

# City of Sammamish

## 2023-2024 Budget in Brief

### *Vision Statement:*

*Sammamish is a vibrant bedroom community blessed with a well-preserved natural environment, a family-friendly, kid-safe culture, and unrivaled connectedness. From its expanding tree canopy to its peaceful neighborhoods, to its multi-modal transportation resources, Sammamish captures the best of the past even as it embraces a burgeoning digital future and meets housing affordability through balanced, sustainable housing. It is a state-of-the-art community-engaged, responsive and generous in its support for the full range of human endeavor.*



Sammamish City Hall, 801 228<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Sammamish, WA 98075

# City Council Goals

## Environment

**Goal:** Protect and, if appropriate, enhance the natural environment and address climate change through development of citywide policies, initiatives, and actions that ensure a sustainable future.

## Trust & Transparency

**Goal:** Ensure City government is transparent and builds trust with its diverse community by engaging residents in the decision-making process and promoting understanding of the City's activities through education and clear communication.

## Safety

**Goal:** Maintain a high level of public safety and build citywide resilience through proactive public engagement and coordination with community partners focusing on preparedness, prevention, and mitigation.

## DEIB

**Goal:** Advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in a measurable way throughout the community and in the City government's policies, projects, and services.

## Housing

**Goal:** Facilitate housing options that meet a diverse range of incomes and needs.

## Financial Sustainability

**Goal:** Ensure long term financial sustainability through efficient and effective government services funded by diverse and reliable revenue sources.

## Transportation

**Goal:** Develop a holistic multi-modal system that equitably accommodates all modes of travel and is both environmentally and financially sustainable.

# City Council



Mayor Kali Clark



Deputy Mayor Amy Lam



Róisín O'Farrell



Rituja Indapure



Pam Stuart



Kent Treen



Karen Howe

The City of Sammamish uses the Council-Manager form of government. This form of government combines the strong political leadership of a city council with the strong managerial experience of an appointed local government manager. All power is concentrated in the elected council who in turn hire a city manager, responsible for the day-to-day operations, overseeing the delivery of public service. Councilmembers are typically elected to four-year terms, however some of the current council are completing terms of council members who resigned in 2021. Four of the council positions will be up for election in 2023.

## *A Message from the City Manager*

*Mayor and Councilmembers:*

*I am pleased to submit to you the City's Budget in Brief. This document reports information contained in the City's budget in a different, more accessible way, and serves to provide members of the public with clear facts and figures about our revenues and expenditures.*

*Sincerely,*

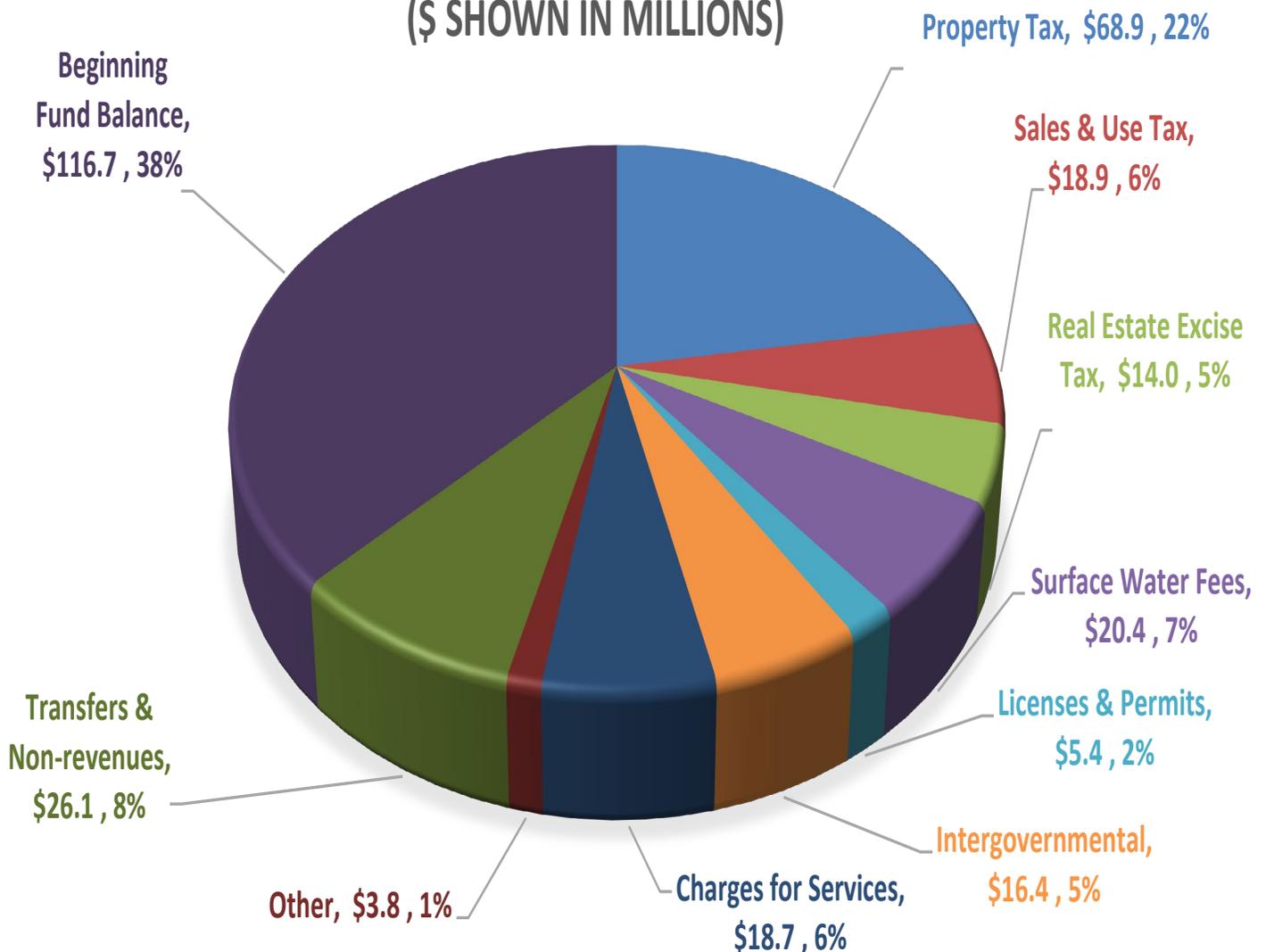
*Scott MacColl*

# Where the Money Comes From...

Total funding sources over the biennium equal \$309.4 million. Beginning fund balance, which accounts for 38% of the total, can be thought of as a savings account balance. It is the accumulated amount by which revenues have exceeded expenditures since the City's incorporation. For the 2023-2024 budget a portion of the fund balance is being used to pay for budgeted 2023-2024 expenditures.

The chart below includes all city revenues and the beginning fund balance. There are Federal, State and King County restrictions on which revenues may be used to pay for which expenditures. The beginning fund balance and property taxes are the largest sources of citywide funding for the 2023-2024 budget period.

## WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM APPROVED BUDGET \$309.4 MILLION (\$ SHOWN IN MILLIONS)

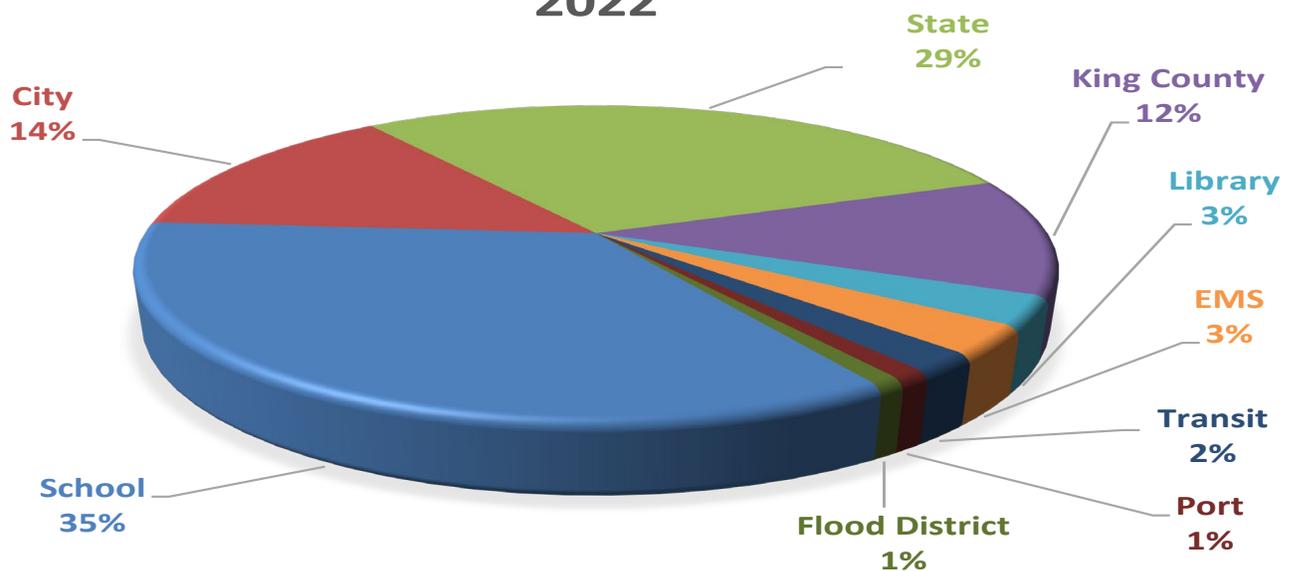


# Property & Sales Tax Information

## Property Tax

Property tax is the city's primary source of funding for general city services. In 2023, the city expects to receive \$33.8 million in property tax revenue. All real and personal property is assessed by the King County Assessor at 100% of the property's fair market value. Although property taxes represent the city's largest source of revenue, the portion of the city's property tax levy compared to each property owner's total property tax bill is relatively small (approximately 14%). As an example, if a property annually pays \$12,000 to the King County assessor, the city receives about \$1,680 of this amount. The chart below shows how property taxes are allocated on a percentage basis. State law allows for an annual 1% increase in property taxes and the 2023-2024 budget includes this 1%, or approximately \$17 annually for a Sammamish home that has a \$12,000 property tax bill.

### PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION 2022



## Sales Tax

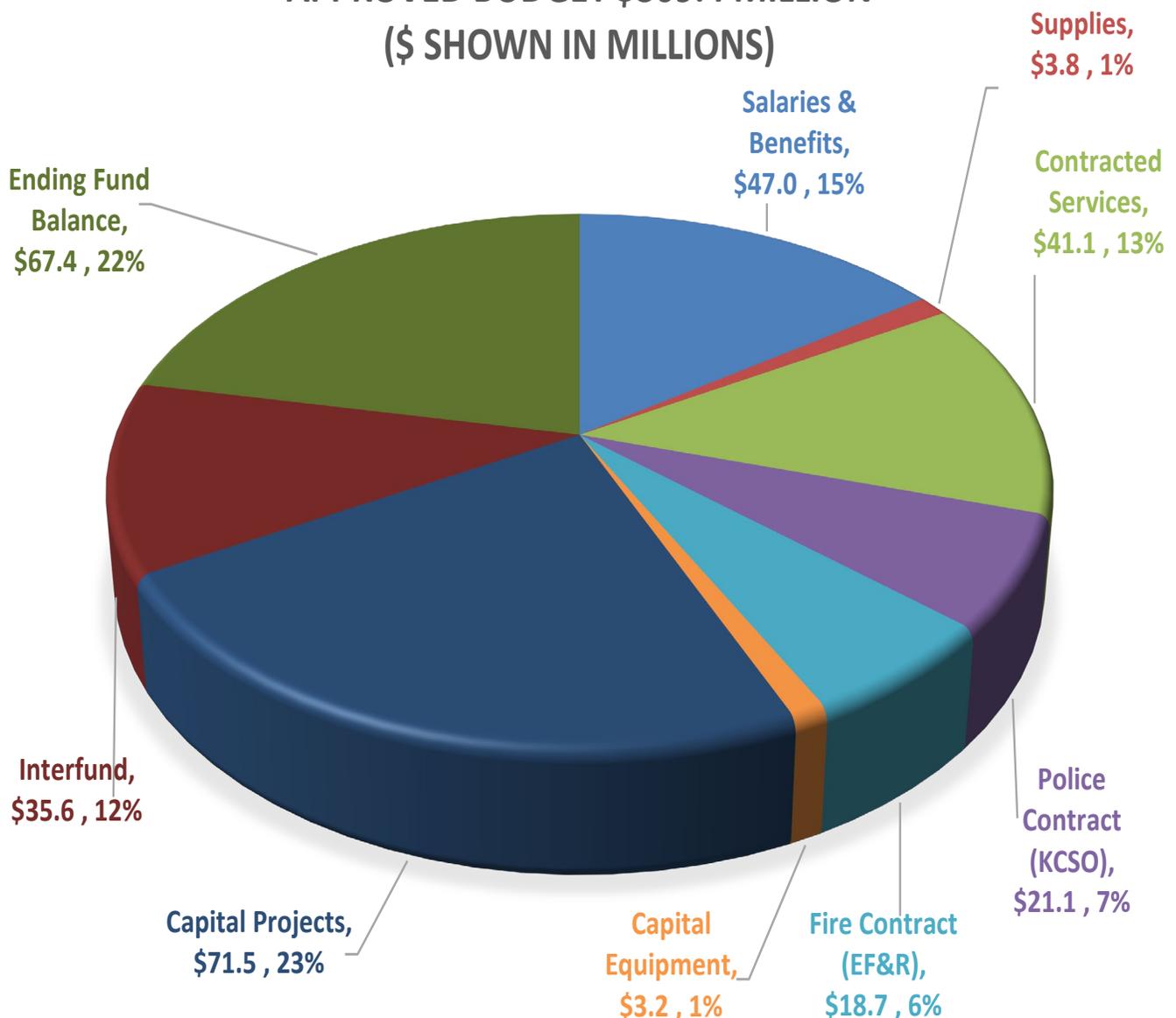
The sales tax rate within the City of Sammamish is 10.1% of which only 0.86% is returned to the city. In other words, if someone purchases an item for \$100 they pay \$10.10 tax on this item. The city receives \$0.86 in sales tax revenue on this \$100 purchase and the remaining \$9.24 goes to other entities based on the percentages shown in the table on the right. The city also receives this sales tax on items purchased online and shipped to a Sammamish address. This is the area of sales tax with the greatest growth as residents continue to increase the amount of goods and services purchased online.

Tax Jurisdiction	Percentage
State	6.49%
<b>City</b>	<b>0.86%</b>
King Co/Metro	0.90%
Sound Transit (RTA)	1.40%
King County	0.35%
Criminal Justice	0.10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.10%</b>

# Where the Money Goes...

Total uses of funds over the biennium equal \$309.4 million. Capital projects account for 23% of the budget which includes improvements on fire stations, roads, parks and surface water facilities. The large ending fund balance shows that the city has planned for future needs by saving money over the years. The city currently has no outstanding debt. The city operates primarily on a contract for services basis and these services when combined with the King County Sheriff's (KCSO) and Eastside Fire & Rescue (EF&R) contracts make up 26% of the total budgeted spending.

## WHERE THE MONEY GOES APPROVED BUDGET \$309.4 MILLION (\$ SHOWN IN MILLIONS)



# Total Uses of Funds

<b>Uses (All Funds)</b>			
<b>Description</b>	<b>2023-2024 Budget</b>	<b>% of Total Budget</b>	<b># of FTE's</b>
Public Works & Streets	\$ 21,495,350	7%	29.24
Police Services	21,783,800	7%	1.00
Fire Services	18,667,360	6%	-
Parks & Recreation	12,983,760	4%	26.25
Surface Water Management	12,943,750	4%	17.50
Community Development	12,023,940	4%	30.75
Internal Service Funds	10,659,720	3%	11.00
Admin Srvs., HR, Legal & Emerg. Mgmt	6,201,560	2%	6.75
Council, CMO & Human Services	8,886,300	3%	10.75
Facilities	5,695,800	2%	6.26
Finance	3,583,600	1%	7.00
<b>Total Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 134,924,940</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>146.50</b>
Capital-Parks	28,143,774	9%	-
Capital-General Government	13,055,000	4%	-
Capital-Transportation	11,705,900	4%	-
Capital-Surface Water	18,626,339	6%	-
<b>Total Capital Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 71,531,013</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 206,455,953</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>146.50</b>
Interfund Transactions	35,578,892	11%	-
Ending Fund Balance	67,383,526	22%	-
<b>Total Budgeted Uses</b>	<b>\$ 309,418,371</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>146.50</b>

The table above depicts the 2023-2024 uses of funds of \$309.4 million. This number includes an ending fund balance of \$67.4 million, interfund transfers of \$35.6 million and capital expenditures of \$71.5 million. The operating expenditures include the Surface Water Fund which is totally supported by Surface Water Fees, Internal Service Funds, supported by payments for services from the General Fund and the Surface Water Fund, and the General Fund supported primarily by taxes, fees and revenues from other governments such as state revenue sharing. The charts on the following page show a breakdown of revenues and expenditures for the General Fund only. The city has budgeted 146.5 FTE's with 17.5 of them in the Surface Water Management Fund and the remaining 129 used for general government services.

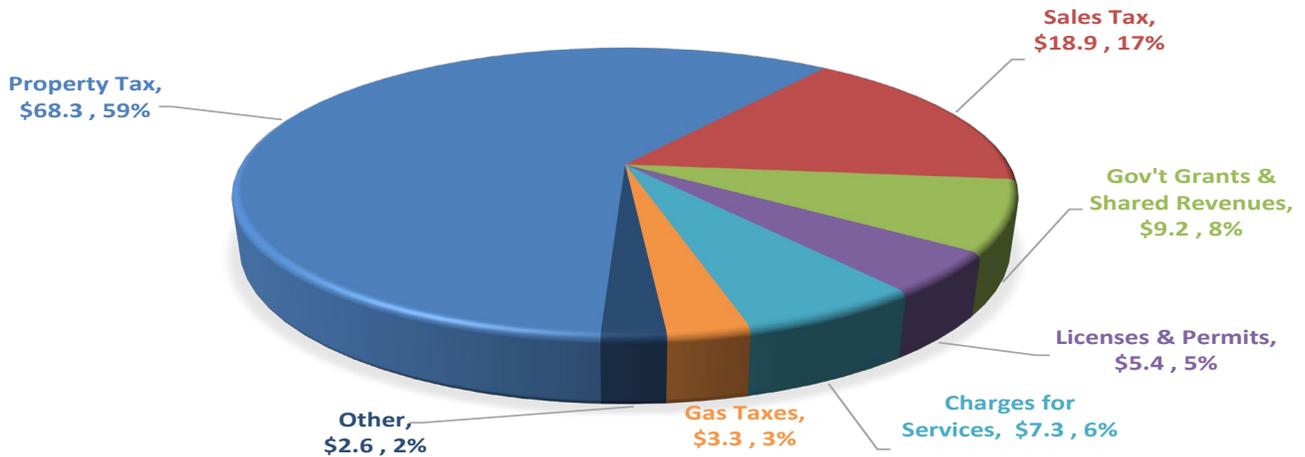
# General Fund Operations

The General Fund covers general administration and the general operating services provided to its citizens. For the General Fund only, excluding capital transfers and fund balances, operating revenues are \$115.0 million and operating expenditures are \$120.1 million. The difference of \$5.1 million is being paid for with fund balance. The city is discussing long-term strategies to resolve the structural gap between revenues and expenditures.

Note: In 2023-2024, \$4.4 million of operating expenditures were covered by the American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA).

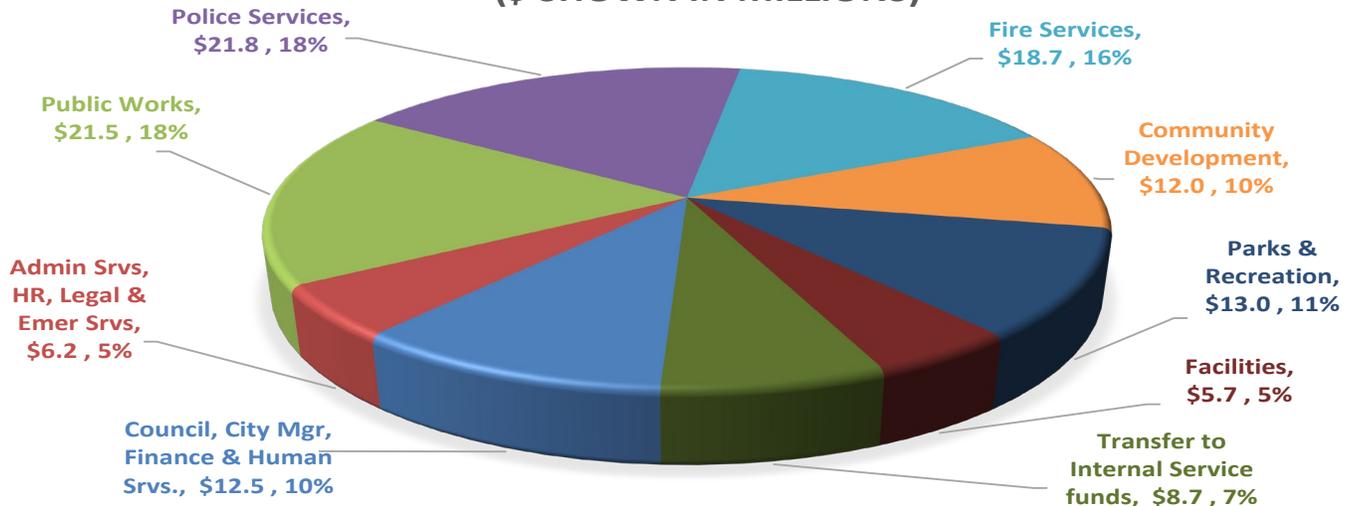
## Where the operating money comes from...

**2023-2024 OPERATING REVENUES**  
**\$115.0 MILLION**  
**(\$ SHOWN IN MILLIONS)**



## Where the operating money goes...

**2023-2024 OPERATING EXPENDITURES**  
**\$120.1 MILLION**  
**(\$ SHOWN IN MILLIONS)**



# What do these services do for the citizens?

**Public Works & Streets** - Provides services to plan, construct, and maintain roadways, sidewalks, and related components to promote easy movement around the city. This service area covers street maintenance such as signals, repaving, sweeping, landscape maintenance, and snow plowing as well as administration, transportation planning, development review, engineering and project management services.

**Fire Services** -Fire protection, emergency management, and emergency medical services are provided in Sammamish by Eastside Fire and Rescue (EF&R) through an interlocal agreement among two fire districts and three cities. There are three fire stations within the city limits of Sammamish, typically staffed twenty-four hours per day by a three-person crew. Back up is available from the other stations in the EF&R service area as well as surrounding fire departments such as Redmond and Bellevue.

**Police Services** -Police services are provided in Sammamish through a contract with the King County Sheriff's Office. This contract covers crime prevention, investigation, traffic enforcement, youth outreach programs and water safety services.

**Parks and Recreation** -These are services and programs that help to make Sammamish a place where people want to live. Activities include planning for, constructing, and maintaining active and passive parks, field and facility rentals, organizing cultural activities such as 4<sup>th</sup> on the Plateau, Holiday Lighting, Teen Fest, and a summer concert series, and a vibrant Arts program that includes activities from rotating art displays in City Hall to a Lego building day. These services are partly paid for by field use and recreation program fees.

**Community Development** -The most visible tasks of Community Development are issuing building permits and inspecting property to make sure the city's development codes are followed. This group also keeps the city in compliance with many state and federal development regulations, does long and short-range planning, economic development, zoning, and helps developers successfully implement their building projects. These services are largely supported by development fees-building permits, plan review and inspection fees, etc.

**Facilities** -The Facilities Department manages building construction projects, oversees operation and maintenance of all City buildings and manages facility maintenance contracts.

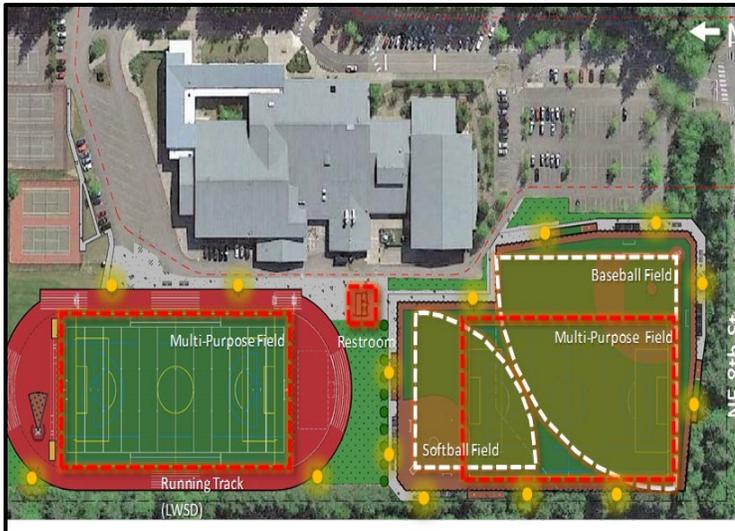
**City Council, City Manager, Finance, and Social & Human Services** -The City Council sets strategic direction and overall goals for the city and enacts municipal laws. Finance handles budgeting, accounting/reporting, financial analysis, and ensures the affairs and finances of the city are properly managed and are in compliance with all State and Federal laws. General city expenditures such as credit card fees, public health and air pollution control contributions to King County are also part of this budget. Social and Human Services manages human service grants and works with the Human Service Commission.

**Administrative Services, Legal and Emergency Management** – Administrative Services handles human resources and contract management. Legal manages several contracts for legal services to ensure the City's actions comply with applicable laws. Emergency management is overseen by Administrative Services through an interlocal agreement with Eastside Fire & Rescue and supplementing with City specific emergency management and preparedness efforts.

# Capital Projects Planned in 2023-2024

## General Government

- **Fire Station 82 Improvements:** including gender-neutral sleeping quarters, ADA, fitness, kitchen and restroom upgrades, sprinkler system and better gear storage
- **Maintenance Operations Storage Yard:** property acquisition for maintenance and equipment storage yard and improvements to the property, once acquired



## Parks & Recreation

- **Inglewood Middle School Artificial Turf:** upgrade existing football field, add second multi-purpose turf field and add lights and improve restroom, drainage and irrigation
- **Eastlake Community Field 3:** replace turf field
- **East Sammamish Park Baseball field improvements:** replace turf and improve drainage

## Transportation

- **Louis Thompson Hill Road:** improvements along this road including bike lane, sidewalk and shoulder improvements
- **Sahalee Way:** install traffic signal at NE 28<sup>th</sup> Pl/223<sup>rd</sup> Ave and improvements along Sahalee Way from 233<sup>rd</sup> to north city limits
- **Pavement preservation and reconstruction:** continuous improvements of streets, as needed

## Surface Water

- **George Davis Creek:** fish passage and storm improvement project
- **Louis Thompson Road:** install high density storm pipe and non-motorized improvements
- **Stormwater components of transportation projects:** includes projects on various roads throughout the city

# Surface Water Operating & Capital Funds

<b>Surface Water Sources of Funds</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>2023-2024 Budget</b>
Beginning Fund Balance	14,868,922
Surface Water Fees	20,400,000
Grants	3,920,195
Developer Contribution Fees	360,000
Beaver Lake Mgmt. Dist. Fees	120,000
Other	125,200
<b>Total Sources of Funds</b>	<b>39,794,317</b>
<b>Surface Water Expenditures</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>2023-2024 Budget</b>
Personnel	5,315,300
Supplies	398,100
Services & Charges	7,217,218
Capital	553,000
Interfund Transfers	1,263,137
<b>Total Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>14,746,755</b>
<b>Surface Water Capital Improvement Projects</b>	
George Davis Creek Fish Passage	7,869,913
Louis Thompson Storm Pipe	5,172,461
Storm Facility Program	1,746,880
Storm Pipe Rehab Program	661,440
Hazel Wolf Culvert Improvement	450,275
SWM Component of Transportation Projects	1,017,750
Other	1,707,620
<b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>18,626,339</b>
Ending Fund Balance	6,421,223
<b>Total Uses of Funds</b>	<b>39,794,317</b>
Excludes both sides of the transfer between the operating and capital funds	

The City has two funds dedicated to surface water, an operating and a capital fund. These funds are responsible for providing adequate drainage to protect lakes, streams and property, including planning, designing and building the capital facilities needed for these projects. Revenues to the operating fund come primarily through surface water fees that are charged to Sammamish residents. These fees cover the surface water operating expenses and some of this revenue is transferred to the capital fund to pay for capital projects. There are 17.5 FTEs budgeted in the Surface Water Management Fund.

The City Council adopted an enhanced level of service based on the Storm and Surface Water Utility rate study for 2023-2024 in the fall of 2022. This enhanced level of service includes both operational and capital projects and programs. The revenue requirements to fund this level of service forecast an increase of 6.25% per year for Surface Water fees. For residential homes, the surface water fees are budgeted to be \$420.75 for 2023 and \$447.05 for 2024. These fees are billed with King County property taxes.

# Sammamish at a Glance

## Community Information

Incorporation	1999
Land Area	23.5 sq. miles
Elevation (avg)	310 feet
Households	22,467
Median Age	37
Per Capita Income	\$ 79,050

Source: US Census: Census.gov; King County Assessor

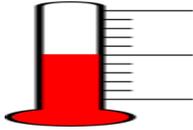
## Demographics Census 7/1/2022

White alone	58.0%
Asian alone	33.3%
Black or African American alone	1.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%
Two or more races	5.9%
Hispanic or Latino	3.5%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	55.8%

Source: census.gov/quickfacts

## Climate

Average Temperature:  
53 degrees



Average Rainfall:  
35 Inches



Average Snowfall: 3  
Inches



## City Leadership

City Manager	Scott MacColl
Deputy City Manager	Vacant
Assistant City Manager / Director of Finance	Aaron Antin
Director of Administrative Services	Mark Baird
Director of Community Development	David Pyle
Director of Information Services	Jim Hominiuk
Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities	Anjali Myer
Interim Director of Public Works	Audrie Starsy
Note: Police, Fire and City Attorney are contracted services	

The Budget in Brief provides a condensed summary of the City's budgeted revenues and expenditures for the 2023-2024 biennium. The City's complete budget is available on the City's website at:



<https://www.sammamish.us/media/qbndrs5a/1-2023-2024-gfoa-budget.pdf>