

## **Staff Report**

October 6, 2025, Council Workshop Meeting

Mayor's Recommended 2026 Readopt Budget Presentation

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Time Estimate: 5 minutes

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**BACKGROUND:** The City of Camas 2025-2026 biennial budget by law is required to be readopted for the second year of the biennium. City Council was presented with the City's 2025-2034 Financial Forecast which appears to improve the financial outlook of the City with residential and commercial growth setting up for a robust growth rate. As a result, the Mayor has brought forth elements of the 2025-2026 biennial budget which were paused with the initial slowdown of the economy. In addition, the budget reflects large capital projects financed with 2025 Unlimited and Limited general obligation bonds and the 2025 revenue bonds. This budget will also reflect the savings the City is receiving by refinancing the 2025 limited general obligation bonds and the 2015 revenue bonds.

**SUMMARY:** The 2026 Recommended Readopt Budget presentation will be an introduction to the budget process Council will go through over the next eight weeks. The Council will go through deeper dive presentations which will highlight the plan for \$157.7 million in appropriations and meeting the strategic priorities City Council approved in April.

**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:** The 2026 Recommended Readopt Budget not only meets the Strategic priorities outlined below but also meets the capital planning efforts for transportation, parks, water, sewer, and stormwater.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** The 2026 Recommended Readoption Budget meets specific priorities in the City's Strategic Plan:

- Safe and Accessible Communities
- Stewardship of City Assets
- Engaged Workforce

Staff will present in detail how these priorities will be met on the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Workshop.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** This introduction of the budget sets the stage for the upcoming Council presentations on the 2026 Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff will be providing additional information for Council's consideration at the next three City Council Workshops.