



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to set the schedule for the workshops and hearings on the Fiscal Year 2008 (FY 08) Proposed Budget to hear presentations by the Mayor, Budget Oversight Committee, City Manager and City Department representatives and to provide an opportunity for all interested persons to be heard regarding the Proposed Budget. (Citywide)

The City Charter, as modified on May 1, 2007, requires that the City Manager submit the Proposed Budget for FY 08 to the Mayor on or before July 1, 2007. The City Charter also requires that the Mayor transmit the City Manager's proposed budget to the City Council along with his recommendations no later than August 1, 2007. The City Council must adopt the budget on or before September 15, at which time the Mayor will have an additional five (5) days to review the Adopted Budget. The Mayor may at that time concur or exercise a line-item veto of any expenditure. The City Council has until the end of the fiscal year to concur with the Mayor's changes, or override the veto. The following schedule is recommended for City Council workshops, public hearings, and budget adoption:

DATE	
June 19, 2007 Workshop 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview FY 08 Budget
August 14 Workshop 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayor's Budget Recommendations• City Manager's Budget Overview
August 21 Workshop 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget Presentations (as requested)• Public Input• City Council Discussion and Recommendations
August 21 Hearing #1 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget Presentations (as requested)• Public Input• City Council Discussion and Recommendations
September 4 Workshop 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget Oversight Committee Recommendations• Budget Presentations (as requested)• Public Input• Council Discussion and Recommendations
September 4 Hearing #2 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget Presentations (as requested)• Public Input• City Council Discussion and Recommendations• Possible Budget Adoption
September 11 Workshop (If necessary) 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget Presentations (as requested)• Public Input• City Council Discussion and Recommendations
September 11 Hearing #3 (If necessary) 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget Presentations (as requested)• Public Input• City Council Discussion and Recommendations• Budget Adoption (must be adopted by September 15)
September 18 Hearing #4 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If Necessary

September 25 Hearing #5 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	• If Necessary
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Given the importance of public input into the development of the City's budget, staff implemented an aggressive outreach effort to communicate to the public the state of the budget at over 40 neighborhood and City Commission/Board meetings. A report on community feedback will be presented at the August 21, 2007 Budget Workshop, which will convey the written public comments collected at those events.

Budget presentations at the proposed workshops and hearings are primarily intended to present changes in anticipated results in major service categories and to answer questions by the City Council. The hearings will include an opportunity for City Council input and comment from the public.

Should all discussion be completed prior to the end of the September 4, 2007 hearing, the City Council may make its final budget decisions and then amend and/or adopt the Proposed Budget and the related Ordinances and Resolutions for FY 08 at that hearing or at any subsequent hearing.

This matter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Heather A. Mahood on May 23, 2007.

City Charter Section 1703 requires that the City Council shall hold one or more public hearings before adoption of the budget. Section 1704 states that the City Council shall adopt a budget no later than September 15, 2007, or the City Manager's Proposed Budget will be deemed the official budget adopted by the City Council for FY 08. If the Mayor shall fail to act upon the budget and appropriations ordinance within five (5) calendar days after its adoption by City Council, it shall thereupon become effective. Accordingly, timely City Council action is requested to meet the requirements noted above.

Scheduling of the budget workshops and hearings has no fiscal impact.

Approve recommendation.

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