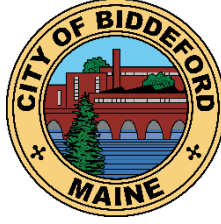

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PRESS RELEASE

City of Biddeford Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Public Hearing Set for March 24

BIDDEFORD (March 18, 2022) — Members of the public are invited to provide public comment to the City Council on the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Municipal and School Budgets at the Budget Committee Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m. The hearing will be held in a hybrid format with options to participate in person in the City Hall Council Chambers and online via Zoom.

“The schedule for budget meetings allows for the public to speak to the Council on the proposed City and School budgets after all budget requests have been presented but before deliberations begin,” said Mayor Alan Casavant. “The Council will then consider your feedback as we move into the next stage of the budget process where funding decisions are made.”

The submitted Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, as described by City Manager James Bennett at the March 1 City Council meeting, looks to transform operations to meet new citizen expectations while maintaining the ‘core’ services and expectations and bring frugal in the process. The proposed Municipal budget reflects a \$0.49 increase to the tax rate. The proposed Fiscal Year 2023 School Department budget, presented to the Council by Superintendent Jeremy Ray on March 15, would impact the tax rate by an additional \$0.24.

There will be a second Public Hearing, tentatively set for early May, which provides an opportunity for the public to provide additional feedback as budget deliberations near completion.

To review presentations and information about the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, please visit <https://www.biddefordmaine.org/FY23Budget>.

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