TO: City Council

FROM: Troy Niemeyer, Finance Director

DATE: September 15, 2026

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. O2026-006 Delegation of Authority to Issue Bonds

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1) Recommended Action:

Adopt Ordinance No. O2026-006, Delegation of Authority to Issue Bonds.

This ordinance was recommended for adoption by the Budget and Finance Committee at its August 28, 2026 meeting.

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2) Background:

The City requires debt financing for certain projects in the near future. While individual projects will still require approval from Council, debt financing takes three to four months to arrange. This ordinance authorizes staff to work with bond counsel, a bond advisor, and bond underwriters to plan for the sale of General Obligation bonds to finance these projects.

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3) Policy Support:

2026-2032 Strategic Priorities & Goals: Tumwater Excellence: refine and sustain a great organization. Be good stewards of public funds by following sustainable financial strategies.

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4) Alternatives:

- ❑ Do not adopt the ordinance.
- ❑ Provide different direction to staff.

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5) Fiscal Notes:

The numbers in the ordinance are estimated, and are “not to exceed” amounts, meaning that staff cannot go over the dollar amounts and interest rates listed in the ordinance. The maximum amount of bonds will be $65 million or less, and the interest rate will not exceed 7%.

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6) Attachments:

A. Ordinance No. O2026-006 Delegation of Authority to Issue Bonds
B. Presentation