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# Police Community Advisory Committee

## Meeting #9

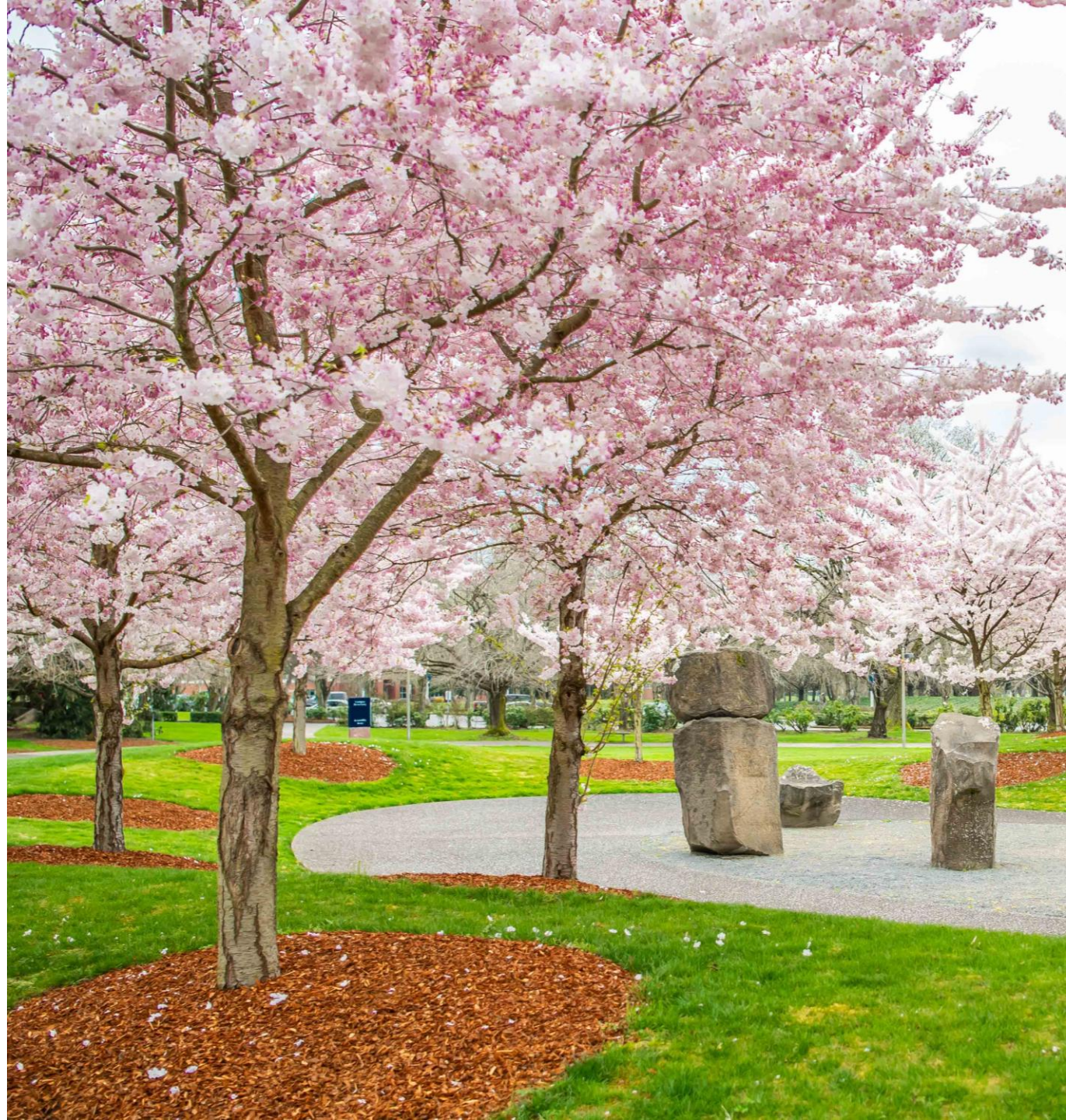
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# Welcome in centering exercise







# Agenda

- Continue the conversation about public safety goals and performance measures
- Share updates on recent legislation and county engagement
- Discuss potential funding options
- Next steps







# Department Goals

- Fill all our vacancies
- Implement smart technology to improve our transparency and efficiency
- Be the safest urban city in Washington State



# Performance Indicators

## Fill all Vacancies

- Improved response times for all priorities
- Officer wellness surveys and outcomes

## Implement Smart Technology

- Implement RTIC and measure contributions to overall VPD mission
- Launch DFR and track response rates and outcomes
- AI assisted report writing

## Safest Urban City in Washington

- Crime rates per capita
- Community safety sentiment surveys
- Contributions to wholistic approaches to solve and prevent homelessness



# Legislative and Election Updates



# Potential Funding Options





## Option #1

# Public safety sales tax + possible grant funds from HB 2015

If signed into law, HB 2015 would allow the City to apply for a grant and enact a 0.1% public safety sales tax

## How much money would it generate?

- \$6.1–\$6.4 million per year

## How many officers could it fund?

- 13–15 officers, plus positions and equipment from a possible grant





## Option #1: Sales tax + grant funds



### Pros

- Could be enacted directly by the City Council
- Funds could be spent on a wide range of public safety purposes
- Would provide a guaranteed source of funding, separate from of a future levy



### Cons

- Would generate less money than a levy
- Sales tax can be volatile, changing from year to year
- Sales taxes are regressive, meaning they take a greater percentage of money from lower-income households

## Option #2

### Property tax levy (Proposition 5)

The City could also pursue a levy lid lift, similar to Proposition 4, but potentially smaller in size

#### **How much money would it generate?**

- Tailored to hiring targets

#### **How many officers could it fund?**

- Max 30-35





## Option #1: Levy lid lift



### Pros

- Would generate a larger amount of funding
- Could enable the City to hire more officers and invest in other public safety programs
- More stable and less volatile than a sales tax



### Cons

- Would increase the cost of housing at a time when many community members are anxious about the economy
- Could limit the City's ability to impose a levy for other needs
- Recent levies in Clark County have failed to pass

# Committee Discussion

- **What questions are coming up for you?**
- **How well does each option address our funding design considerations?**

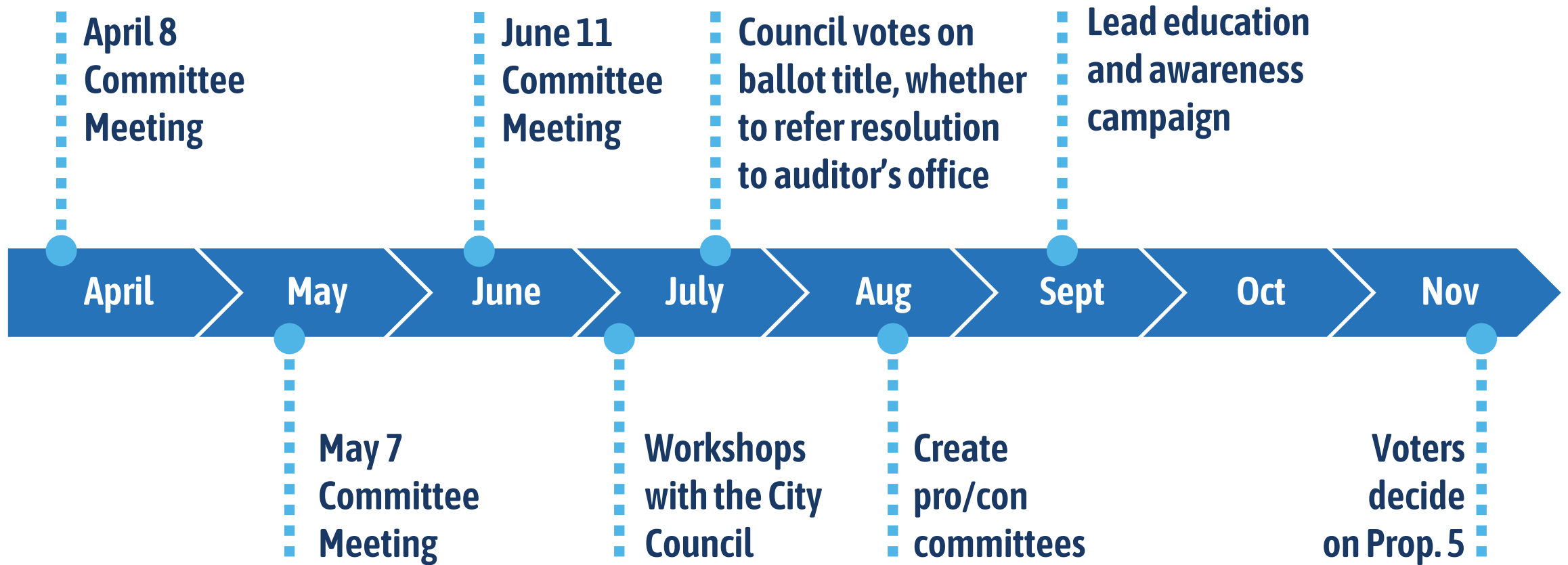




# Discussion



# Timeline for a Possible Proposition 5



\*Fall or winter meetings to be determined





# Committee Next Steps

- Our next committee meeting will be 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11 at City Hall
- During the meeting, we'll:
  - Provide updates on the state budget
  - Discuss and vote on a preferred funding option





# Thank You



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