



Honorable Mayor Tom Barrett

Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr.

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Citizens Invited to Joint Public Hearing on 2011 Budget

Mayor Tom Barrett, members of the Common Council, and other elected city officials will receive input on the proposed 2011 city budget during a joint public hearing at **6:00 p.m. Monday night (October 11)**, in the Common Council Chamber (room 304) at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.

The Mayor's budget keeps the property tax levy stable and keeps the levy-supported borrowing at the same level it was in 2004, the year Barrett took office. "The process of creating the City budget is a very open process," Mayor Barrett said. "I encourage all interested Milwaukeeans to attend."

Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr. said the hearing offers a prime opportunity to weigh in directly to city elected leaders. "Residents who have interest in the City of Milwaukee budget have the opportunity to make their voices heard. This public hearing is such an opportunity, so please take advantage of it," he said.

Residents wishing to speak during the joint hearing will be asked to sign in first, and a time limit may be imposed. Access for persons with disabilities is provided through the Wells Street entrance of City Hall, where a new elevator system is in place.

The Common Council's Finance and Personnel Committee will take up amendments on the 2011 budget at 9 a.m. in room 301-B at City Hall on Thursday, October 28 and – if necessary – on Friday, October 29, at 9:00 a.m. (also in room 301-B). The Council will meet in the Council Chamber starting at 9 a.m. on Friday, November 5 to adopt a budget.

City of Milwaukee residents can watch all of the hearings on the city's 2011 proposed budget online at www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25 or on **City Channel 25**, on Time Warner Cable in the city of Milwaukee and on AT&T U-Verse Channel 99. Meetings will be carried live on Channel 25 and U-Verse Channel 99, and each day's hearings will be replayed the same day starting at 7 p.m.