COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Number:	**25-112**	Meeting:	**March 24, 2025**
Agenda Item:	**3**	Roll Call:	**25-0398**
Submitted by:	**Nickolas Schaul, Finance Director**		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hold Public Hearing on proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Property Tax Levy.

SYNOPSIS:

House File (HF) 718 of the 2023 Legislative Session requires cities to conduct a separate meeting on the budget. At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council can publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed City budget.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City is proposing no change in the overall tax rate. The rate remains at $16.61 per $1,000 of taxable property. This overall tax rate has remained materially unchanged since FY2021.
- On March 15, Polk County mailed a notice to property owners in Des Moines of the proposed rate and how to participate in this meeting.
- In addition to this meeting, residents can provide input at the April 7th Council meeting when the budget will be considered. The Finance Department conducted four (4) public meetings in December to solicit input from residents regarding budget development. Opportunities to provide input were also available virtually at dsm.city/budget. Also, the City Manager's Office and Finance Department held additional budget discussions with the public near the end of February.
- Both the Preliminary Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budgets were posted on the website on February 7th. Finance staff presented budget details to Council on February 19th.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 24, 2025

Roll Call Number: 25-0268

Action: To receive oral or written testimony from any resident or property owner of Des Moines on the proposed property tax amount for FY2026, (3-24-25, 7:30 AM). Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

March 24, 2025 (evening): Set Public Hearing for Budget Consideration

April 7, 2025: Hold Hearing for Budget Consideration

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