

Fiscal Committee Meeting Agenda
City of Bloomington Common Council
Friday, June 12, at 8:30 am
Allison Conference Room #225, City Hall
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN 47404

The meeting may also be accessed [remotely](#)¹.

Chair: Hopi Stosberg

Topics to be Discussed:

1. Reports from the Administration
 - A. Controller McKim
 - B. Deputy Mayor Knapp
2. Sanitation Fees
 - A. Adam Wason, Department Head
 - B. Committee member questions/comments
 - C. Public Comment
3. Schedule Updates
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.

Pursuant to applicable law and policy, the following details are provided regarding the officers serving on this committee. Committee Members:

- Hopi Stosberg (Chair), Appointed by Council President, Term: 01/07/2026-01/06/2027
- Matt Flaherty, Appointed by Council President, Term: 01/07/2026-01/06/2027
- Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Appointed by Council President, Term: 01/07/2026-01/06/2027
- Dave Rollo, Appointed by Council President, Term: 01/07/2026-01/06/2027

¹<https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/88922128592?pwd%3DmToLrlqWVNiDlokVztDEqFqGIPoM6a.1&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1781215437097129&usg=AOvVaw1VZvX1ws8DO2B0WooBYL50>

Fiscal Committee meetings can be watched on the following websites:

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

[Materials for meetings](#)⁴ are available on the committee website.

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² <https://catstv.net/>

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

⁴<https://bloomington.in.gov/council/fiscal-committee>

WEEK TWO				
Monday Aug 24		Minutes		
Parks		20		
ESD		20		
PW Admin		10		
Animal Shelter		10		
Facilities		5		
Fleet		10		
Sanitation		10		
	Total	85		
Weds Aug 26		Minutes		
CIB		5		
Clerk		10		
Council		10		
OOTM		10		
OOTC		10		
Legal		10		
HR		10		
ITS		10		
	Total	70		
Trackable Priorities				
1. Assets				
	Maintenance			
	Enhancement			
2. Homelessness				
	Homelessness Mitigation			
3. Transportation				
	Implementation of zero fatalities and Safe Streets for All plans			
4. Housing				
5. Economic Development				
6. Climate				
7. Public Safety				
	Alternative response			

Memorandum

To: Fiscal Committee
From: Gretchen Knapp, Deputy Mayor
Re: Sanitation Prices
Date: 6/5/2026

This memorandum summarizes some considerations for a discussion around sanitation rates. Last year, Public Works and Controller McClellan explored what rates might look like without General Fund support. This was shared in a Google sheet titled “Sanitation Prices for Fiscal.”

These projections are very conceptual. Last year’s work to project 2026 City costs and customer pricing have been left as a comparison. Costs change annually. Fuel costs, for example, are unpredictable and volatile lately. The actual 2026 sanitation customer rates are:

- **35 gallon:** \$9.28 per month
- **64 gallon:** \$16.97 per month
- **96 gallon:** \$25.46 per month

As you will see, making Sanitation rates cover all costs, without any General Fund subsidy, would require increasing prices very steeply. We should discuss things such as:

- Is it acceptable, and would it have desirable outcomes, to charge for recycling?
- At what pace should we increase pricing, and by how much each time, given that residents are seeing and will continue to see increases in many other fees, taxes, and costs of living?
- Should we set a goal of diminishing, rather completely eliminating, the subsidy, or set a longer timeline for implementation, or some other option?

Other major factors for budgeting without General Fund support include:

- Dwindling state funding sources and the potential impact of the current gas tax holiday
- The state requirement to maintain an adequate level of reserves to maintain cash flow
- Fully capturing all true service costs, including personnel expenses
- Maintaining the ability to adequately respond to unexpected purchases or major price changes (such as the fuel cost surge we’re experiencing now)
- Funding ongoing capital investments in both Sanitation vehicles and facilities (Sanitation trucks are extremely expensive and have a very long lead time to order, and we typically push our trucks well past the average projected lifespan)

We look forward to the discussion!

Cart Sizes	Average # of Carts (2025)	Staff Proposed Monthly Rate (2026)	Proposed Monthly Revenue Generated (2026)	Proposed Annual Cart Revenue Generated (2026)	Staff Proposed Monthly Rate (2027)	Proposed Monthly Revenue Generated (2027)	Proposed Annual Cart Revenue Generated (2027)	Staff Proposed Monthly Rate (2028)	Proposed Monthly Revenue Generated (2028)	Proposed Annual Cart Revenue Generated (2028)
35 gal.	6,405	\$15.01	\$96,139	\$1,153,668.60	\$16.51	\$105,752.96	\$1,269,035.46	\$18.16	\$116,328.25	\$1,395,939.01
64 gal.	7,265	\$24.98	\$181,480	\$2,177,756.40	\$27.48	\$199,627.67	\$2,395,532.04	\$30.23	\$219,590.44	\$2,635,085.24
96 Gal	1,067	\$32.97	\$35,179	\$422,147.88	\$36.27	\$38,696.89	\$464,362.67	\$39.89	\$42,566.58	\$510,798.93
Recycle (all sizes)	13,700	\$13.00	\$178,100	\$2,137,200.00	\$14.30	\$195,910.00	\$2,350,920.00	\$15.73	\$215,501.00	\$2,586,012.00
Total Trash Carts	14,737									
Sanitation Services	Total #s Collected (2025)	Current Fee Schedule	Annual Revenue (Based on 2025 Collection totals)	Staff Proposed Rate (2026)	Proposed Annual Revenue Generated (2026)	Staff Proposed Rate (2027)	Proposed Annual Revenue Generated (2027)	Staff Proposed Rate (2028)	Proposed Annual Revenue Generated (2028)	
Large Item	1850	\$25.00	\$46,250	\$30.00	\$55,500	\$33.00	\$61,050.00	\$36.30	\$67,155.00	
Appliance	145	\$35.00	\$5,075	\$40.00	\$5,800	\$44.00	\$6,380.00	\$48.40	\$7,018.00	
Yard Waste	45353	\$1.00	\$45,353	\$2.00	\$90,706	\$2.20	\$99,776.60	\$2.42	\$109,754.26	
Extra Weekly Pick-up (35 gal)	480	\$2.54	\$1,219.20	\$4.20	\$2,016	\$4.62	\$2,217.60	\$5.08	\$2,439.36	
Extra Weekly Pick-up (64 gal)	1400	\$4.65	\$6,510.00	6.99	\$9,786	\$7.69	\$10,764.60	\$8.46	\$11,841.06	
Extra Weekly Pick-up (96 gal)	220	\$6.98	\$1,535.60	9.23	\$2,031	\$10.15	\$2,233.66	\$11.17	\$2,457.03	
Cart Exchanges	252	\$25.00	\$6,300	\$30.00	\$7,560	\$36.00	\$9,072	\$43.20	\$10,886.40	
Yard Waste Cart sales*	100	\$70.00	\$6,510	\$75.00	\$7,500	\$80.00	\$7,440	\$85.00	\$7,905.00	
* - price includes sales tax										
Annual Proposed Revenue (all Sources - Starting June 1) 2026			Annual Proposed Revenue (all Sources) 2027				Annual Proposed Revenue (all Sources) 2028			
Annual Cart Rentals	\$5,890,773		Annual Cart Rentals	\$6,479,850.17		Annual Cart Rentals	\$7,127,835.18			
Yard Waste, Appliance, Large Item, Extra Pick-up	\$180,899		Yard Waste, Appliance, Large Item, Extra Pick-up	\$198,934.46		Yard Waste, Appliance, Large Item, Extra Pick-up	\$219,456.11			
Total	\$6,071,671		Total	\$6,678,784.63		Total	\$7,347,291.29			
Expenses (2026)			Expenses (2027)							
Sanitation Budget Expense Total (6604 Fu	\$4,014,399		Estimated Sanitation Budget Expense	\$5,017,999						
2026 Fuel cost increases over original budget - subject to further change	\$150,000		Annual expected capital expenses	\$1,250,000						
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Total Expenses	\$5,164,399		Total Expenses	\$6,267,999						
Difference in Revenue and Expense		\$907,272	Difference in Revenue and Expense	\$410,785.88						

Transfers Into Sanitation 2020-2026		
Year	Transferred From	Amount
2020	General	\$602,971
2021	General	\$978,492
2022	General	\$1,107,486
2023	General	\$1,043,812
2024	General	\$944,146
2025	General	\$850,210
2026	General	\$1,583,699