

UFC Budget Recommendations 2025-2026 Biennial Budget

Commission Discussion & Decision

October 9, 2024

Office of Sustainability & Environment



City of Seattle

Urban Forestry Commission Budget Recommendations (May/June)

| Recommendation Area | Details |
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| Heritage Tree Program | The Heritage Tree program was previously co-managed by a committee resourced by Plant Amnesty, a local nonprofit, and Seattle Department of Transportation. That group has since dissolved. The UFC believes that support and consideration for this program is needed. |
| Enforcement | The UFC recommends that enforcement be increased through additional SDCI staff, with at least one additional FTE site inspector with arboriculture expertise and one additional FTE building inspector with arboriculture expertise. |
| | The UFC also recommends exploration of more creative options such as tree bonds and monitoring tree health, to increase protection and survival of trees on sites during development above the bond options currently utilized. |

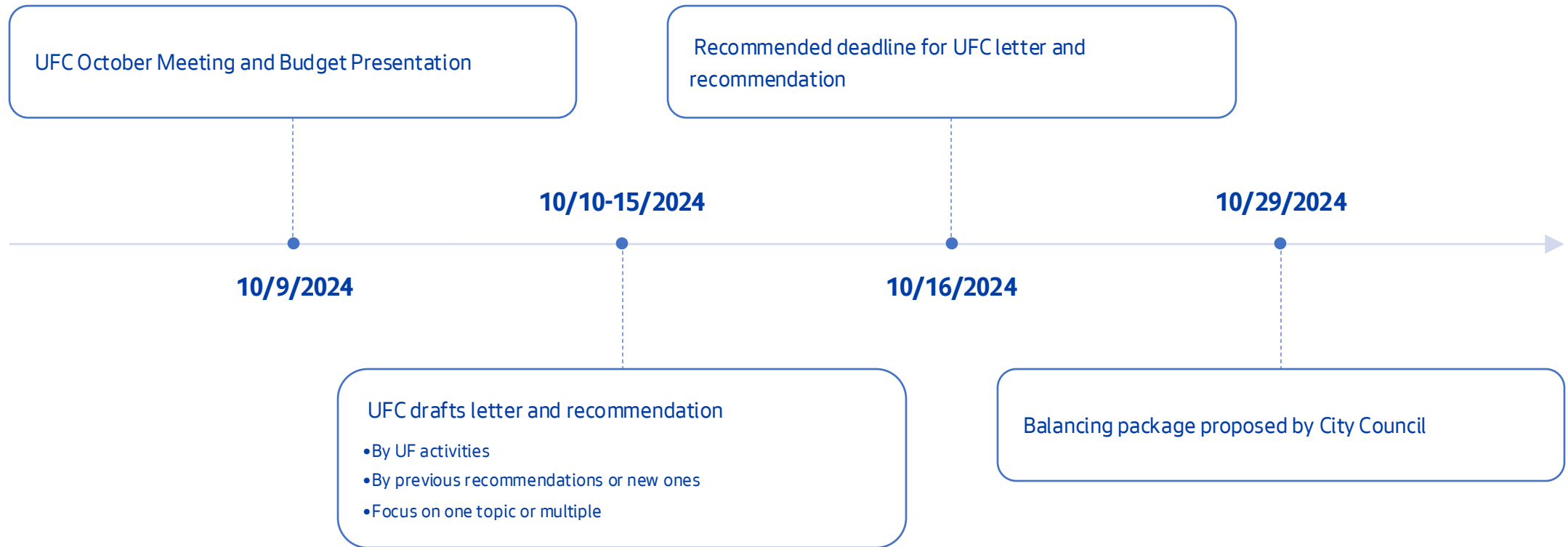


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| Street Trees | The UFC recommends supporting additional education and outreach to improve code compliance and overall tree canopy and urban forest health. |
| Understanding Tree Fines | The UFC requests clarity in understanding where fines assessed for violations of tree protections go. |
| Tracking Urban Forestry Expenditures | The UFC recommends that OSE continue to explore and refine how staff time and other budget allocations can be itemized, tracked, and evaluated, as those future reports are developed. |



Next Steps?



Let's Discuss!

Decision: Does the UFC want to respond to the proposed budget?

If yes, how would the UFC like to respond?

- Focus topic(s)?
- Subcommittee?

