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Memorandum 21-040

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
FROM: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
DATE: February 17, 2021
SUBJECT: Budget Priorities Public Hearing & Committee of the Whole

My understanding is that a public hearing and Committee of the Whole discussion early on in the budget process has been a common element of the budget development schedule. In the FY22/23 budget development schedule we have retained this element. The purpose of this public hearing and discussion is to allow Council and the public the ability to comment on any budget issues, ideas, priorities, etc. they may have.

What is different for this budget cycle is that Administration intends to host a series of work sessions for different parts of the budget while we are in the process of developing the draft that will come to Council for introduction in May. The work session concepts are as follows:

- Administration and Finance Departments
- Police and Fire Departments
- Public Works Department
- Port & Harbor Department
- Overhead and Admin Fees
- Fleet and Capital Projects
- Reserves

The dates and the order of work sessions is yet to be determined, but I will be working with the Clerk's office to begin schedule these meetings shortly.

Staff Recommendation: Discuss budget priorities with staff and hold a public hearing.