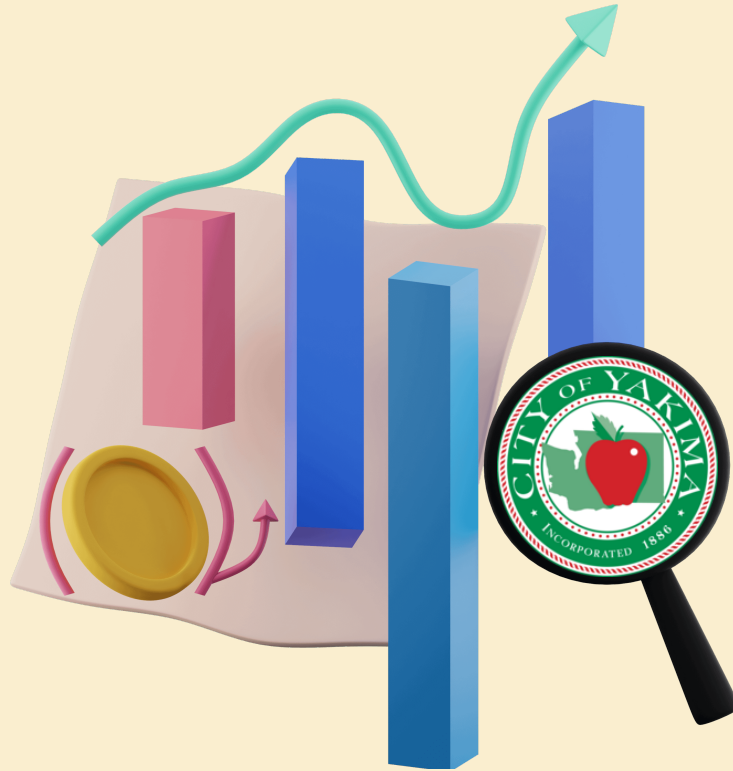


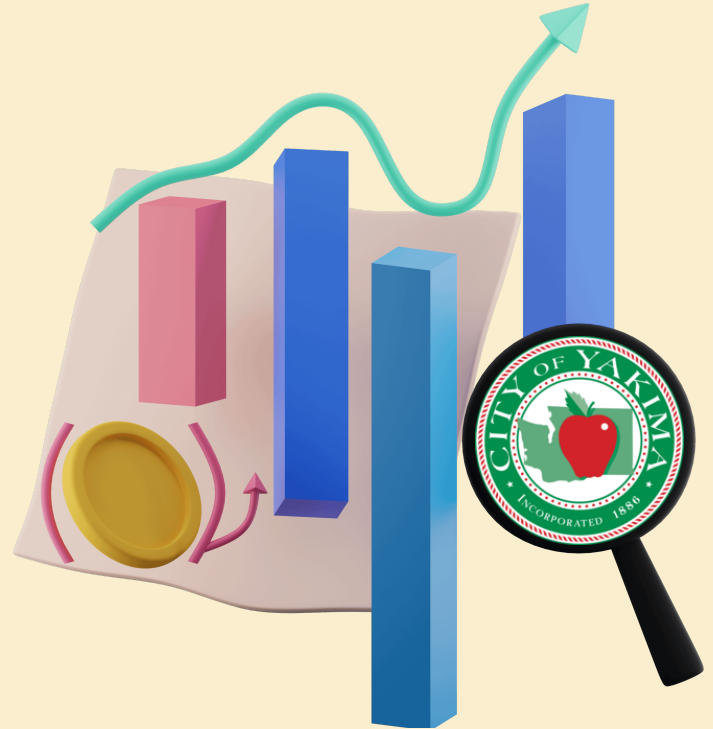
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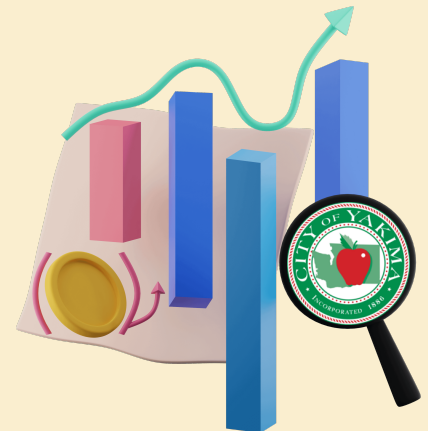
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budget goals?



The City of Yakima operates on a 2-year (biennial) budget.

The Yakima City Council approved the 2023-24 biennial budget in late 2022.

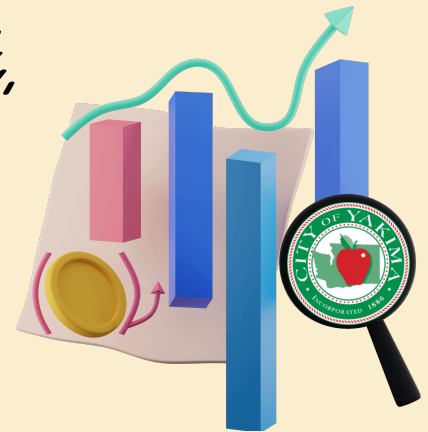
City Council is now working on adjustments to the 2024 budget.



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2023 - 2024 Budget goals remain the same:

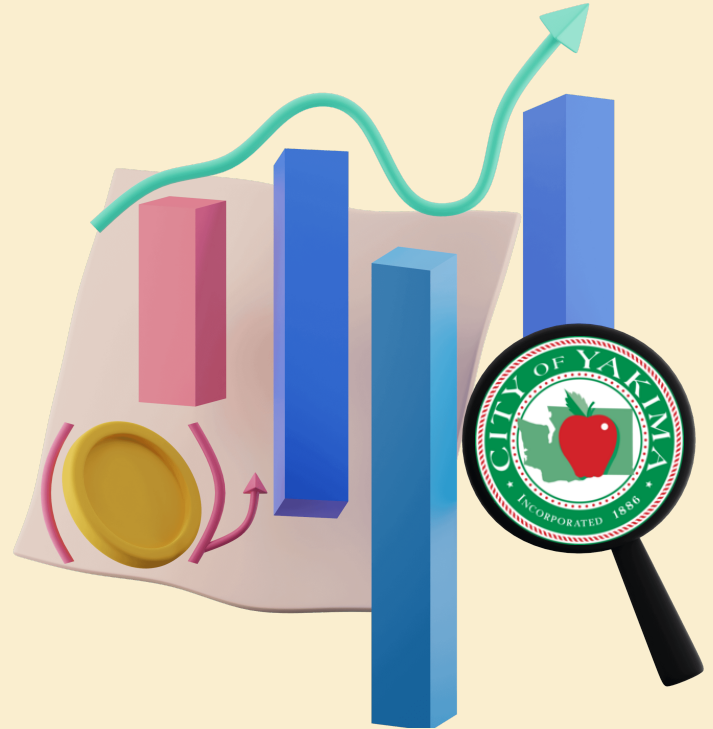
1. Achieve a balanced budget in every fund.
2. Assure prioritized services citywide.
3. Preserve General Fund's reserve, with a goal of 25% of expenditures.
4. Establish sustainable funding for equipment replacement.
5. Creation of a 5-year capital budget, developed for all funds, including projects within the General Fund.



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*What are
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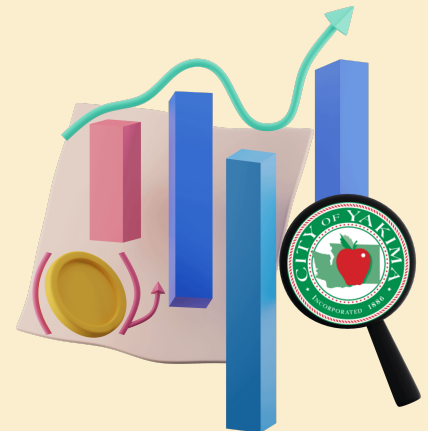
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The current budget process started in 2022.
It began with strategic planning.

Yakima City Council strategic priorities
for the 2023-24 budget biennium are:

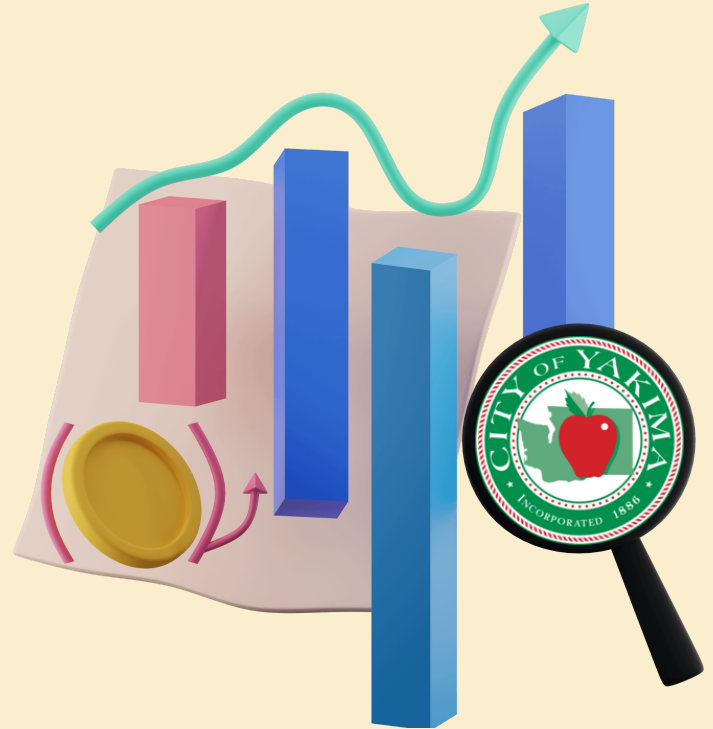
1. Public Safety
2. Fiscal Sustainability
3. Housing
4. Strengthening Partnerships
5. Investment in Infrastructure

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*How does the
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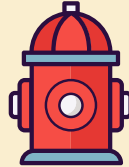


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The City of Yakima budgets for most services using what is called the "General Fund." It pays for things you usually think about when it comes to the budget, such as:



police



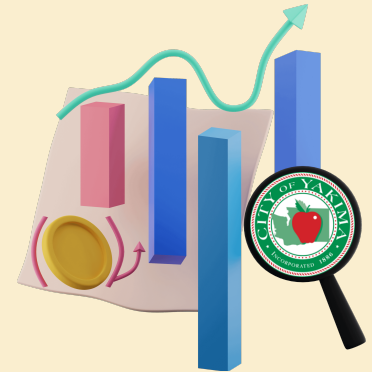
fire



streets



parks



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The City also has services that are budgeted in part based on dedicated "Enterprise Funds," or money the city receives for specific services. These include:



refuse



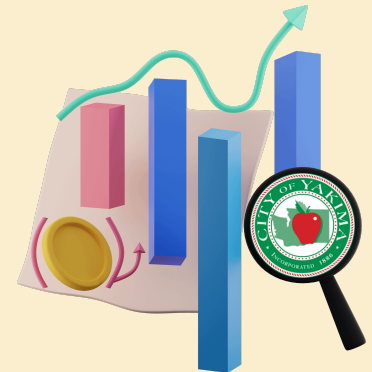
water / sewer



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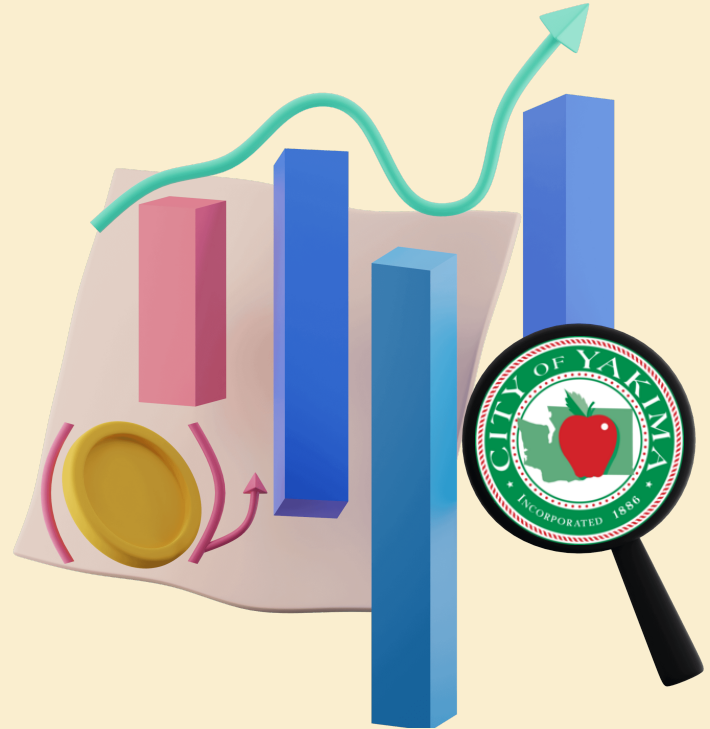
transit



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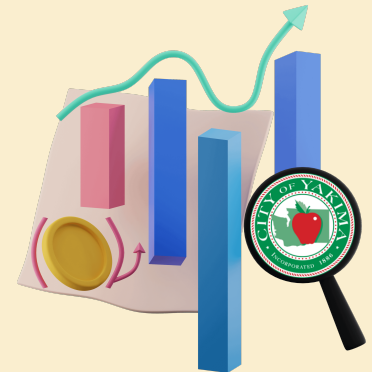
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*comment during one of the following
2024 Mid-Biennial Budget Hearings
at City Hall, 129 N. 2nd St:*



*Tuesday, Nov. 7th
Tuesday, Nov. 21st
both start at 6 pm*



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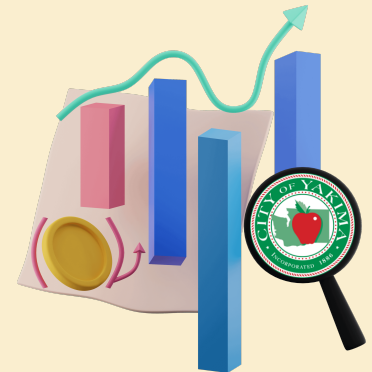
E-mail Council: ccouncil2@yakimawa.gov



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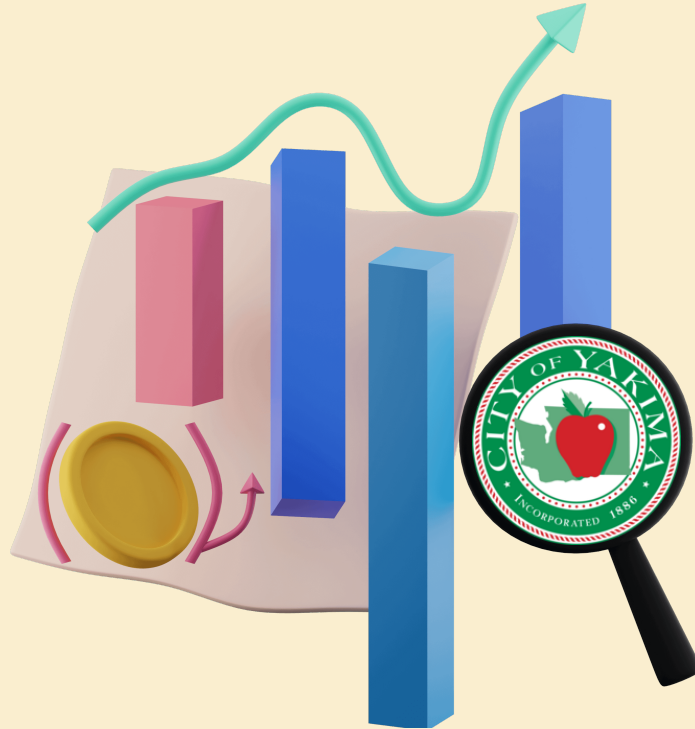


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