



2026 Legislative Review

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Today's Agenda

- Budget Overview
- Discuss statewide policy issues
- Highlight key measures that impact the City
- Discuss Strategies Moving Forward





Overall Budget Summary

- Based on significant future revenue from SB 6346 “Millionaire’s Tax” as well as additional taxes on insurance and data centers
- Requires transfers from the capital budget as well as the budget stabilization account
- Short-term solvency is dependent on one-time monies, longer term solvency is dependent on Millionaire’s Tax
- State revenue and fiscal choices impact local policy making environment





Select Budget Impacts

- Millionaire's Tax and policy changes to 5814 reduce city sales tax base
- No major changes to state shared revenues
- Investments in Housing Trust Fund
- Increase to Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)
- No additional Funding for Indigent Defense



Culture and Heritage

City Policy Item

- Rep. Stonier introduced HB 2583 at the request of the city:
 - Lowers the population threshold for a city to impose a 4 percent special lodging tax to a city with a population of at least 200,000 located in a county with a population of at least 500,000.
 - Would align Vancouver authority with Seattle's.
 - Failed to advance with opposition from Lodging Industry, and “crowding” from other tax policies
 - Lodging industry agreed to work with us over the summer to refine approach



Economic Opportunity

Select State Enacted Legislation pertaining to Childcare:

2689: allows for full monthly payments

1128: Creates the Childcare Workforce Standards Board

2219: Requires childcare providers to be free of high potency opioids, equipment and paraphernalia



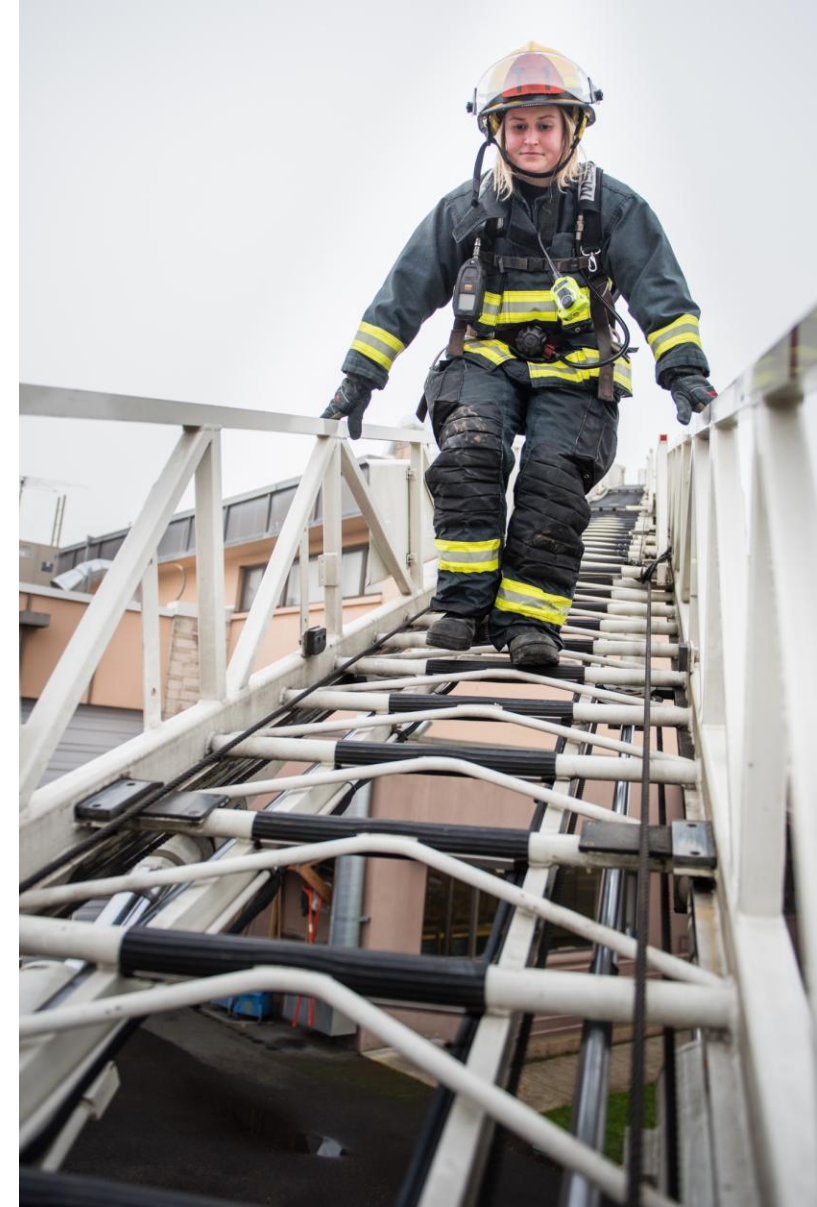
Safe and Prepared Community

Select State Enacted Policy Item

- SB 5855, concerning the use of face coverings by law enforcement officers
- SB 6002 Concerning driver privacy protections, places certain restriction on automated license plate readers

City Funding Request

- Vancouver and regional partners request **\$3.5 million** in the Capital Budget to advance a permanent Regional Public Safety – **NOT FUNDED**



Housing and Human Needs

City Policy Item

- HB 2201, Standardizing city and county planning and development regulations with an urban growth area – **Introduced**
- Opposed by Counties' Association, concerns over fiscal impact to counties, desire to have date certain annexations

Select State Enacted Housing Policy Item

- HB 2266, encouraging permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, and indoor emergency shelters
- HB 6026, Concerning residential development in commercial and mixed-use zones



Vibrant and Distinct Neighborhoods

Select State Enacted Policy Item

SB 6110, Addressing electric-assisted bicycles and electric motorcycles:

- An e-bike is further defined as excluding: any vehicle capable of exceeding 20mph solely on its electric motor; and any vehicle designed, manufactured, or intended by the manufacturer or seller to be easily configured to not meet the requirements of an e-bike



High Performing Government

HB 2442: Providing local governments tax resources and fund flexibility – **Passed**

- Allows a City to establish a fire protection district with boundaries that are the same as the corporate boundaries of the City
- Expands the authorized uses of local sales and use tax revenues for housing and related services The use of the revenue from the housing sales and use tax is expanded to include funding the rehabilitation, operations, and maintenance of existing units of affordable housing and facilities, as well as new units. Additionally, a portion of the revenue may be used for rental assistance.
- Authorizes a new local sales and use tax of 0.01 percent to fund services for children and families, can be imposed by the Council or by vote.
- Extends the maximum length that a levy lid lift may be approved for by voters to ten years.



Working with the Legislature Moving Forward:

Changing the Narrative on Housing

Continue to narrow our focus, both AWC and Vancouver

Earlier Agenda Setting/Engagement

Better Education/Engagement of Members, especially new Members



Thank You

