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TO: City Council
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SUBJECT: FY23 Budget
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The purpose of this agenda item is to hear from Council regarding suggestions, comments and concerns about the upcoming FY23 Budget. I would have liked to have held this session earlier, say in December or January, but given that this entire year is a “transitional” year, the important thing is to start the discussions. Perhaps the timing of a pre-budget meeting in December or January can be part of the annual Council calendar. I would expect as the organization stabilizes that staff will be able to provide greater context for this type of discussion regarding future budgets.

This can be an open discussion, and your suggestions may help us as the FY23 Budget is being prepared. You will hear from our outside auditor at the February 28th Meeting, but you should be aware that the City is in a relatively strong financial position. We need to continue to invest in our human infrastructure (staff) and our capital infrastructure (bricks and mortar etc.).

In conclusion, this session is an opportunity for broad policy guidance to be received by staff. I do not expect specific, detailed decisions to be made in this forum, but this type of meeting can be helpful in providing some context and a framework for upcoming budget review.