

BUDGET TIMELINES

The following budget schedule has been proposed for 2026 Budget Adoption:

Budget Priorities discussion with Council	9 Sep. 2025
Mayor Shantz's Budget Direction	23 Sep. 2025
Board and committee budget, grant requests, fees and charges	7 Oct. 2025
Budget Discussion touchpoint and public feedback on operating and capital budgets #1	4 Nov. 2025
Budget Discussion touchpoint and public feedback on operating and capital budgets #2	18 Nov. 2025
Budget Discussion touchpoint and public feedback on operating and capital budgets #3	2 Dec. 2025
Mayor's Proposed Budget	6 Jan. 2026
Budget presentations and public delegations	13 Jan. 2026
Budget Amendment Meeting	27 Jan. 2026
Council may request additional Budget Meetings if required	TBD
Deadline for budget amendments *cannot be extended	5 Feb. 2026

After Mayor Shantz proposes her budget, there are several ways the rest of a strong mayor budget process can proceed.

- The shortest process would be if Council makes no amendments and passes a resolution to shorten the 30-day period for amendments. In this case, the budget is deemed adopted on the day set out in the resolution.

- Council may also want to vote on amendments up to the February 5th deadline. If Mayor Shantz is satisfied with the amendments, she could shorten her veto period to February 5, 2026, and the budget could be approved the same day.
- The longest process would involve Council making one or more amendments, the Mayor vetoing amendments and Council meeting to vote on overriding the Mayor's veto's. If all the timelines in the legislation are extended to the maximum days allowed, the latest the budget would be adopted is March 4, 2026.

The legislative timelines can be shortened by the Mayor or Council but cannot be extended: March 4 is the last possible date for approval.