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City of Florence adopts 2023-2025 Biennial Budget

FLORENCE, OR — The Florence City Council voted to adopt the approved 2023-2025 City of Florence Budget on Monday, June 5, 2023. The City's budget for this biennium is \$76,367,000, and includes levying the City's permanent tax rate of \$2.8610 each fiscal year of the biennium. The Budget goes into effect on July 1, 2023.

City Staff presented the budget message on May 1, 2023, and the City held two Budget Committee meetings on May 8 and May 10. These included public hearings and the chance for community member interaction.

The 2023-25 Biennial Budget was prepared to address the adopted City Council Goals consistent with the adopted 2023-2025 Work Plan.

Florence Mayor Rob Ward stated, "It's amazing the process it takes to get to this point. I just want to thank the City and Staff for all the work that went in to putting that together."

In her Budget Message, City Manager Erin Reynolds said, "You will find that the proposed budget enables the City as a government organization to continue to uphold the goals and the mission of the City — to sustain and improve city services and infrastructure from which our community members can live, work, and play in a quality, viable, and sustainable manner. City staff have proposed a budget that reflects an ongoing commitment to provide valued services for the community with a foundation of fiscal health and stewardship."

The 2023-2025 Biennial Budget totals \$76,367,000, comprised of \$68,892,100 in spending and \$7,474,900 in ending fund balance. The 2023-2025 Approved Biennial Budget, in total, is a 3.95% increase over the 2021-23 adjusted Biennial Budget.

The Budget includes appropriations of \$19,087,100 for the General Fund, \$15,028,200 for the Wastewater Fund, \$8,787,300 for the Water Fund, \$8,561,000 for the Street Fund, \$4,362,800 for the Public Works Administration Fund, \$3,908,800 for the Stormwater Fund, \$3,797,600 for the Debt Service Fund and \$3,580,700 for the Florence Events Center Fund, as well as appropriations for other funds.

"I am proud to put forward this budget that has created a financial plan and roadmap for how we can operationally manage the City, invest in new capital, maintain what we have, provide excellent services with outstanding employees, and meet the City Council's Goals and achieve all that is contained in the City's Work Plan," Reynolds said.

In accordance with Oregon Local Budget Law, all 2023-2025 Budget materials are available to the public prior to each meeting. These can be found at <https://www.ci.florence.or.us/administrative-services/2023-2025-budget-information>.

As the June 5 meeting concluded, Mayor Ward said, "It's great to be part of the City of Florence. It truly is. And I know everybody up here feels the same way."

For information on the June 5, 2023, Florence City Council meeting, visit <https://www.ci.florence.or.us/council/city-council-meeting-245>.

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