

Date: July 16, 2025
 To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager *T.M.*
 From: Kevin Riper, Director of Financial Management *KR*
 For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: Budget Schedule for Fiscal Year 2026 City Council Budget Meetings

The Mayor will release the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 (FY 26) Budget on Thursday, July 24, 2025. The City Manager will formally present it to the City Council during a Budget Hearing on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at or after 3:00 p.m., along with a presentation of the FY 26 Capital Improvement Plan. The City Charter requires that the Mayor transmit the proposed budget to the City Council no later than 60 days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year (August 2). The City Council must adopt the budget no later than 15 days prior to the end of the current fiscal year (September 15), at which time the Mayor will have an additional five days to review the Adopted Budget. The Mayor, at that time, may 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.

A proposed schedule of the upcoming FY 26 Budget hearings and meetings is listed below. These meetings and hearings provide opportunities for review and discussion of the specific recommendations contained in the City Manager's Proposed Budget, the Mayor's Budget Recommendations, and the Budget Oversight Committee's recommendations, if any.

DATE	SUBJECT
July 29, 2025 Committee Meeting 3:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Oversight Committee
August 5, 2025 Committee Meeting 1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Oversight Committee
August 5, 2025 Budget Hearing 3:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed FY 26 Budget ○ Proposed Capital Improvement Plan
August 12, 2025 Committee Meeting 1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Oversight Committee
August 12, 2025 Budget Hearing 5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Police ○ Fire

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August 14, 2025 Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Oversight Committee – Public Comment Only
August 19, 2025 Committee Meeting 1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Oversight Committee
August 19, 2025 Budget Hearing 5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health and Human Services ○ Community Development
August 26, 2025 Committee Meeting 1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Oversight Committee
August 26, 2025 Budget Hearing 3:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public Works ○ Economic Development ○ Parks, Recreation and Marine
September 2, 2025 Committee Meeting 1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Oversight Committee
September 2, 2025 Budget Hearing 5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Library, Arts, and Culture ○ Technology and Innovation
September 9, 2025 Committee Meeting 1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Oversight Committee
September 9, 2025 Budget Hearing 5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Adoption

In January and February 2025, the City held five in-person and one virtual community meetings to offer Long Beach residents an opportunity to provide their policy preferences and community input at an earlier phase of the FY 26 Budget development process. Five additional in-person and one virtual community meetings will be available for residents in August 2025. The purpose of these August meetings is to educate the community on what is included in the Proposed FY 26 Budget, report back on how input from the January and February 2025 community budget session was used to inform the Budget and provide information on how the public can participate in the budget process.

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See the table below for a listing of dates and times for community budget meetings. All dates are subject to change. For the latest meeting details visit longbeach.gov/FY26.

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, August 6	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	American Gold Star Manor 3021 N. Gold Star Drive
Thursday, August 7	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Virtual (Zoom)
Wednesday, August 13	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Browning High School 2120 Obispo Ave.
Saturday, August 16	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Wardlow Park Community Center 3457 Stanbridge Ave.
Monday, August 18	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Michelle Obama Library 5870 Atlantic Ave
Wednesday, August 20	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Billy Jean King Main Library 200 W. Broadway

Interpretation services will be provided at all community budget meetings.

If you would like additional presentations made as part of the budget process, or if you have any questions, please contact Budget Manager Rebecca Bernstorff at (562) 570-6408.

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