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Common Council seeks public input during 2027 budget process

Aldерwoman Marina Dimitrijevic, Chair of the Common Council's Finance and Personnel Committee, is encouraging residents to follow along with, and participate in, the city's 2027 budget process which formally began today when Mayor Cavalier Johnson presented his recommended budget to the Common Council during its regular meeting.

"Every year, one of the Common Council's biggest and most important undertakings is reviewing and amending the Mayor's proposed budget," said Aldерwoman Dimitrijevic. "Allowing space for residents to provide their input is a crucial part of the process. We want to hear what people believe should be 2027 budget priorities, and I would urge those with thoughts, comments, or ideas to attend one of this year's public input options."

Residents will have two opportunities to provide input on the 2027 city budget. The first will be the **Joint Public Hearing on the Mayor's proposed 2027 budget**. This opportunity for input will take place on **Monday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Common Council Chamber at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. This hearing is in-person only.

Returning this year, the second opportunity for public input will be the **Finance and Personnel Committee Public Input Hearing**. This will take place on **Saturday, October 17 at 9:30 a.m.** at Mitchell Library, 906 W. Historic Mitchell St. This event will be in-person, but those wishing to provide input virtually may do so by registering in advance [here](#).

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The Common Council's Finance and Personnel Committee will begin to hear budget presentations from city departments on Thursday, October 1, and those presentations will run through Thursday, October 15. The full schedule of hearings can be found online at Milwaukee.gov/CommonCouncil/Finance. All meetings will be broadcast on the City Channel (channel 25 on Spectrum Cable and channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse in the City of Milwaukee) and via streaming video on the city website at city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25.

After department hearings and public input sessions have concluded, Council Members will be able to propose budget amendments, which will be heard on Thursday, October 29 at 9 a.m. The final budget will be adopted on Friday, November 6 at the Common Council meeting at 9 a.m.

All budget-related items heard by the Finance and Personnel Committee will be part of Common Council file # 260001 - communication from the Mayor relating to the proposed 2027 budget. All supporting items, including department presentations and budget amendments, can be viewed as part of the file [here](#) once provided to the committee.