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City Council adopts the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget

CITY COUNCIL unanimously voted to adopt the City's 2021-2022 Biennial Budget on November 16. The adoption followed three public hearings and six meetings discussing the City Manager's proposed budget.

The adopted budget totals \$232.4 million for the 2021-2022 biennium for all funds. It balances the desire to maintain high priority services and achieve Council Goals while addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the City's revenue and operations.

The City's budget continues to fund many of the highest priority services as identified by the Shoreline community and the City Council. Increasing funding for human services is the one notable operating service level enhancement included in the budget. In 2015, Council made the decision to increase human services funding each year with the goal of dedicating 1% of the City's ongoing general fund revenues. Each year Council has increased human services funding by 0.05%. We will reach the 1% goal in 2022. Additionally, the budget proposes the addition of a Housing and Human Services Coordinator to help address the increasing demand in this area.

Although the City continues to increase funding for human services, other hard choices had to be made, including the decision to not reopen the Shoreline Pool. Given the aging structure, need for significant capital investment, and the on-going operational costs, the Shoreline Pool will not reopen.

The City has consistently implemented conservative financial plans and policies, which has enabled the City to establish general reserves and our Revenue Stabilization Fund. These help provide funding to maintain services through short-term economic downturns. The COVID-19 pandemic has created one of those instances. In 2020 we were able to make expenditures reductions to off-set the anticipated drop in revenue from the pandemic and did not use any funding from the City's reserves. Over the 2021-2022 biennium we anticipate using approximately \$1.4 million from reserves to maintain current services to the community. The City Council approved the use of reserves to address this "one-time" shortfall and is confident that the City's reserve levels are well funded as we continue in this time of uncertain economic forecasts.

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Shoreline's 2021 State Legislative Priorities

CITY COUNCIL has approved their legislative priorities for the 2021 State legislative session. The priorities provide policy direction to guide staff in determining support or opposition to specific legislation. Why do we care so much about what happens in Olympia? Because many decisions made in Olympia have direct and indirect effects on our ability to provide services to the Shoreline community. Below are some of the legislative priorities approved by Council.

Shoreline-specific priorities:

- Maintain project visibility for the N 148th Street non-motorized pedestrian/bike bridge as a strong candidate for any state transportation funding package.
- Partner with state agencies to seek legislative action that supports City goals and the long-term vision of an approved Fircrest Master Development Plan.
- Seek local/community project funding in the Capital Budget for important Shoreline park improvements, including construction of a pavilion at Shoreline Park, renovation of outdated public restrooms at key park facilities, and habitat restoration at Southwoods Park.
- Continue to pursue a pathway for State partnership in the future development of a Community and Aquatics Center.

Legislative issues the City supports:

- Pursue statewide transportation funding and policy changes.
- Preserve City fiscal health with secure funding sources.
- Continue to address homelessness and opportunities to increase affordable housing at the state and local level through incentives and support, while avoiding mandates.
- Develop additional resources to address housing instability created by the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including rent assistance and foreclosure-prevention assistance.
- Pursue the creation of a tax increment financing option for cities to use in potential high-growth areas, such as light rail station areas.
- Continue to advance a watershed-based approach and strategic plan to address local fish-blocking culverts along with state culverts and provide significant local funding.
- Support legislation that addresses climate change impacts, across all sectors.
- Support for statewide policing reforms, including those identified by the Association of Washington Cities, that address social injustice, police accountability, and promote equitable treatment for people of color.

Protect Our Community



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**KEEP
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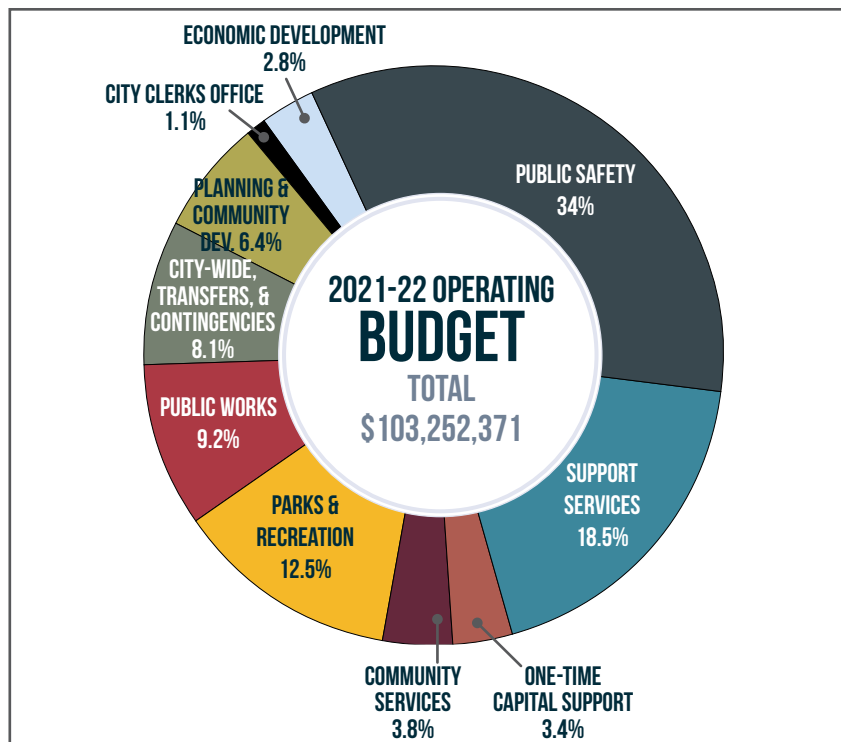


**WASH
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HANDS**

YOUR RESOURCES AT WORK

THE CITY'S 2021-2022 Biennial Budget totals \$232 million. The City's operating budget comprises approximately 44% of the total. It represents the cost of providing services to the Shoreline Community on a day-to-day basis:

- PUBLIC SAFETY:** Police services; domestic violence assistance; prosecuting attorney; public defender; municipal court; jail services; and customer response team and code enforcement.
- SUPPORT SERVICES:** City Council; City Manager's Office; legal services; grant writing; budget; accounting; financial reporting; fleet and facilities; human resources; communications; intergovernmental relations; and information technology.
- COMMUNITY SERVICES:** Emergency management; neighborhoods coordination; diversity & inclusion; environmental services; and human services.
- PARKS AND RECREATION:** Parks and open space maintenance; recreation programs; events; public art; and cultural services.
- PUBLIC WORKS:** Street, right-of-way, and landscaping maintenance; engineering; traffic management; and surface water utility.
- CITY-WIDE, TRANSFERS, AND CONTINGENCIES:** Liability and property insurance; elections; recurring support provided to other funds for capital projects, debt service, and street maintenance; and, operating contingencies.
- PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Permitting; zoning; and comprehensive planning.
- CITY CLERK:** Public records management and requests; Council and Hearing Examiner support; licensing; and utility payments.
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Small business support and housing and business development.



CAPITAL PROJECTS

Building the City's Future

LIKE BUSINESSES, the City must plan and account for capital costs for large projects differently than operating costs. We create a six-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that City Council approves as part of the budget process. Projects in the CIP generally exceed \$10,000 in cost with useful lives of more than five years. Capital needs and priorities are usually identified through the following master plans:

- Surface Water Master Plan
- Transportation Master Plan
- Transportation Improvement Plan
- Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

Using the priorities outlined in these plans, we update the CIP as funding becomes available. We fund capital projects for constructing new facilities and parks or performing major maintenance from a variety of sources not generally available to routine operations including:

- Grants
- Real Estate Excise Tax
- Vehicle License Fee
- Parks & Transportation Impact Fees
- Surface Water Fees, grants, and other sources fund Surface Water projects.

While the adopted CIP covers six years, the City only approves spending for a portion of the plan in each adopted budget. The six-year total for the current CIP, excluding surface water projects, is \$272.2 million. Of that, Council allocated \$64.9 million for the 2021-2022 biennium. Approximately 85% of the 2021-2022 allocation will be for transportation projects, with another 14% going towards facilities and parks, and 1% for major maintenance of facilities.

Major investments for the 2021-2022 biennium include design and construction of new sidewalks; repair of existing sidewalks; replacement and repair of park play equipment; Phase 1 construction for City Maintenance facilities at the Brightwater Portal site in the Ballinger neighborhood; road surface maintenance; and Phase 1 construction of improvements on the 145th Corridor and 148th Pedestrian Bridge connecting to the 148th South Shoreline Light Rail Station.

POLICING IN SHORELINE

Over the next year, we will be sharing articles on policing in Shoreline. The goal is to try to answer many of the questions residents have about policing, such as how use of force policies are made and enforced, how police officers are held accountable, what police do with information they collect from people who they stop for traffic violations or for other reasons, and what types of training our Shoreline police officers go through.

Several of our officers will also introduce themselves to the community and explain their role in the department. This month Investigations Captain Tony Garza will introduce himself.

INVESTIGATIONS CAPTAIN TONY GARZA

I grew up in the eastern New Mexico/west Texas area and started my law enforcement career in 1990, shortly after getting out of the US Army. I began my career with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office in Phoenix, AZ. I met my wife (a juvenile probation officer) there and we moved to her home state of Washington in 1997 where I took a job with the Mukilteo Police Department.

I decided I wanted to move to a larger agency that offered more opportunities and a variety of assignments. I came to the King County Sheriff's Office in October of 1999. Since then I have served in several different capacities and locations with the Sherriff's Office, including an early stint in Shoreline.

I returned to Shoreline as a patrol sergeant in 2017 and was promoted to captain in 2019. I was assigned to the Sheriff's Office METRO Police contract. I was with METRO for only six weeks before returning to Shoreline as the Operations Captain after the retirement of the previous captain.

I have worked many places and a variety of assignments over my 30-year career, but I can honestly say Shoreline has been one of my favorite assignments, both as a sergeant and a captain. My co-workers are top notch and really care about the community. Being a police officer is often times challenging to say the least, but I watch with pride as I see our Shoreline Police Officers show up day in and day out and do their best to make a positive impact on the community. I look forward to serving alongside them and continuing to serve the residents of Shoreline in the coming years.

8 CAN'T WAIT

Over the past few months, residents have asked what Shoreline Police policies are related to Campaign Zero's "8 Can't Wait" initiative. Chapter 6 of the Sheriff's General Operation's Manual outlines its use of force policies. The King County Sheriff's Office asked Campaign Zero to conduct an audit of its policies and provide feedback in relation to the eight policies. On June 11, 2020, Campaign Zero determined that the Sheriff's Office met six of the policies and that two needed clarification (Duty to Intervene and Verbal Warning Before Shooting). King County Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht and leaders of the King County Police Officer's Guild quickly made the needed changes to clarify the policies. Here are the current use of force policies related to 8 Can't Wait:

- 1. Ban chokeholds & strangleholds:** Officers shall not make any physical application or maneuver to the neck region that restricts blood or air flow (i.e., choke holds, sleeper holds, carotid submission holds, lateral vascular neck restraint, etc.), except as a last resort to protect officers or others from an immediate threat of death or serious bodily injury. All variations of these maneuvers may be considered deadly force when applied to the neck region. (Chapter 6.00.050)
- 2. Require de-escalation:** When safe and feasible, Officers shall use de-escalation tactics to reduce the need for force. De-escalation is a deliberate attempt to minimize or avoid the use of force to resolve a law enforcement incident using communication, tactics, and actions. Examples of de-escalation include calming agitated subjects, providing additional time for responses, and positioning to reduce risk. (Chapter 6.00.025)
- 3. Require warning before shooting:** Clear direction and verbal commands shall be given when feasible. (Chapter 6.00.005) A recent Special Order (2020-03) expanded on this policy, adding: "If safe and feasible, members shall identify themselves as a police officer or sheriff's deputy and issue a verbal warning before discharging their firearm".
- 4. Requires officers to exhaust all alternatives before shooting:** Officers shall exhaust every reasonable means of apprehension before resorting to the use of deadly force. (Chapter 6.00.045)
- 5. Duty to intervene:** Failure to report an officer's possible misconduct (including excessive or unnecessary use of force against a person) may result in discipline up to and including termination. (Chapter 3.03.015) A recent Special Order (2020-03) expanded on this policy, adding: "Members have a duty to intervene to prevent harm if they observe other member/s using force that is clearly beyond what is reasonable under the circumstances, and such force is likely to cause substantial bodily harm, when in a position to do so. Any member observing an act of excessive, unnecessary force shall also notify a supervisor, when it is safe and feasible to do so."

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Homelessness outreach

SINCE 2018, as part of our efforts to address homelessness in Shoreline, the City has partnered with King County to fund a part-time housing outreach worker through a contract with Lake City Partners. Shoreline's housing outreach worker, Stanley Machokoto, is available to City staff, including the Shoreline Police, when encountering people experiencing homelessness in our community. He contacts these individuals and works to connect them to housing, transportation, and other services. He also provides support to Shoreline's Community Court program and Emergency Severe Weather Shelter. Through his extensive connections and relationship building, Mr. Machokoto works to access services for homeless Shoreline residents.

In 2016, the Shoreline City Council set a goal of allocating 1.0% of general fund revenues to human services by 2022. The recently adopted 2021-2022 City Biennium Budget accomplishes that goal, providing additional funds to needed human services. These funds will continue to fund the Housing Outreach Worker, a much-needed resource in the City.

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North King County Enhanced Shelter

SINCE AUGUST of this year, the City has been exploring the possibility of allowing the former Oaks at Forest Bay Nursing Home at 16357 Aurora Avenue N to be operated as an Enhanced Shelter for single adults. During October and November, City Council considered proposed Interim Development Regulations that would allow for this use.

After significant public comment, the Council approved interim regulations that include requirements for a six-foot solid fence, an approved parking plan, a fire inspection, and a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Shoreline, King County (primary funder), and Lake City Partners (shelter operator) to address a number of operational details. The Agreement has been approved by the City and Lake City Partners and is awaiting approval by King County.

Once all of the requirements have been met to the City's satisfaction, the Shelter will be able to begin housing residents. This is expected to begin sometime during the month of January.

MORE INFORMATION

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6. Ban shooting at moving vehicles: Officers shall not shoot at a moving vehicle, unless: a) deadly physical force is being used against the officer or another person by means other than a moving vehicle; or b) the moving vehicle poses an imminent and identifiable threat of serious physical harm to the officer or others from which there is no reasonable means of escape. For the purposes of this section, officers shall attempt to move out of the path of an oncoming vehicle, if possible, rather than discharge their firearm; and shall not intentionally place themselves in the path of an oncoming vehicle and attempt to disable the vehicle by discharging their firearms. Officers shall not discharge their firearms at a fleeing vehicle unless an officer reasonably believes, and can articulate reasons therefore, why the necessity for immediate apprehension outweighs the danger to the public that is created by discharging a firearm. (Chapter 6.00.045)

7. Require use of force continuum: Less lethal weapons are tools designed to assist officers to gain control of a physically resistant, or aggressive or violent subject(s) who poses a threat of physical harm to themselves, to the officer(s) or to other persons or property. Less lethal weapons have been adopted for use by the Sheriff's Office but are not intended to be a substitute when lethal force is necessary. Sworn personnel shall successfully complete training on less lethal weapons prior to using them. All applications of less lethal weapons shall conform to the principles outlined in the training and certification program, consistent with the RCW definition of necessary force (RCW 9A.16.010) and the Use of Force Policy (GOM 6.00.000). (Chapter 6.03.000)

8. Require comprehensive reporting: It is the policy of the Sheriff's Office to promptly report and to thoroughly investigate any use of force or critical incident. Whenever an officer uses deadly force, physical force, a Conducted Electrical Weapon (TASER), chemical agent or Pepper Spray, reporting is mandatory by the officer using force and any officer witnessing the use of force. Failure to report the use of force, when required, is a violation of this policy. Supervisory notification and supervisor response to the scene is required for all incidents outlined in this policy unless expressly exempted. (Chapter 6.01)

MORE INFORMATION

The Sheriff's Office updates the General Operations Manual regularly. If you have questions or comments regarding the General Operations Manual, please contact the Sheriff's Office at sheriff@kingcounty.gov or 206-296-4155.



CLIMATE ACTION TIP

Seal drafts and save money!

Drafty doors and windows can make your heater work harder and use more energy than is necessary, which drives up your utility costs. A few easy steps to seal leaks can save up to 15% on your monthly heating bill, make your home more comfortable, and reduce your energy use this winter! Most weatherization projects can be completed with \$20-50 in caulking and weatherstripping supplies. Find in-depth information on weatherization tips and energy efficiency rebates at: shorelineclimatechallenge.org.

City can help Shoreline businesses prevent water pollution

IMPROPER STORAGE of hazardous materials can cause significant water pollution. Our Surface Water Utility can help small businesses implement proper storage and disposal of hazardous waste. Through our Business Pollution Prevention program, you can:

- Receive a free site visit and consultation;
- Get a free spill kit (\$60 value);
- Find the best way to manage your business hazardous materials;
- Learn which hazardous waste regulations apply to your business; and
- Connect with other resources and incentives.

MORE INFORMATION

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Shoreline residents rise to the (climate) challenge!

SHORELINE RESIDENTS are doing their part to create a sustainable future! From June to October 2020, over 300 households participated in the Shoreline Climate Challenge, completing more than 1,000 actions that reduce air pollution, lower utility bills, and support local green jobs. Popular actions included switching to LED lights, reducing waste, eating fewer meals with beef and lamb, and using window coverings to save energy and lower home heating costs.

The Shoreline Climate Challenge is a powerful way for all of us to stay connected and focused on collective climate action. While the first campaign ended in October, you can still sign up for the Challenge to explore actions that can save you money, improve the comfort of your home and reduce your carbon footprint. You can also share tips and resources with other community members and learn about rebates, incentives, and upcoming events on the Challenge website. Learn more and get involved at shorelineclimatechallenge.org.

Thank you to everyone who has joined the Challenge and taken action to create a Sustainable Shoreline!

MORE INFORMATION

Learn more and sign up at shorelineclimatechallenge.org

Top Teams

- Baha'is of Shoreline
- Meridian Park Neighborhood Team
- Shoreline Community Services

Top Community Groups

- Shoreline City Staff Group
- Meridian Park Neighborhood Group
- Briarcrest

Top Neighborhoods

- Parkwood
- Highland Terrace
- Meridian Park

Holiday Tree Collection

RECOLOGY WILL COLLECT unflocked, undecorated, natural trees in lengths up to 4 feet. Residents who subscribe to food/yard waste collection service may place trees out for collection on their regular collection day.

Residents who do not subscribe to food/yard waste service may schedule collection of properly prepared trees during the first two full weeks in January (January 4-11 and January 11-15) at no additional charge. To schedule pick-up, contact Recology by Friday, January 1.

MORE INFORMATION

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COVID-19 Update

AT THE TIME OF PRINTING, Governor Inslee had issued renewed restrictions on gatherings, restaurants, bars, and other personal services and activities. The number of cases had spiked to the highest levels of the pandemic.

We urge Shoreline residents to continue to take prevention measures seriously.

- **Wear face coverings** when you go out and inside when close to anyone who is not a member of your household.
- **Maintain six feet of distance.**
- **Wash your hands** or use sanitizing gel frequently.
- **Improve ventilation** in indoor spaces by opening windows when possible.
- **Get tested** at the first sign of illness.

Early in the pandemic we heard about flattening the curve. We wanted to slow the disease to avoid overwhelming our healthcare system, and we were successful. With the most recent spike in cases we have also seen the number of hospitalizations go up. We need to work hard again to flatten the curve.

CARES Act Funding Update

On June 8, 2020, City Council approved the City establishing a Small Business Support Program in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In total, the program provided \$775,490 in CARES Act funding to small businesses in our community (\$86,091 in King County CARES Act and \$689,399 in Shoreline CARES Act). The City received 70 applications for a total request of \$1,201,518 in grant awards.

The City stands ready to continue to provide support to our small business community if new funds become available. Sign up for business support eNotifications at shorelinewa.gov/c19bizresponse.

MORE INFORMATION

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New Statewide Plastic Bag Ban

THE 2020 Washington State Legislature passed a statewide ban on single-use plastic bags, effective January 1, 2021. The statewide law preempts City Ordinance No. 653, which enacted carryout bag regulations in Shoreline in April 2013. Learn more about the new state law and download educational materials to use in your business at ecology.wa.gov/Bag-Ban.

Who does the ban apply to?

- All retail, grocery, and convenience stores
- Any restaurant or establishment offering take-out or delivery food or goods
- Temporary stores or vendors
- Any event where food or goods are sold or distributed

What kind of bags are banned?

- Any single-use, plastic carry-out bag provided at delivery, check stand, cash register, point of sale, or other point of departure to a customer

What kind of bags are allowed?

- Paper bags made of at least 40% post-consumer recycled content - 8 cent charge
- Plastic bags made of at least 20% post-consumer recycled content and a minimum of 2.25 mil thick film - 8 cent charge

MORE INFORMATION

Ecology.wa.gov/Bag-Ban

Image	Charge	Material	Notes
	NO	Single-use Plastic	Carryout Bags
	8¢ charge	Large Paper	Carryout Bags Made with 40% recycled content. Charges must be retained by the business.
	8¢ charge	Thick Reusable Plastic	Carryout Bags Made with 20% recycled content and a minimum of 2.25 mil thick film. Charges must be retained by the business.
	BYOB	Clean Reusable Bags	No charge! Don't forget your durable reusable bags.

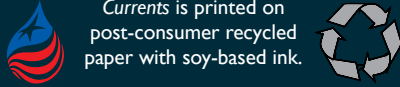


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SHORELINE CITYWISE PROJECT



HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED who maintains our parks? Or how the City creates a budget or plans for changing traffic volumes?

Since launching as a pilot in 2017, the CityWise Project has provided participants insight into the wide range of services provided by the City. In 2021, CityWise will be offered as an online experience. This series of 8 informational sessions on Zoom starts with an introduction to Shoreline's form of government. At the end, participants will use what they have learned about City operations to write a budget.

Applications will be available on January 13, 2021. 90-minute sessions begin on Tuesday evenings in early February.

CityWise is free of charge, and open to residents, employees, business owners, and students age 16 and older in Shoreline. Class size is limited to 30 participants, chosen to represent all neighborhoods and their diverse populations. Applicants who are Shoreline residents will receive priority.

For more information, contact Constance Perenyi, cperenyi@shorelinewa.gov. Apply online at shorelinewa.gov/Citywise.



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