

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE FY 2017-18 BUDGET, SETTING PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND TRANSMITTING THE APPROVED BUDGET TO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY TAX SUPERVISING AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION)

RESOLUTION NO 17-4770

Introduced by Tom Hughes, Council President

WHEREAS, the Metro Council, convened as the Budget Committee, has reviewed the FY 2017-18 Proposed Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Council, convened as the Budget Committee, has conducted a public hearing on the FY 2017-18 Proposed Budget; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Oregon Budget Law, the Council, convened as the Budget Committee, must approve the FY 2017-18 Budget, and said approved budget must be transmitted to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission for public hearing and review; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

- 1. That the Proposed FY 2017-18 Budget as amended by the Metro Council, convened as the Budget Committee, which is on file at the Metro offices, is hereby approved.
2. That property tax levies for FY 2017-18 are approved as follows:

SUMMARY OF AD VALOREM TAX LEVY

Table with 3 columns: Tax Category, Subject to the General Government Limitation, Excluded from the Limitation. Rows include Permanent Tax Rate, Local Option Tax Rate, and General Obligation Bond Levy.

3. That the Chief Operating Officer is hereby directed to submit the Approved FY 2017-18 Budget and Appropriations Schedule to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission for public hearing and review.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 4th day of May, 2017.

Signature of Tom Hughes, Council President, and official circular seal of the Metro Council.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Signature of Alison Kean, Metro Attorney.

STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-4770 APPROVING THE FY 2017-18 BUDGET, SETTING PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND TRANSMITTING THE APPROVED BUDGET TO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY TAX SUPERVISING AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Date: May 4, 2017

Presented by: Tim Collier
Director, Finance and Regulatory Services

BACKGROUND

On April 13, 2017, Martha Bennett, the Chief Operating Officer, presented the FY 2017-18 Proposed Budget to the Metro Council sitting as Budget Committee. A public hearing on the budget was held where the Council, sitting as Metro's Budget Committee, received testimony from interested members of the general public and Metro stakeholders.

The action taken by this resolution is the interim step between initial proposal of the budget and final adoption of the budget in June. Oregon Budget Law requires that Metro approve and transmit its budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC). Members of the TSCC are appointed by the Governor to supervise local government budgeting and taxing activities in Multnomah County. The TSCC will hold a public hearing on Metro's budget scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. in the Metro Council Chamber Annex. Following the meeting, the TSCC will provide a letter of certification for Metro's budget at which time the Council will formally adopt the final budget for FY 2017-18. The adoption of the budget is currently scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2017.

Oregon Budget Law requires the Budget Committee of each local jurisdiction to set the property tax levies for the ensuing year at the time the budget is approved. Under budget law the Metro Council sits as the Budget Committee for this action. The tax levies must be summarized in the resolution that approves the budget and cannot be increased beyond this amount following approval. Metro's levy for general obligation debt reflects actual debt service levies for all outstanding general obligation bonds. The levy authorization for FY 2017-18 also includes year 5 of the 5-year local option levy for Parks and Natural Areas support as well as the levy for Metro's permanent tax rate for general operations.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition** – None known at this time.
2. **Legal Antecedents** – The preparation, review and adoption of Metro's annual budget is subject to the requirements of Oregon Budget Law, ORS Chapter 294. Oregon Revised Statutes 294.635 requires that Metro prepare and submit its approved budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission by May 15, 2017. The Commission will conduct a hearing on June 8, 2017 for the purpose of receiving information from the public regarding the Council's approved budget. Following the hearing, the Commission will certify the budget to the Council for adoption and may provide recommendations to the Council regarding any aspect of the budget.

3. **Anticipated Effects** – Adoption of this resolution will set the maximum tax levies for FY 2017-18 and authorize the transmittal of the approved budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission.
4. **Budget Impacts** – The total amount of the proposed FY 2017-18 annual budget is \$567,677,623. Any changes approved by the Council at the time of approval were incorporated into the budget prior to transmittal to the TSCC.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Council President recommends adoption of Resolution No. 17-4770 approving the FY 2017-18 budget and authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to submit the approved budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission.