



# 2016 BUDGET PROCESS

Preparation of the City's 2016 Operating Budget is well underway. The process, which is expected to be completed sometime in December with City Council adoption of the budget or revenue and spending plan, has been unfolding for several months and includes the following major milestones:

- During the summer, the City Council reviewed various projects for future construction. The list of projects is a plan, not only for 2016, but for the subsequent five years. The Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is updated each year as projects are completed, added or deleted,

depending on funding sources and needs. With the annual adoption of the CIP, the stage is set for some of the major purchases for the upcoming budget year.

- Throughout the summer, the various City departments are at work projecting budget needs for 2016. The City Manager holds meetings with individual department/division managers to review needs, justifications and resources. The City Manager is charged with assembling the preliminary budget so that a balanced plan can be considered by the City Council.

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- The Council next receives the preliminary budget and budget message from the City Manager. By law, the preliminary budget must be filed with the Council at least 60-days before the end of the fiscal year. Copies of this preliminary budget must also be made available to the public at least six weeks before January 1. Once prepared, copies of the preliminary budget will be available by contacting the Finance Department or on the City's website at: [www.pasco-wa.gov/budget](http://www.pasco-wa.gov/budget).
- The City's general fund, which is the largest (accounting for approximately 30% of all City expenditures) and provides services such as police, fire, parks, municipal court and other general government operations, is funded primarily by City taxes on property, retail sales and utilities. The City Council must hold a public hearing on revenue sources for the 2016 budget and consider any changes to the property tax levy. The property tax levy for 2016 must be set by the City Council no later than November 30.
- On or before the first Monday in December, the Council must hold a final public hearing on the 2016 Operating and Capital budgets. Only after providing for public input, can the Council adopt the final budget. By law the City Council must adopt a budget prior to the beginning of the year.

For further information, or specific dates in the City's budget process, go to [www.pasco-wa.gov/budget](http://www.pasco-wa.gov/budget).



## City Works to Better Connect with Community

The City has been working in 2015 to improve communications and outreach for our diverse community. Several initiatives have been started across different departments; some examples include:

- Monthly City event advertisements in local Spanish language newspapers
- Translation tools on all pages of the City's website
- City booths at the annual Cinco de Mayo Festival in downtown Pasco
- New Police Facebook and Twitter pages (including Spanish language versions)
- Regular meetings with the Police and local clergy, specifically Latino churches, to improve relations and understanding
- "Coffee with a Cop" events held in different areas of the City to open lines of communication

These and other efforts can only be successful with your participation. If you have suggestions to improve outreach to all segments of the community please email us at [communications@pasco-wa.gov](mailto:communications@pasco-wa.gov). Visit the City's website at [www.pasco-wa.gov](http://www.pasco-wa.gov) or the City's social media pages (City of Pasco or Pasco Police Department on Facebook and Twitter) for more information on efforts already underway!

## 37th Annual Lampson Cable Bridge Run December 19



The 37th Lampson Cable Bridge Run is scheduled for Saturday, December 19 and Santa Claus will be starting the run at 9am sharp! As in previous years, there will be three distances to run – 1 mile, 5K, and 10K. Early registration is open now and ends December 9; late registration closes December 16 (but additional fees apply, so register today!). Ben Franklin Transit will provide bus service between the starting line, the 5K/10K finish and participant parking at the Benton County Fairgrounds. Chip timing will also be available.

For more information on this or the many other activities sponsored by Pasco Parks & Recreation, visit [www.pascoparksandrec.com](http://www.pascoparksandrec.com).

## HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

City offices will be closed:

**Wednesday, November 11**  
in observance of Veteran's Day

*The City wishes to thank all veterans for their service to the nation!*

**Thursday, November 26  
& Friday, November 27**  
in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday

*For more information about the City, visit our website at [www.pasco-wa.gov](http://www.pasco-wa.gov)*



## Change Your Clock - Change Your Batteries

As daylight savings time ends on November 1, the Fire Department wants to remind us to make another change that could save our lives – changing batteries in smoke alarms.

The most commonly cited causes of non-working smoke alarms are worn or missing batteries. Working smoke alarms nearly cut in half the risk of dying in a home fire.

The Fire Department and the Pasco Senior Center will be providing to City of Pasco resident senior citizens complimentary installation of 9 volt batteries for smoke detectors. Call 543-5709 for an appointment (from November 2-13) for this free service.



**NOVEMBER 3**

**It's your community - don't forget to vote on November 3!**

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