



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 20, 2023
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Luke Cardona, Senior Communications Coordinator
SUBJECT: State of the City Planning Discussion

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For Council Consideration

The City Council should consider providing feedback for the planning of the 2023 State of the City.

Background

This is a very preliminary discussion on the State of the City, and pending Council direction, a more in-depth discussion will occur at a future work session.

The Council recorded the most recent State on September 15, 2022. The presentation was live for attendees at Boston Scientific and recorded by NineNorth and distributed electronically to residents. Previously, the Council had intended to move the State of the City to the beginning of the calendar year. COVID was the initial factor that caused delays and a different schedule for the State of the City. Should Council want to continue holding this in early fall, Staff must start planning and preparing drafts for the Council. Should Council choose to wait until the beginning of 2024, preparations will begin in the fall.

Staff needs direction on the below questions:

- Does Council want to have the State of the City in early fall or at the start of the new year? Whichever is decided would then set the stage for having it that same time the following year.
 - Early fall would likely be in September or October, and the start of the new year likely in January or February.

- Does Council have a preference for site selection?
 - Last year was held at Boston Scientific and we have also previously hosted it at Flaherty's and the Tavern Grill. Other possible venues discussed in the past were Land O' Lakes and the Marsden Room.

- Does Council want to follow the same format as last year?
 - One morning event and each Councilmember speaks to a specific topic.

Note that topics usually include a TCAAP update, development projects, building inspections update, public safety updates, City construction projects, and a finance update. Staff is not seeking topic decisions this evening as that will be done at a work session once a date is decided for the State of the City. However, if there are topics that might be unusual or unexpected, Council may provide indicators of that ahead of time.

If Staff can get direction on planning for State of the City, in a future work session, we will bring back confirmations on locations, topic discussion, and assignments and take more in-depth feedback on moving forward.

Budget Impact

N/A

Attachment

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