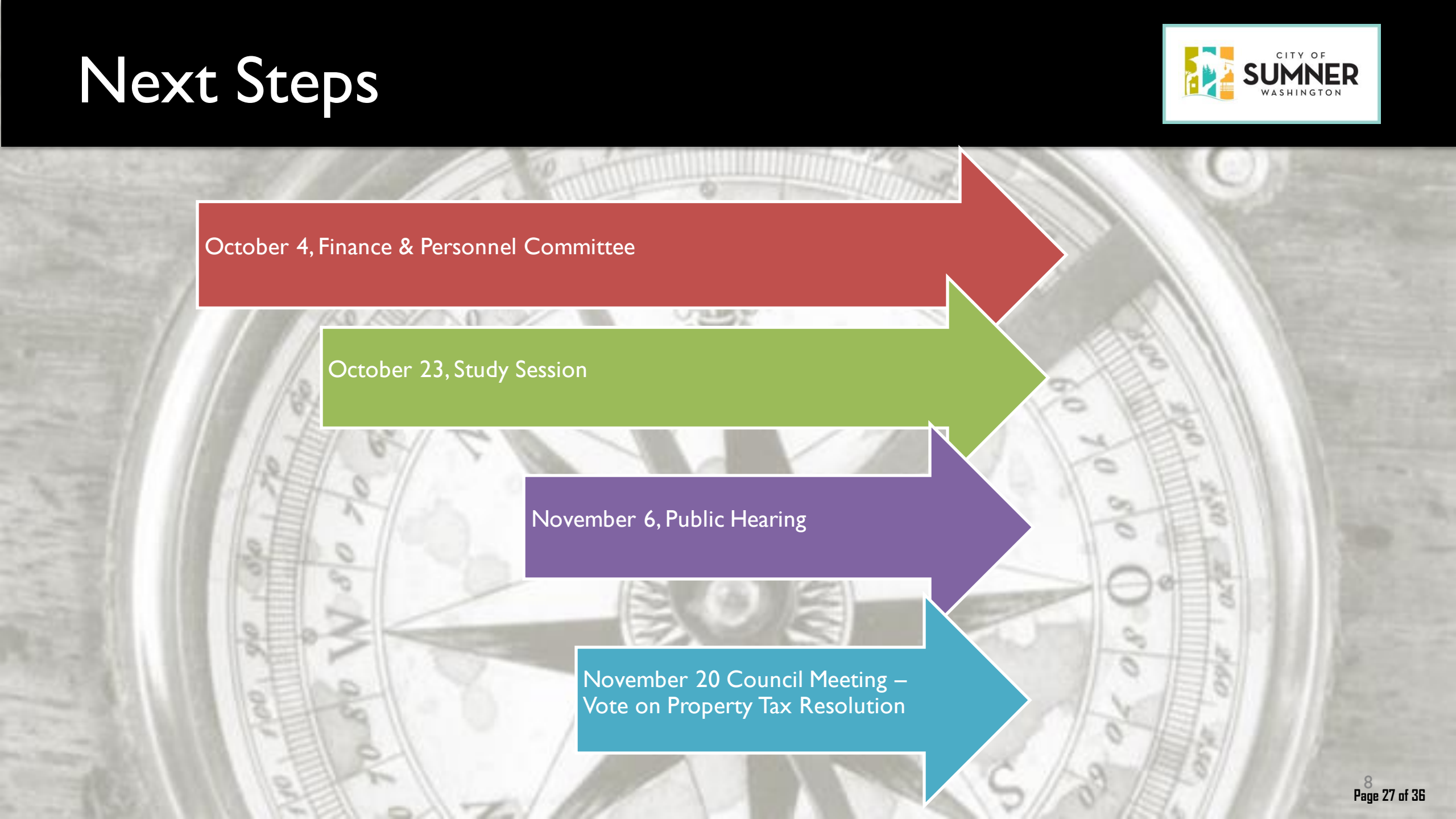
Levy Rates



	City Council Recommendation
<i>CPI in August 2023 was 5.4%</i>	1.0% increase
TY2023 Levy	\$4,832,497
Change over TY2023	\$48,325
+ Additional revenue from NC&I	\$76,112
+Additional revenue from annexations	\$4,544
+ Additional revenue from administrative refunds	\$163
Total TY2024 Levy	\$4,961,642
Levy per \$1,000	\$0.9191
<i>Monthly change from 2023 Average single family residence</i>	-\$3.00

**Based on Pierce County's preliminary values. Final values will be released in late November and may update these numbers.*

Next Steps



October 4, Finance & Personnel Committee

October 23, Study Session

November 6, Public Hearing

November 20 Council Meeting –
Vote on Property Tax Resolution

**RESOLUTION NO. 1664
CITY OF SUMNER, WASHINGTON**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMNER, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES; ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT TO BE COLLECTED IN 2024 BY TAXATION ON THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CITY; AND SETTING THE LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2024.

WHEREAS, the Sumner City Council attests that the City of Sumner population is 10,800; and

WHEREAS, the Sumner City Council has properly given notice of the public hearing held November 6, 2023, to consider the City of Sumner's ad valorem property tax for the 2024 budget, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sumner's highest lawful levy is \$4,958,615.55 with the actual levy amount from the previous year being \$4,832,497; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, after conducting the required public hearing and after duly considering all relevant evidence and testimony presented, determined that the City of Sumner requires a regular levy of \$4,957,098, which includes an increase in property tax revenue from the previous year, amounts resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property, administrative refunds, and an increase in the value of state-assessed property, and amounts authorized by law as a result of any annexations that have occurred and refunds made; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is hereby establishing a policy that approximately \$0.064833/\$1,000 of this property tax levy, for a dollar amount equal to amount established in the 2023 property tax levy, shall be used only for street improvements and further directs staff to establish a committed reserve account in the appropriate fund to segregate these funds from any other general fund dollars and that these funds are restricted from any other purpose without city council approval; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby establishing a policy that approximately \$0.061128/\$1,000 of this property tax levy, for a dollar amount equal to \$350,000, shall be reserved for Council appropriation in a future biennial budget cycle, and further directs staff to establish a committed reserve account in the appropriate fund to segregate these funds from any other general fund dollars and that these funds are restricted from any other purpose without city council approval; and

WHEREAS, the Sumner City Council finds that to best protect the public health, safety, and welfare, to best protect the City's future property tax levy capacity, to best serve the citizens of Sumner by maintaining an appropriate level of service throughout the City, to appropriately discharge the City's expected expenditures and obligations, and to best serve the citizens of Sumner through a continued commitment throughout the city, substantial needs exists to increase its tax levy authority over last year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMNER, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Property Tax Levy. The City Council adopts the substantial need findings above, and further finds that in light of substantial increases in costs to maintain and operate basic infrastructure, including streets, realized and anticipated loss of state shared revenues, as well as inflationary impacts

on the cost to provide essential public safety services, parks and recreation programs, information technology, planning, building services, and administration services, the City Council finds that there is in fact a substantial need for additional revenue, great enough to justify an increase in property taxes.

The legally maximum authorized levy is \$4,958,615.55. The required regular property tax levy needed by the City of Sumner of \$4,880,822 is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2024 tax year. The dollar amount of the increase of the actual levy amount from the previous year is \$48,325. This is a 1.0% increase from the previous year. This increase is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, any increase in the value of state assessed property, any annexations that have occurred and refunds made.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this legislation.

Section 3. Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the city attorney, the city clerk and the code reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution, including but not limited to the correction of clerical errors; or references to other local, state, or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations.

Section 4. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Sumner, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof this 20th day of November, 2023.

Mayor Kathy Hayden

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk Michelle Converse, CMC

City Attorney Andrea Marquez

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 2873 - Compensation for Municipal Court Judge and Judges ProTempore

CATEGORY: Ordinance

BUDGET IMPACT:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordinance No. 2873 - Compensation for Municipal Court Judge and Judges ProTempore

STAFF CONTACT: Jeff Steffens, Administrative Services Director

SUMMARY BACKGROUND:

This Ordinance adds language to section 2.48 of the Sumner Municipal Code to acknowledge that the salaries for both the Municipal Court Judge and Judges Pro Tempore are established annually through the adoption of a compensation schedule. The judge is and will continue to be an employee of the City and will be paid through the City's payroll system. Judges pro tempore serve through professional services agreements and submit invoices for service which are paid through Accounts Payable.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE/STUDY SESSION: Finance Committee
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MEETING/STUDY SESSION DATE: 10/4/2023

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Do Pass

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS/MOTION:

Approve Ordinance No. 2873 amending section 2.48 of the Sumner Municipal Code.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2873
CITY OF SUMNER, WASHINGTON**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMNER, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SMC 2.48 RELATED TO COMPENSATION FOR MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE AND JUDGES PRO TEMPORE.

WHEREAS, every four years the Mayor appoints a municipal court judge to preside over the Municipal Court of Sumner and RCW 3.50 requires that the Judge be a City employee compensated pursuant to ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the municipal court judge has the authority to appoint one or more judges pro tempore to serve in the instance of the municipal court judge's absence or conflict; and

WHEREAS, historically the judges pro tempore have been paid through City payroll as employees, as opposed to being compensated as independent contractor professional service providers pursuant to the established hourly rate adopted by the City's compensation schedule; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to update the code regarding judge pro tempore compensation to acknowledge the independent nature of the work, and to permit a judge pro-tem to be compensated based upon an established hourly rate, and serve pursuant to a professional services agreement with the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMNER, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Sumner Municipal Code Section 2.48.030 is hereby amended as follows:

2.48.030 Compensation. The municipal court judge shall receive as compensation for their services a monthly salary in an amount as established by the City Council through an adopted compensation schedule and prorated benefits consistent with those benefits provided to all eligible City employees.

A judge pro tempore shall receive as compensation for their services –an hourly rate as established by the City Council through an adopted compensation schedule, as currently adopted or amended. The judge pro tempore shall serve pursuant to a professional services agreement, and shall submit invoice(s) to the City for payment of their rendered services.

Section 2. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or portion of this ordinance or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the ordinance or the validity of its application to other person's circumstances.

Section 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall be effective five (5) days from and after its passage approval and publication as provided by law.

Section 4. Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the code reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors; ordinance, section, or subsection numbering; or references to other local, state, or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations.

Passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Sumner, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof this _____ day of _____ 2023.

Mayor Kathy Hayden

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michelle Converse, City Clerk

City Attorney Andrea Marquez

First Reading:

Date Adopted:

Date of Publication:

Effective Date:

SUBJECT: 2024 Legislative Agenda

CATEGORY: Motion

BUDGET IMPACT:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2024 Legislative Agenda

STAFF CONTACT: Carmen Palmer, Communications Director

SUMMARY BACKGROUND:

The Legislative Agenda connects State lawmakers with Sumner, providing feedback on how potential legislation will affect their constituents here and encouraging key items for which the City needs their support. In past sessions, these agendas have helped complete the Traffic Avenue interchange, fund the White River Restoration Habitat project and fund Rainier View Park's covered playground.

This is a "short" session that builds on the 2023 session. In that session, legislators introduced a record number of bills, many of which are still "alive" in this session. In general, Sumner would like to see the State focus on state-wide issues rather than the recent trend to micromanage cities. This year's agenda includes general direction for any returning or new bill as well as specific concerns or support for bills that are still alive from the 2023 session.

This Agenda gives staff, Lobbyist Bill Clarke and the Mayor direction to respond quickly to both existing and changing proposals that affect the City of Sumner.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE/STUDY SESSION: Study Session
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MEETING/STUDY SESSION DATE: 10/23/2023
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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS/MOTION:

Approve the 2024 Legislative Agenda for distribution to legislators and partners in anticipation of the 2024 State session.

SUPPORT LOCAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

- All legislation should follow the Association of Washington Cities' core principles:
 - local decision-making authority
 - fiscal flexibility and sustainability
 - equal standing for cities
 - diversity, equity, and inclusion
 - strong Washington state partnerships
 - nonpartisan analysis and decision-making.
- State legislation should work with cities, not micromanage them.
- State legislation should share resources with cities rather than unfunded mandates.
- State should revise the arbitrary property tax cap & continue investments in infrastructure (AWC priorities).

WATCHING BILLS STILL ALIVE FROM 2023

BENEFICIAL - PLEASE APPROVE

HB 1597/SB 5571 – Reduce frivolous public records act lawsuits. *Sumner supports transparency as well as updating outdated code to also protect taxpayer funds from frivolous or vindictive efforts.*

SB 5770, HB 1670, SB 5618 – Revise the property tax cap to inflation and population up to 3%. *Cities cannot keep providing the same service when inflation/ costs far outpace revenue.*

SB 5517 – Foster Legislation, supported by cities but opposed by tribes/environmental groups. *Lasting legislation can include statewide flexible water right mitigation standards and sensible use of groundwater models when evaluating groundwater applications.*

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS

Efforts to increase affordable housing around transit. *Acknowledge differences between routine transit stations, like bus, light-rail, versus commuter stations, like Sumner's Sounder station. Support rather than supplant local housing action plans to bring more housing while protecting community character.*

Any updates regarding PFAS in water systems. *Any legislation regarding further testing/regulation of per-and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS), or "forever chemicals," needs to include funding or resources and cannot be an unfunded burden placed on cities alone.*

CONCERNING

SB 5514 makes it illegal to turn right on red within vicinity of schools or parks. *Difficult to sign & enforce.*

SB 5383/HB 1428 makes it legal to cross streets anywhere. *Creates pedestrian safety issues while increasing civil liability for cities.*

HB 1025 eliminates qualified immunity for law enforcement and creates a civil cause of action against police and police departments. *Shifting liability further limits ability to insure law enforcement services and retain officers.*

HB 1445 gives Attorney General's Office (AGO) the right to investigate and bring charges against law enforcement agencies for violations of any law. *Layers of oversight are already available and should not move into the political realm, further challenging recruitment & retention.*

HB 1513 Prohibit most traffic stops and require onerous reporting if an officer did do a traffic stop. *Decreases traffic safety and does not support State's Target Zero effort.*

HB 1579 creates an office of independent prosecutions of police officers within the AGO office. *Unnecessary; oversight is available and should not move into political realm.*

SB 5274 removes the requirement that an officer read and write in the English language. *The ability to read and write English is still needed to effectively provide public safety services.*

Since 2020, our insurance premium has increased 199%. *Oppose any effort to expand tort law liability and/or the remedies available under tort law. Cities and their risk pools cannot shoulder the staggering costs imposed by legislative changes.*

CONTINUE REFORMS THAT IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY

- Provide tools to address auto theft and property crime, including increased state funding to support regional enforcement and prosecution efforts.
- Provide ongoing, stable funding for both co-responder programs and therapeutic courts to hire and retain staff.
- Refine the pursuit policy to allow for the pursuit of stolen vehicles, given the number of criminals who use stolen vehicles to facilitate other crimes, and allow local jurisdictions to individually continue with their current policy against all pursuits if they consider that to be the best choice for their community.
- Amend the law to allow for a parent or guardian to provide consent of a juvenile to be interviewed by law enforcement to include consent to search property.
- Provide more spots at the Basic Law Enforcement Academy and remove the 25% cost share; change the policy on when an agency can be placed on the wait list.
- Help cities recruit and retain police officers for public safety (AWC priority).
- Provide behavioral health resources (AWC priority).

CONTINUE INVESTMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE (AWC PRIORITY)

NEED: Restore funding for the SR 167 and I-405 corridor projects. A new southbound HOV lane was funded and ready to go, but budget pressures delayed this critical project for a number of years.

NEED: Fund a Funding and Implementation Plan for the SR 167 corridor master plan. WSDOT completed a major planning effort on the Corridor, but phasing and funding of projects on the corridor was not included; creating a Funding plan is the next step.

UPDATE: White River Restoration Projects - Habitat project and Stewart Road Bridge (see below) under construction, two of the key projects being done in partnership with Tribes, Pierce Co and other partners to reduce flood risk to Sumner's Manufacturing Industrial Center while improving habitat for endangered salmon runs.

UPDATE: Stewart Road Bridge - Replacing this bridge removes a bottleneck for vehicles, links non-vehicular routes with a separated trail and helps the White River and its salmon flow more smoothly. Construction begins in 2024, thanks to funding from TIB, FMSIB and other sources.

UPDATE: I66th/SR410 Interchange - The City is in the process of designing this interchange for improved access and safety. Related, adjacent culvert project has shown increase in salmon spawning in the appropriately named Salmon Creek.

UPDATE: Valley Ave/SR410 Interchange - Unlike I66th, WSDOT is leading this interchange upgrade. City continues to urge WSDOT to work with the City for most effective results.

UPDATE: Rainier View Park Covered Court - A contractor has been selected and construction is underway. Funded by Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) grant and the State's Local Community Project Program (LCP).

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Thank you for your continued support!



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NOVEMBER 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4
			6:00PM Planning Commission (Hybrid)		
6	7	8	9	10	11
6:00PM Regular Council Meeting (Hybrid) 6:15PM Special Study Session (Hybrid)	9:00AM Civil Service Commission (Hybrid) 4:00PM Public Works Committee (Hybrid)	6:30PM - CANCELLED Design Commission (Hybrid)	4:30PM Forestry/Parks Commission (Hybrid)		
13	14	15	16	17	18
6:00PM Study Session (Hybrid)		5:30PM Public Safety (Hybrid)	5:30PM **DATE CHANGE** Finance Committee (Hybrid) 6:00PM Planning Commission Study Session (Hybrid)		
20	21	22	23	24	25
6:00PM Regular Council Meeting (Hybrid)		5:00PM CD Committee (Hybrid)	<i>Holiday – City Hall Closed</i> 5:30PM - CANCELLED Cultural Arts Commission		
27	28	29	30		
6:00PM Study Session (Hybrid)					

Meeting dates and times may change. Please contact City Hall to confirm this information prior to any meeting you plan to attend. **These meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities.** For individuals who require special accommodations, please contact City Hall at (253) 299-5500, 24 hours in advance.

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