



OLYMPIA

Utilities

2045

Council Acceptance

June 17, 2025



Agenda

- Tonight's Request: Accept the Utilities Chapter
- What goes into the Utilities Chapter?
- How Utilities Plan for Growth
- Chapter Update Process
- High-level Review of Changes



Climate Policies

Goals and policies to address climate resilience and mitigation are being developed and reviewed as part of the Climate Element. These goals and policies will be integrated throughout all chapters of the comprehensive plan after the Climate Element is reviewed and accepted by Olympia City Council.

******Through our Utilities Chapter update work, 22 climate related policies are proposed; Through Climate Chapter work, 3 have been modified and 13 more have been added



City of Olympia Utilities – Public Works

City of Olympia Public Works Department

- Drinking Water Utility
- Waste ReSources (garbage/recycling/organics)
- Water Resources
 - ❖ Storm and Surface Water Utility
 - ❖ Wastewater Utility

*Private Utilities to be addressed by Community Planning and Development



Requirement - Inventory

A utilities element consisting of the general location, proposed location and capacity of all existing and proposed utilities, including but not limited to electrical lines, telecommunication lines, and natural gas lines.

RCW 36.70A.070(4)

A capital facilities plan consisting of: (a) An inventory of existing capital facilities owned by public entities, showing the locations and capacities of the capital facilities; **RCW 36.70A.070(3)**



Requirement – Projection of Needs

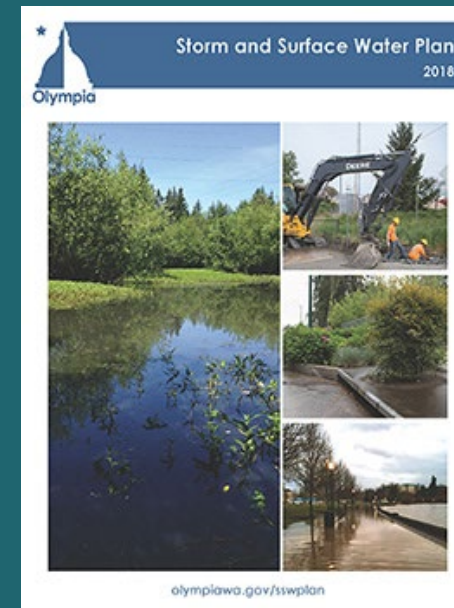
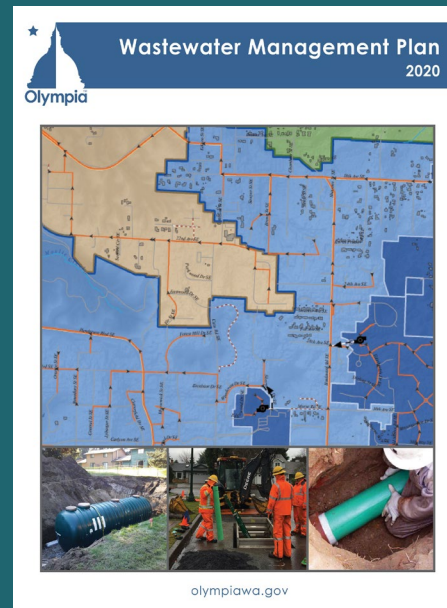
(b) a forecast of the future needs for such capital facilities; (c) the proposed locations and capacities of expanded or new capital facilities; (d) at least a six-year plan that will finance such capital facilities within projected funding capacities and clearly identifies sources of public money for such purposes;....

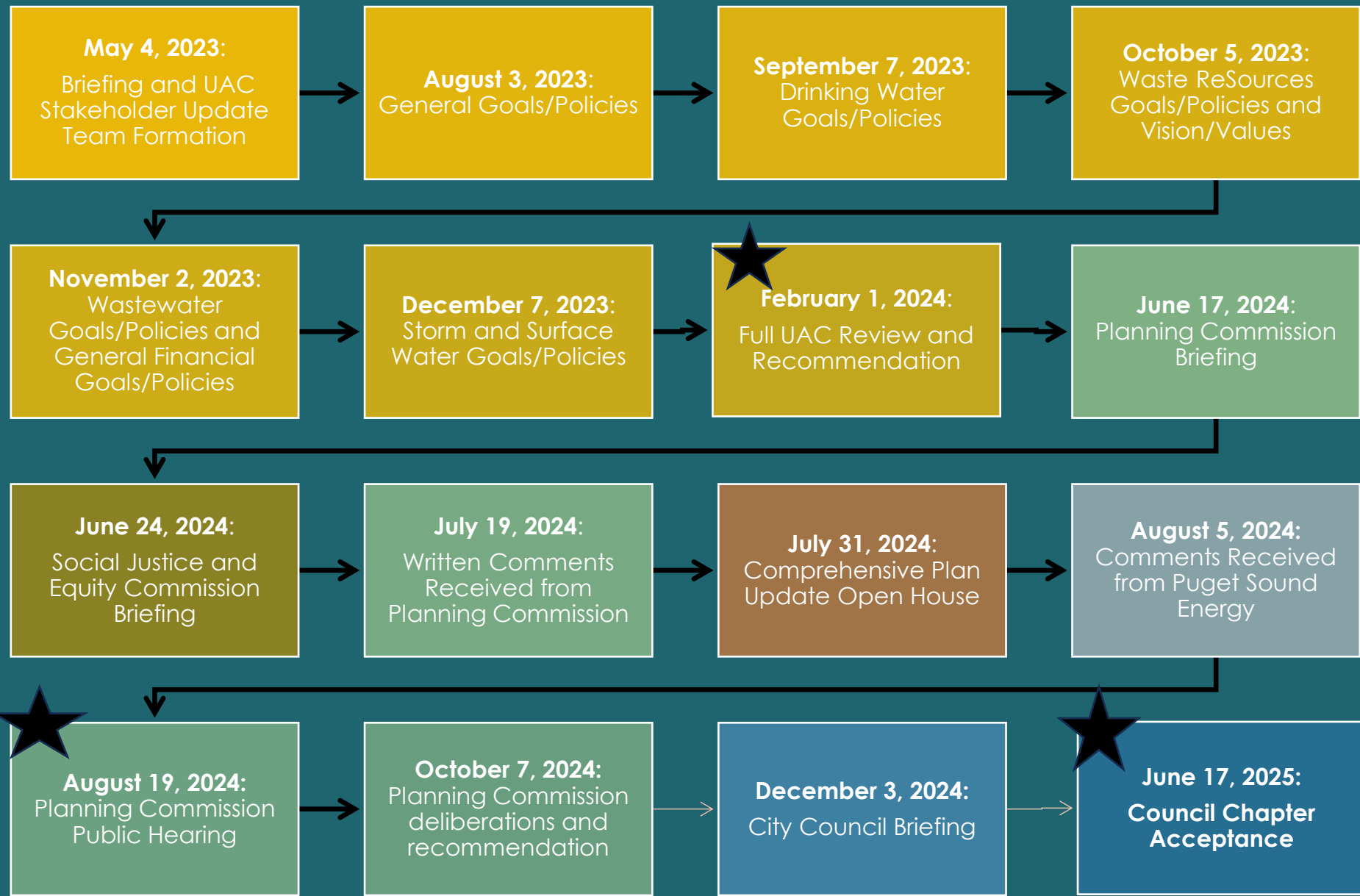
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Inventory & Needs Requirements

These are met through our master plans and annually adopted Capital Facilities Plan





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Utility Staff Update Assumptions

- Utility Master Plans Provide Detailed Policy Direction
- Utilities Plan & React to Growth Needs – Do not Direct Growth
- Utilities Plan for Growth via Master Plans
- Minimal Updates to Utility Chapter Required



Utility Staff Update Assumptions, continued

- If Support for Something New is Desired, Include
- Capital Facilities Plan and Utilities Chapter Work Together
- We are to Address City-owned Utilities – Not Private



High-level Updates – General

- Address Olympia's Climate Goals Throughout
- Address Olympia's Equity Goals Throughout
 - ❖ Maintenance/Capital Project Decisions
 - ❖ Outreach and Education Programs
 - ❖ Offering New or Expanded Rate Assistance Programs
- Stress the Importance of Long-term Financial Planning
- Updated PU1.4 to Prioritize Capital Projects that also Prioritize Infill Development



High-Level Updates – Drinking Water

- Allow Telecommunications Companies at Water Properties Only When Security can be Assured



High-Level Updates - Wastewater

- Reference Budd Inlet Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) as Important to Prioritizing Future Septic to Sewer Projects



High-Level Updates – Storm & Surface Water

- Address all 3 Mission Areas and All Water Has Value
- Move Policies from the Natural Environment When Directs the Utility to Take Action
- National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit as Shared City Responsibility



High-Level Updates – Storm & Surface Water

- Updated PU9.1 and PU10.4 to Strengthen Language Addressing Stormwater Retrofits
- Addition: PU 10.3 Use Green Stormwater Infrastructure to Facilitate the City's Climate Goals.



High-Level Updates – Private Utilities

- Added a New Vision Statement Recognizing the Benefit to the Community of City Coordination with Private Utilities
- Revised GU16 to Recognize Undergrounding Lines Wherever Possible to Protect Public Health...
- Revised PU18.1 to Better Define how Compatibility Between Private Utilities and Adjacent Land Uses is Addressed
- Revised Background Inventory Information



High-Level Updates – Waste ReSources

- Updates to Section Title and to Retain the Zero Waste Vision
- Address the Utility's Carbon Footprint
- Impacts of Solid Waste
- Eliminated: PU 13.2 Manage waste as locally as possible.



December 3, 2024 Council Study Session

- Added Text to Reference Pavement Restoration Requirements for Private Utility Projects
- Asked the Climate Chapter Authors to Address Possible Siting Difficulties for Renewal Energy Facilities Given our Urban Environment
- Eliminated Utility Advisory Committee's Recommended Municipal Utility Tax Policy - *Changes to the municipal utility tax will consider impacts to the City's utilities' ability to deliver services.*
- Added 2 New Policies to Work Toward Compulsory Recycling and Composting



Discussion and Possible Acceptance/Action

