

City of Bloomington Common Council

AGENDA: Fiscal Committee

Friday, 8:30 AM, 27 February, 2026
Allison Conference Room (#225), City Hall
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN 47404

The meeting may also be accessed at the following [link](#)¹.

Chair: Hopi Stosberg

1. Agenda Review and Approval
2. Prioritizing Outcomes for 2027 Budget
 - a. Data analysis and refinement
 - b. March Deliberation Session
 - c. Public Comment
3. Fiscal Committee Calendar
4. Adjournment

REMINDER: Charge of the Special Fiscal Committee:

1. Work closely with the Controller to:
 - o Create a timeline and activity framework for the yearly budgeting calendar
 - o Track progress of the yearly budget and report back to the whole council.
 - o Track fund balances (esp. TIF, CRED, Bonds, etc.)
 - o Recommend scheduling of specific budget related discussions, presentations, and education for the full council.
2. Be responsible for supporting Council Staff with the 2026 Council Budget and presentation of that budget.
3. Continue the work started by the Ad-Hoc Salary Committee to fine-tune the Elected Salary Framework. The Special Fiscal Committee will be responsible for bringing forward the Elected Salary Ordinance for FY2026.
4. Explore and recommend improvements to the budgeting process.

Bloomington Special Fiscal Committee meetings can be watched on the following websites:

- [Community Action Television Services \(CATS\)](#)²
- [City's YouTube Channel](#)³

¹ <https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/84441860890?pwd=lxBGv4HBVcnbAIOX2NWUSJbzxX8KBm.1>

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² <https://catstv.net/>

³ <https://www.youtube.com/@citybloomington>

[Materials for this meeting](#)⁴ are available on Council's website.

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Committee Member	Appointed By	Appointment Date	Term
Matt Flaherty	Council President	1/7/2026	1/7/2026 - 1/6/2027
Isabel Piedmont-Smith	Council President	1/7/2026	1/7/2026 - 1/6/2027
Hopi Stosberg	Council President	1/7/2026	1/7/2026 - 1/6/2027
Dave Rollo	Council President	1/7/2026	1/7/2026 - 1/6/2027

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Posted: February 25, 2026

⁴ <https://bloomington.in.gov/council/fiscal-committee/meetings?year=2026>

To: Fiscal Committee
From: Councilmember Stosberg
Date: February 25, 2026
RE: Data from Council Budget Prioritization Surveys

In the following pages you will find the prioritization data from

- The December council deliberation session organized by Councilmember Piedmont-Smith prioritizing outcomes within High Performing Government, Housing and Homelessness and Economic Development (first shared at the February 13 Fiscal Committee meeting).
- Surveys sent out to councilmembers to collect prioritization information from outcomes within Public Safety, Transportation and Mobility, Community Health and Vitality, and Environment.

Data is organized by outcome and identifies rankings made by councilmembers. Outcomes listed were either identified by Councilmember Piedmont-Smith during her preparation for the December Deliberation Session or subsequently suggested by a councilmember.

Each outcome is scored. First place rankings each earn 3 points, second place rankings earn 2 points, and third place rankings earn 1 point. The maximum score that could be awarded is 27 if all 9 councilmembers chose the same outcome as their first place ranking.

The primary task for the February 27 meeting is to identify preliminary trends or inquiries related to this data that will be used to guide the full council deliberation on March 11 to identify overall 2027 council budget priorities.

High Performing Government Outcomes

1. Engagement Processes are inclusive and representative
 - a. First Ranking: None
 - b. Second Ranking: Daily
 - c. Third Ranking: Piedmont-Smith
 - d. Total Score=3
2. Community Engagement is strong
 - a. No votes
3. Respond to the results from the community survey
 - a. No votes
4. New Financing mechanisms are achieved to fund city climate action plan implementation
 - a. No votes
5. Develop city plans where none currently exist
 - a. First Ranking: Asare, Flaherty
 - b. Second Ranking: Rosenbarger, Piedmont-Smith
 - c. Third Ranking: Zulich
 - d. Total Score=11
6. Implementation of existing plans
 - a. First Ranking: Rosenbarger, Daily, Stosberg, Zulich
 - b. Second Ranking: Asare, Flaherty
 - c. Third Ranking: None
 - d. Total Score=16
7. Maintain city assets
 - a. First Ranking: Rollo, Ruff, Piedmont-Smith
 - b. Second Ranking: Stosberg, Zulich
 - c. Third Ranking: None
 - d. Total Score=13
8. Improve accessibility (broadly)
 - a. No votes
9. Increase community outreach (in person)
 - a. First Ranking: None
 - b. Second Ranking: Rollo, Ruff
 - c. Third Ranking: Daily
 - d. Total Score=5
10. Better Communication between council/mayor
 - a. First Ranking: None
 - b. Second Ranking: None

- c. Third Ranking: Flaherty, Stosberg, Ruff
- d. Total Score=3

11. Business permits easier to acquire

- a. No votes

The top 3 High Performing Government outcomes based on the December activity are:

- Implementation of existing plans (16 points)
- Maintain City Assets (13 points)
- Develop city plans where none currently exist (11 points)

Housing and Homelessness

1. Increase range of affordable housing options that are universally designed and environmentally sustainable

- a. First Ranking: Stosberg
- b. Second Ranking: Piedmont-Smith
- c. Third Ranking: Asare, Flaherty
- d. Total Score=7

2. Improved access of neighborhood housing to community amenities, employment, and essential services

- a. No votes

3. Increased housing diversity within neighborhoods

- a. First Ranking: Rosenbarger, Zulich
- b. Second Ranking: Asare, Flaherty
- c. Third Ranking: Stosberg
- d. Total Score=11

4. Increase predictability and decrease time for permitting approvals

- a. First Ranking: Asare
- b. Second Ranking: Ruff
- c. Third Ranking: Piedmont-Smith, Daily
- d. Total Score=7

5. Make homelessness brief, rare, and non-repeating

- a. First Ranking: Flaherty, Piedmont-Smith, Daily
- b. Second Ranking: None
- c. Third Ranking: None
- d. Total Score=9

6. Increase coordinated, preventative, wrap-around services for the unhoused

- a. First Ranking: Ruff, Rollo
- b. Second Ranking: Zulich, Daily

- c. Third Ranking: Rosenbarger
- d. Total Score=11
- 7. Increase temporary sheltering options
 - a. First Ranking: None
 - b. Second Ranking: Rollo
 - c. Third Ranking: None
 - d. Total Score=2
- 8. Increase transit-oriented/walkable development
 - a. First Ranking: None
 - b. Second Ranking: Rosenbarger
 - c. Third Ranking: Ruff, Zulich
 - d. Total Score=4
- 9. Planned projects follow through (ex. Hopewell)
 - a. First Ranking: None
 - b. Second Ranking: Stosberg
 - c. Third Ranking: None
 - d. Total Score=2

The top 5 Housing and Homelessness outcomes based on the December activity are:

- Increase housing diversity within neighbourhoods (11 points-tie)
- Increase coordinated, preventative, wrap-around services for the unhoused (11 points-tie)
- Make homelessness brief, rare, and non-repeating (9 points)
- Increase range of affordable housing options that are universally designed and environmentally sustainable (7 points-tie)
- Increase predictability and decrease time for permitting approvals (7 points-tie)

Economic Development

- 1. Quality wired and wireless connectivity is available throughout the city
 - a. First Ranking: Asare
 - b. Second Ranking: None
 - c. Third Ranking: None
 - d. Total Score=3
- 2. Income inequality is reduced across and between all ages, races, and genders
 - a. First Ranking: Zulich, Piedmont-Smith
 - b. Second Ranking: Stosberg, Rosenbarger, Flaherty
 - c. Third Ranking: None
 - d. Total Score= 12

3. Career pathways and training are engaging residents and businesses
 - a. No votes
4. Entrepreneurial activity has increased and a culture of entrepreneurialism is being sustained
 - a. No votes
5. Wages, jobs, and GDP are outpacing population growth
 - a. First Ranking: Stosberg
 - b. Second Ranking: Rollo
 - c. Third Ranking: Asare
 - d. Total Score=6
6. Enhance the arts and culture industry in Bloomington
 - a. No votes
7. Downtown events are frequent and well attended
 - a. No votes
8. The downtown business environment is vibrant and sustainable
 - a. No votes
9. Downtown buildings and sites with blight or disrepair have been identified and remedied
 - a. First Ranking: Rollo
 - b. Second Ranking: None
 - c. Third Ranking: None
 - d. Total Score=3
10. The local marketplace is resilient to climate change
 - a. First Ranking: None
 - b. Second Ranking: Piedmont-Smith
 - c. Third Ranking: Rosenbarger
 - d. Total Score=3
11. Increased number of businesses that are committed to sustainability and climate goals
 - a. First Ranking: None
 - b. Second Ranking: None
 - c. Third Ranking: Flaherty
 - d. Total Score=1
12. Attract employers that provide living-wage jobs
 - a. First Ranking: Daily
 - b. Second Ranking: None
 - c. Third Ranking: Ruff
 - d. Total Score=4
13. Create vibrant 3rd places/neighborhood hubs

- a. First Ranking: Rosenbarger, Flaherty
 - b. Second Ranking: Daily
 - c. Third Ranking: Zulich, Piedmont-Smith
 - d. Total Score=10
14. Activate vacant spaces, ex. 1st floor retail
- a. First Ranking: None
 - b. Second Ranking: Asare, Ruff
 - c. Third Ranking: Stosberg, Daily
 - d. Total Score=6
15. Per capita economic/arts enhancement
- a. First Ranking: Ruff
 - b. Second Ranking: None
 - c. Third Ranking: None
 - d. Total Score=3
16. Attract 24-44 Workforce
- a. First Ranking: None
 - b. Second Ranking: Zulich
 - c. Third Ranking: None
 - d. Total Score=2

The top 4 Economic Development outcomes based on the December activity are:

- Income inequality is reduced across and between all ages, races, and genders (12 points)
- Create vibrant 3rd places/neighborhood hubs (10 points)
- Wages, jobs, and GDP are outpacing population growth (6 points-tie)
- Activate vacant spaces, ex. 1st floor retail (6 points-tie)

Public Safety

1. Public safety is enhanced.
 - a. No votes
2. Bloomington residents are prepared for climate risks and impacts.
 - a. First Ranking: None
 - b. Second Ranking: None
 - c. Third Ranking: Rollo
 - d. Total Score=1
3. The City responds to climate risks and impacts.
 - a. First Ranking: None
 - b. Second Ranking: None
 - c. Third Ranking: Flaherty

- d. Total Score=1
- 4. Bloomington residents have options other than uniformed police officers for nonviolent issues (ex. Community resource officers)
 - a. First Ranking: None
 - b. Second Ranking: Zulich, Daily, Flaherty
 - c. Third Ranking: Stosberg, Asare
 - d. Total Score=8
- 5. Zero traffic fatalities.
 - a. First Ranking: None
 - b. Second Ranking: Asare
 - c. Third Ranking: None
 - d. Total Score=2
- 6. Youth are educated in non-violent conflict resolution:
 - a. No votes
- 7. Residents trust police.
 - a. No votes
- 8. Crime is reduced.
 - a. First Ranking: Ruff
 - b. Second Ranking: Piedmont-Smith
 - c. Third Ranking: None
 - d. Total Score=4
- 9. Mental health and additional treatment services are increased to meet residents' needs.
 - a. First Ranking: Piedmont-Smith, Daily
 - b. Second Ranking: Rollo, Ruff
 - c. Third Ranking: None
 - d. Total Score=10
- 10. Homelessness is brief, rare, and non-repeating.
 - a. First Ranking: Asare, Zulich, Rosenbarger
 - b. Second Ranking: none
 - c. Third Ranking: Daily
 - d. Total Score=10
- 11. Race and class disparities in policing, justice, and public safety systems are reduced.
 - a. First Ranking: Flaherty
 - b. Second Ranking: None
 - c. Third Ranking: Piedmont-Smith, Rosenbarger
 - d. Total Score=5
- 12. Overtime is rarely needed in police, fire, and dispatch.

- a. First Ranking: None
 - b. Second Ranking: Stosberg
 - c. Third Ranking: Ruff
 - d. Total Score=3
13. Early intervention addresses residents' needs before they become emergency situations.
- a. First Ranking: Stosberg
 - b. Second Ranking: Rosenbarger
 - c. Third Ranking: Zulich
 - d. Total Score=6
14. We reach required number of sworn officers (105).
- a. First Ranking: Rollo
 - b. Second Ranking: None
 - c. Third Ranking: None
 - d. Total Score=3

The top 3 Public Safety Outcomes based on the surveys are:

- Mental Health and additional treatment services are increased to meet residents' needs (10 points)
- Homelessness is brief, rare, and non-repeating (10 points)
- Bloomington residents have options other than uniformed police officers for nonviolent issues (8 points)

Transportation and Mobility

- 1) The transportation network supports all travel modes for people of all ages and abilities.
 - a) First Ranking: Stosberg, Zulich, Daily
 - b) Second Ranking: Flaherty
 - c) Third Ranking: Piedmont-Smith
 - d) Total Score=12
- 2) Public streets and rights of way have positive public health impacts.
 - a) No votes
- 3) Public parking demands are managed efficiently and effectively, to optimum level of 85% of supply.
 - a) First Ranking: Rollo
 - b) Second Ranking: Asare
 - c) Third Ranking: None
 - d) Total Score=5

- 4) Vehicle miles traveled are reduced by 8% of 2018 values.
 - a) First Ranking: None
 - b) Second Ranking: Piedmont-Smith, Rosenbarger
 - c) Third Ranking: None
 - d) Total Score=4
- 5) Increased electric vehicle adoption, achieving 30% of vehicles sold and 15% of VMT community wide by 2023.
 - a) First Ranking: None
 - b) Second Ranking: Daily, Rosenbarger
 - c) Third Ranking: None
 - d) Total Score=4
- 6) Zero traffic deaths or serious injuries by 2039.
 - a) First Ranking: Piedmont-Smith, Flaherty, Rosenbarger
 - b) Second Ranking: None
 - c) Third Ranking: Asare
 - d) Total Score=10
- 7) Pedestrian network is cleared quickly and effectively after snowfall, providing a safe travel experience on par with vehicle infrastructure.
 - a) First Ranking: Asare, Ruff
 - b) Second Ranking: Zulich
 - c) Third Ranking: Stosberg, Flaherty, Rosenbarger
 - d) Total Score=11
- 8) Motorized scooters are widely available and do not impede accessibility of public right of way.
 - a) No votes
- 9) Better connected bike/ped networks that work for all ages.
 - a) First Ranking: None
 - b) Second Ranking: None
 - c) Third Ranking: Daily
 - d) Total Score=1
- 10)Public Transportation ridership increases.
 - a) First Ranking: None
 - b) Second Ranking: None
 - c) Third Ranking: Zulich, Rollo, Ruff
 - d) Total Score=3
- 11)Residents feel safe using transportation networks regardless of mode or location.
 - a) First Ranking: None
 - b) Second Ranking: Stosberg, Ruff

- c) Third Ranking: None
- d) Total Score=4

The top 3 Transportation and Mobility Outcomes based on the surveys are:

- The transportation network supports all travel modes for people of all ages and abilities. (12 points)
- Pedestrian network is cleared quickly and effectively after snowfall, providing a safe travel experience on par with vehicle infrastructure. (11 points)
- Zero traffic deaths or serious injuries by 2039. (10 points)

Community Health and Vitality Outcomes

- 1) Public health is enhanced.
 - a) No votes.
- 2) Residents are educated, engaged, and empowered for climate health and safety.
 - a) First Ranking: None
 - b) Second Ranking: None
 - c) Third Ranking: Rosenbarger
 - d) Total Score=1
- 3) Historically and culturally significant places are preserved and celebrated.
 - a) No votes
- 4) Attendance at cultural events is high.
 - a) First Ranking: None
 - b) Second Ranking: None
 - c) Third Ranking: Stosberg
 - d) Total Score=1
- 5) Public spaces are high quality, engaging, and active.
 - a) First Ranking: Zulich, Rollo
 - b) Second Ranking: Stosberg, Piedmont-Smith, Flaherty
 - c) Third Ranking: None
 - d) Total Score=12
- 6) Celebrate all forms of difference in Bloomington.
 - a) No votes
- 7) Downtown facilities provide services and year-round community programming that is age and ability friendly.
 - a) First Ranking: None
 - b) Second Ranking: Zulich
 - c) Third Ranking: None
 - d) Total Score=2
- 8) Residential growth downtown that is inclusive of all ages and abilities.

- a) No votes
- 9) Mental health and addiction treatment services are increased to meet residents' needs.
 - a) First Ranking: Piedmont-Smith, Daily
 - b) Second Ranking: None
 - c) Third Ranking: Ruff
 - d) Total Score=7
- 10) An increased number of employees who work in Bloomington are able to live in Bloomington.
 - a) First Ranking: Stosberg, Flaherty
 - b) Second Ranking: Asare, Rosenbarger
 - c) Third Ranking: Piedmont-Smith
 - d) Total Score=11
- 11) Every neighborhood has access to nearby grocery stores.
 - a) No votes
- 12) Kirkwood conversion consistent with Ordinance 2025-02.
 - a) First Ranking: Rosenbarger
 - b) Second Ranking: None
 - c) Third Ranking: Asare, Flaherty
 - d) Total Score=5
- 13) Strengthen food security networks and access to healthy, affordable food.
 - a) First Ranking: Asare, Rosenbarger
 - b) Second Ranking: Daily, Rollo, Rosenbarger
 - c) Third Ranking: Zulich
 - d) Total Score=13
- 14) We anticipate instability and build resilience into community systems.
 - a) First Ranking: None
 - b) Second Ranking: None
 - c) Third Ranking: Daily, Rollo
 - d) Total Score=2

The top 3 Community Health and Vitality Outcomes based on the survey are:

- Strengthen food security networks and access to healthy, affordable food. (13 points)
- Public spaces are high quality, engaging, and active. (12 points)
- An increased number of employees who work in Bloomington are able to live in Bloomington. (11 points)

Environment Outcomes

- 1) Detrimental environmental impacts from the built environment are mitigated.
 - a) First Ranking: None
 - b) Second Ranking: None
 - c) Third Ranking: Piedmont-Smith
 - d) Total Score=1
- 2) Fossil fuel consumption is reduced community wide.
 - a) First Ranking: Daily, Flaherty, Rollo, Rosenbarger
 - b) Second Ranking: None
 - c) Third Ranking: None
 - d) Total Score=12
- 3) Green space has increased.
 - a) First Ranking: None
 - b) Second Ranking: Asare
 - c) Third Ranking: Daily
 - d) Total Score=3
- 4) Waste reduction.
 - a) First Ranking: Piedmont-Smith
 - b) Second ranking: Stosberg
 - c) Third Ranking: Zulich
 - d) Total Score=6
- 5) Water Consumption has been reduced.
 - a) No votes.
- 6) Water quality in Lake Monroe is improved.
 - a) No votes.
- 7) A local food culture has been promoted and protected.
 - a) First Ranking: Asare, Zulich, Ruff
 - b) Second Ranking: Rollo
 - c) Third Ranking: Stosberg
 - d) Total Score=12
- 8) Air quality is maintained at a high level and our carbon emissions are significantly reduced.
 - a) First Ranking: None
 - b) Second Ranking: Piedmont-Smith, Rosenbarger
 - c) Third Ranking: Asare
 - d) Total Score: 5
- 9) CBU meets or exceeds federal drinking water standards 100% of the time.
 - a) First Ranking: None

- b) Second Ranking: Zulich, Ruff
 - c) Third Ranking: None
 - d) Total Score=4
- 10)Reduce invasive species and replace with diversity of native species.
- a) First Ranking: None
 - b) Second Ranking: None
 - c) Third Ranking: Rollo
 - d) Total Score=1
- 11)New construction buildings are predominantly all electric.
- a) First Ranking: None
 - b) Second Ranking: Flaherty
 - c) Third Ranking: None
 - d) Total Score=2
- 12)Increased renewable energy production community wide.
- a) First Ranking: Stosberg
 - b) Second Ranking: Daily
 - c) Third Ranking: Ruff
 - d) Total Score=6
- 13)Increased composting community wide.
- a) First Ranking: None
 - b) Second Ranking: None
 - c) Third Ranking: Flaherty, Rosenbarger
 - d) Total Score=2
- 14)Reduce single-use plastic community wide.
- a) No votes.

The top 5 Environment Outcomes based on the survey are:

- Fossil fuel consumption is reduced community wide. (12 points)
- A local food culture has been promoted and protected. (12 points)
- Waste reduction. (6 points)
- Increased renewable energy production community wide. (6 points)
- Air quality is maintained at a high level and our carbon emissions are significantly reduced. (5 points)

To: Fiscal Committee
From: Councilmember Stosberg
Date: February 23, 2026
RE: 2027 Budget Year Calendar for review at the February 27, 2026 meeting

Current 2027 budget related dates include:

March 11: Deliberation Session focused on 2027 budget priorities

May 15: Supplemental distribution amounts released for FY2026

July 31: DLGF estimate of property tax losses for FY2027

August 16: DLGF estimate for Local Income Tax distributions for FY2027

August 17, 19, 24, 26: 2027 Department budget hearings

September 23: Introduction of 2027 Budget legislation

October 7: Adoption of Budget legislation

****Note to discuss the elected official salary ordinance for 2027 and goals related to that piece of legislation in order to include them in this calendar.****

Please let me know of any additional dates that should be added or additional items we should consider adding to the calendar. Thank you.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, March 13 at 8:30 am. That meeting will focus on reporting from the controller. Please be prepared to check your calendars regarding the following proposed meeting dates:

Friday, March 27 at 8:30 am

Friday, April 10 at 8:30 am

Friday, April 24 at 8:30 am

Friday, May 8 at 8:30 am

Friday, May 22 at 8:30 am

Friday, June 12 at 8:30 am