



CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES 2023-24 BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS

Rochester City Council anticipates receipt of the 2023-24 proposed budget from Mayor Malik D. Evans on Friday, May 12. As Council eagerly awaits the budget, Councilmember and Finance Committee Chair Mitch Gruber (At-Large) announces this year’s review process and schedule.

“The 2023-24 City of Rochester budget will set the tone for the City in the upcoming year,” said Councilmember Gruber. “This review process creates a transparent view into the budget and allows Council to effectively consider a budget and hear from the public before voting next month. I, along with my City Council colleagues, look forward to this process, and encourage the community to tune in and connect with us.”

The Finance Committee will conduct an extensive public analysis of the budget, convening a process consisting of individual public review sessions with City Departments and a Public Hearing, prior to the final budget vote at the regular City Council meeting on June 20.

Additionally, a public work session will be held at 5:00 p.m. on May 18 in City Hall, room 208A. The session, to be conducted with the Office of Management and Budget, will provide a broad overview of the proposed budget, including revenue, expenditures, fund summaries and multi-year projections.

Hearings can be attended in person, streamed at youtube.com/rochestercitycouncil or viewed on WXXI. No registration is required to attend in person.

All hearings will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall. The schedule for City Council’s budget review process is as follows:

Hearings day 1: Wednesday, May 24 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Administration (Mayor’s Office, Office of Management and Budget, Human Resources, Communications, Law)
- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Finance, Contingency, Undistributed
- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Break
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Department of Environmental Services
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Department of Recreation and Human Services

Hearings day 2: Thursday, May 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. - City Council & Clerk, Police Accountability Board
- 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. – Neighborhood and Business Development
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Information Technology
- 12:00 – 12:45 p.m. - Lunch
- 12:45 – 2:00 p.m. – Rochester Fire Department
- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Emergency Communications Department
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. - Break
- 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. - Library
- 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. – Rochester Police Department

Hearings day 3: Friday, May 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

- 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. – Capital Improvement Program
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. - Break
- 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – Rochester City School District Hearing

Finance Committee Meeting and Public Hearing: Thursday, June 8 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. - Finance Committee
- 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. - Joint Public Hearing with Board of Education

City Council Regular Meeting: June 20 at 6:30 p.m.

The Mayor's Proposed Budget will be made available online at www.cityofrochester.gov/citybudget/. The public is encouraged to contact the Council Office at (585) 428-7538 or council@cityofrochester.gov with any questions or comments related to the Budget or Council review process.

In addition to Chair Gruber, the Finance Committee comprises Councilmembers Michael A. Patterson and Kim Smith. Council President Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr. and Vice President Mary Lupien serve as ex-officio members.

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