Seattle City Council
Central Staff

Seattle City Council 2026 Budget Process

Councilmember Budget Proposals

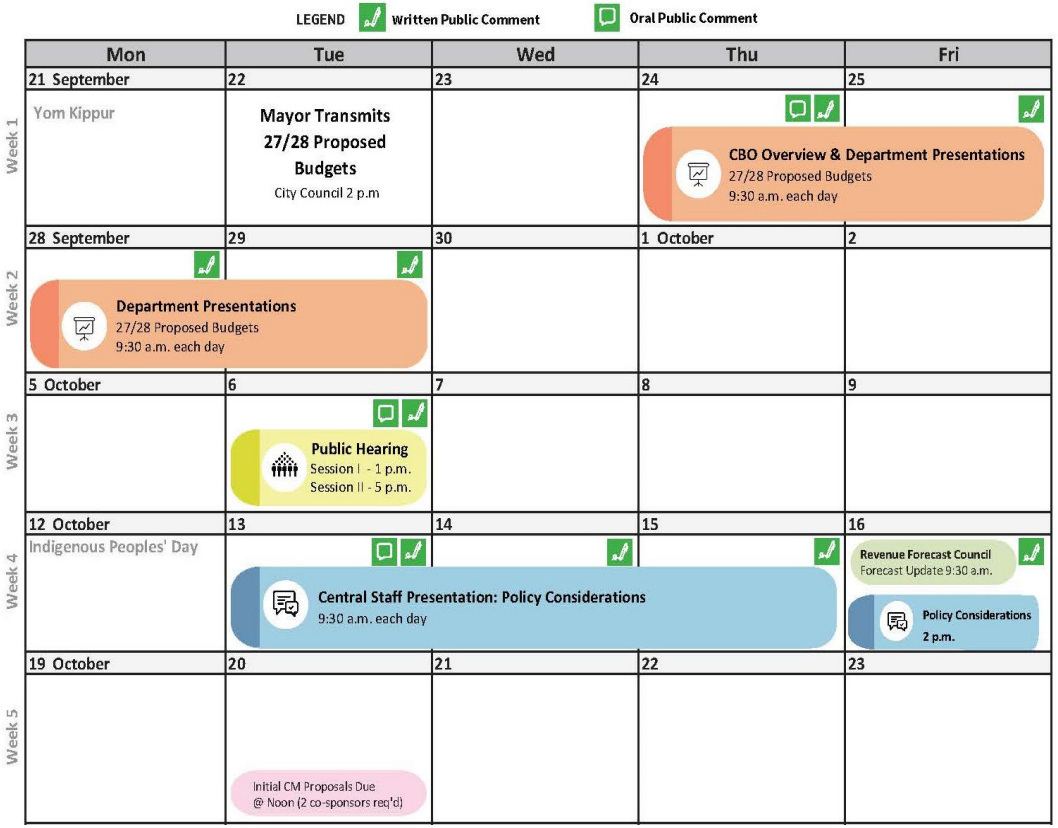
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Council's Budget Review and Adoption Process

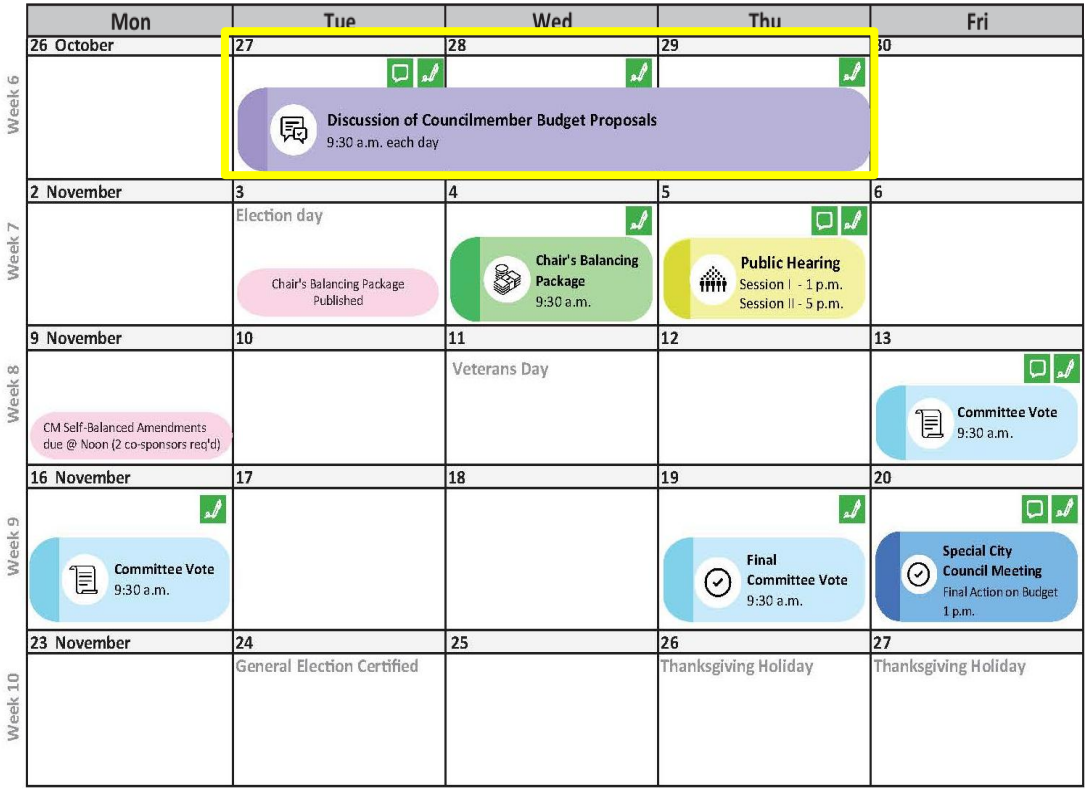
Step 1 Week 1-2	**Mayor transmits 2027/2028 Proposed Budgets** **CBO and Department presentations**
Step 2 Week 3-4	**Central Staff policy considerations** **Revenue Forecast Update**
Step 3 Week 5-6	**Discussion of Councilmember Budget Proposals**
Step 4 Week 7	**Presentation of Chair's Balancing Package**
Step 5 Week 8-9	**Self-balanced amendments to Chair's package** **Select Budget Committee vote**
Step 6 Week 9	**Final Council vote**

Fall 2026 Budget Calendar

Weeks 1 - 5



Weeks 6 - 10



Step 3
Week 5-6

Presentation of Councilmember Budget Proposals

Presentation and Discussion of Councilmember Budget Proposals (Oct. 27 – Oct. 29)

- Central Staff will summarize each Councilmember Budget Proposal.
- The sponsor of the CBA or SLI will have the opportunity to speak to their proposal.
- At the end of discussion of each proposal, the Budget Chair will ask if any Councilmember would like to add their name as a co-sponsor to the proposed CBA or SLI.
  - Additional co-sponsors may only be added in open session.
- The proposals will be considered for inclusion in the **Chair's Balancing Package.**

Step 3
Week 5-6

Presentation of Councilmember Budget Proposals

Tuesday, October 27	Wednesday, October 28	Thursday, October 29
Seattle Municipal Court (SMC) City Attorney's Office (LAW) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Office of Labor Standards (OLS) Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA) Office of Housing (OH) Office of Planning & Community Development (OPCD) Finance General (FG) Seattle Dept. of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) Dept. of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) Dept. of Neighborhoods (DON) Seattle City Light (SCL) Public Utilities (SPU) Seattle Information and Technology Dept. (ITD) Finance and Administrative Services (FAS)	Office of Economic Development (OED) Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) Seattle Fire Department (SFD) Office of Arts and Culture (ARTS) Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) Seattle Center (CEN)	Human Services Department (HSD) Seattle Police Department (SPD) Community Assisted Response & Engagement (CARE) City Budget Office (CBO) Legislative Department (LEG) Office of the Mayor (MO)

Step 4

Week 6 – 7

Presentation and Discussion of Chair's Balancing Package

Wednesday, November 4: Chair's Balancing Package

Central Staff will present, and committee will discuss the Chair's Balancing Package.

Thursday, November 5: Public Hearing #2

1 p.m. – Remote Public Comment
5 p.m. – In-Person Public Comment

Monday, November 9: Deadline for Self-Balanced Amendments to the Chair's Package

Questions?