

# CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE PROPOSITION 1 INFORMATION

## What is Proposition 1?

A 30-year bond measure for \$12.5 million is on the November 7, 2017 ballot to fund construction of a Police Station expansion and new City Hall.

## Why is this measure on the ballot?

Last year, voters passed a four-year temporary property tax levy to fund Interim City Hall rent while the city works with the community to plan, fund, design and construct a new City Hall.

The former City Hall opened in 1962 at the Civic Campus and was vacated in 2009. It was deemed unsafe after a collapsed ceiling exposed asbestos and studies had shown the building was not structurally sound. The city has been renting since 2009, costing over \$400,000 per year.

Previous ballot measures in 2010, 2012 and 2013 did not reach the 60% required by state law to pass. The city received comments from residents that said the \$25 million measures were still “too expensive” and “had too much fluff.”

## How was this proposal developed?

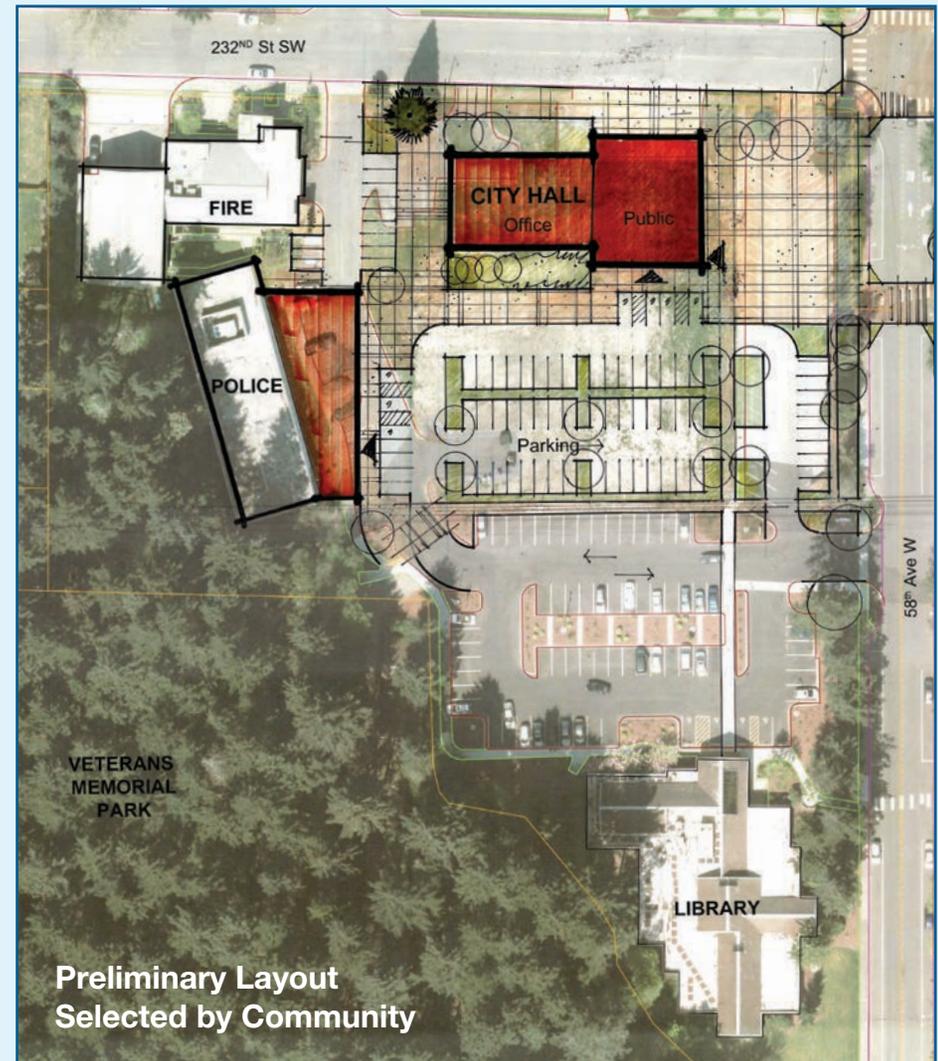
The city worked with a volunteer City Hall Advisory Committee from January through June and reached out to the community through a series of neighborhood “chats,” citywide meetings, and comment forms. The committee developed a recommendation that was presented in June and following more public input, the City Council moved forward with a \$12.5 million City Hall proposal that includes additional space and security improvements for the Police Department. The project also makes use of the vacant Civic Campus property the city already owns at 232nd Street and 58th Avenue.



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**Preliminary Layout  
Selected by Community**

## If approved,

The city will move into design phase and select an architect. Once a firm is selected, the city will invite the public to participate in design workshops. There is currently a preliminary layout of the project that was determined during the community outreach process held earlier this year. Design would take place in 2018 with construction taking place in 2019-2020.

## If not approved,

The city would need to determine the next steps. Funding for rent would come from the General Fund and can be paid for with either a new voter-approved levy lid lift measure or by reducing programs.

## What is your property tax impact?

The cost of the levy in the first year of the bond, if approved, is anticipated to be \$0.27 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This means the owner of a \$300,000 home would pay \$81 the first year. This cost will go down as new development occurs. Property taxes will also be reduced in 2021, when over \$400,000 currently used to pay rent at Interim City Hall goes away.

## What does the project include?

The new City Hall is anticipated to be approximately 18,000 square feet and either two or three stories tall, to be determined during the community design process. Approximately 3,100 square feet of additional space for the Police Department is also included.

## Why do we need a Police Station expansion?

The current Police Station opened in 1991 and addressed space needs at that time. Since then, the Police Department has added animal control, code enforcement and victim services, each of which requires more space. Additionally, federal and state laws, and best practices related to the operation of Police Departments have progressed that have created space, safety, security and operational efficiency challenges.

There are numerous safety issues with the existing facility, particularly when it comes to the secure separation of suspects in the building. The expansion will allow for secure separation of the public and staff from suspects in the building with separate entryways for suspects, secure space for separate juvenile and adult interview rooms (to comply with new laws) as well as safe areas to meet with families and victims.

## Talk to the Chief and Learn More About Proposition 1



**Monday, October 16, 6-7:00pm**

Interim City Hall, 6100 219th St SW #220

**Thursday, October 19, 6-7:30pm**

Mountlake Terrace Library, 23300 58th Avenue W

**Tuesday, October 24, 6-7:30pm**

Ballinger Clubhouse, 23000 Lakeview Drive

**Thursday, October 26, 6-7:30pm**

Cedar Way Elementary School, 22222 39th Avenue W

## Is there a senior citizen exemption?

Senior citizens, as well as disabled persons, may be exempt from all or part of special levy taxes. Call Snohomish County Assessor's Office at (425) 388-3540 for more information.

## For more information:

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