

**City Council 2026-2027 Budget Planning Calendar
as of April 1, 2025 PRELIMINARY**

April 2025		Topic	Details
4/1/2025	Council Meeting	Budget Calendar	Distribute and discuss 2026-2027 budget planning calendar
4/15/2025	Council Meeting	Franchise Fee Update	1st Reading Franchise Fee Update
May 2025		Topic	Details
5/6/2025	Council Meeting	NH+C Audit	Presentation of NH+C 2022 Audit by Clifton Larson Allen
5/13/2025	Council Work Session	Budget Preview Work Session	Preliminary 2026 Review from prior year 2 year budget plan and 5 year CIP
June 2025		Topic	Details
Public Engagement		Informational/Survey	Information related to budget process, 2026 Initial Budget from 2025, 2026-2029 CIP/CEP from 2025, 5-year Financial Model
6/4/2024	Council Meeting	NAFRS Budget Review	Review NAFRS budget and proposed city contribution
6/10/2025	Council Work Session	Budget Prep	CIP/CEP 5 year plan review
6/10/2025	Council Work Session	ACFR Presentation	Abdo to present to annual audit to Council
6/17/2025	Council Meeting	Approve 2024 Audit	Council approves 2024 audit/ACFR
6/18/2024	Council Meeting	Approve 2025 NAFRS Budget & CIP	Council considers approval of 2026 budget & CIP
July 2025			
7/15/2025	Council Meeting/WS	"Kick Off" Budget Meeting	"Big Picture" review of 2026-2027 budget. Personal Services & Debt Service Preliminary Summaries Including Levy Implications, new requests for headcount/capital/significant projects or items and 5 year CIP/CEP rolled into LT plan
7/15/2025	Council Meeting/WS	SMIF Request 2025	Receive Request from Southern MN Initiative Foundation (SMIF) for 2025 (no action)
7/15/2025	Council Meeting/WS	Age Friendly - Contract	Review request of Age Friendly Northfield 2025-2027 Agreement (no action)
7/15/2025	Council Meeting/WS	Northfield Historical Society Request	Review request of Northfield Historical Society (2025-2027) - (no action) previously 1 year term
August 2025			
8/12/2025	Council Work Session	Budget Retreat (Police Dept.)	2026-2027 Budget Work Session: General Fund Departments detail and summary
Public Engagement		Informational/Survey	Information related to preliminary levy, budget and priorities
September 2025			
9/16/2025	Council Work Session	Budget Review	Review of Preliminary Tax Levy and Budget for 2026-2027, Enterprise Funds, Utility Rate Discussion, Fee Schedule
9/23/2025	Council Meeting	Approve Preliminary Levy	Approve Preliminary Levy & Set Public Hearing in December and Approve Utility Rates & Fee Schedule (Expect this to be the Final 2026 Levy approved in December)
Public Engagement		Informational	Preliminary Proposed 2026 Budget Engagement Details TBD (Town Hall, News Media, City Comms, Presentations, etc.)
October 2025			
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10/7/2025	Council Work Session	Budget Review	Focus on review of 2nd year - 2027 Budget, levy & 5-year CIP, final adjustments to 2026 budget
November 2025			
11/4/2025	Council Meeting	Final Review	Review Presentation for December 2nd Public Hearing & Preparation for Final Levy & Budget Actions
Public Engagement		Informational	Budget Information Summary (including School & County Information) , TNT statements distributed by Counties
11/4/2025	Council Meeting	Delinquent Charges	Public Hearing and Certification of delinquent charges to taxes payable 2025
December 2025			
12/2/2025	Public Hearing	Public Hearing	Capital Improvement Plan Financing Hearing
12/2/2025	Public Engagement	Public Hearing	Informational Presentation and Feedback from Public
12/2/2025	Council Meeting	Approve Final Levy & Budget	Approve Final Levy & Budgets (7 items)
12/2/2025	Council Meeting	Approve Capital Improvement Plan Financing	Approve Capital Improvement Plan Financing