

Fiscal Committee Meeting Agenda
City of Bloomington Common Council
Friday, September 4, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.
Allison Conference Room, 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. Agenda Review and Approval
2. Budget Presentations Feedback
 - A. Format of Presentations/Slideshows
 - B. Q&A Submission Form
 - C. Public Involvement
 - D. Considerations for 2027 Presentations
 - E. Public Comment
3. Fiscal Committee Role
 - A. Current committee purpose
 - B. Outcome Based Budgeting
 - C. Special vs. Standing Committee
 - D. Public Comment
4. Scheduling
5. Adjournment

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

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.

¹ <https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/82252165279?pwd=a3c4cT4fwpFVFRMsmrwU4FtkRFdKTu.1>

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² <https://catstv.net/>

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

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

Posted Date: September 3, 2026

To: Fiscal Committee
From: Councilmember Stosberg
Date: September 1, 2026
RE: September 4, 2026 Meeting & Scheduling Notes

Colleagues,

The plan for the September 4, 2026 Fiscal Committee meeting is simple-reflect. I would like to spend some time reflecting on how the budget presentations and accompanying systems went and the purpose and future of the Special Fiscal Committee. As a reminder, the original charge of the committee is:

1. Work closely with the Controller to:
 - Create a timeline and activity framework for the yearly budgeting calendar
 - Track progress of the yearly budget and report back to the whole council.
 - Track fund balances (esp. TIF, CRED, Bonds, etc.)
 - 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 FY 2027.
4. Explore and recommend improvements to the budgeting process.

Please come prepared to consider the following questions:

- 1) Did the budget book have the information you expected? If not, what was missing?
- 2) Was the time available for presentations and verbal questions sufficient?
- 3) Did you find the format of follow up written questions (google form) easy to use (for both questions and answers)?
- 4) Was there anything you felt was particularly useful to you this year? Was there anything that was not provided this year that you found helpful in the past? What could improve next year?
- 5) How can public engagement be increased during the budget process?
- 6) Should the Special Fiscal Committee become a standing committee?
- 7) What role should the Special Fiscal Committee have in Outcome Based Budgeting?

- 8) Consider the original committee charge above-what changes (if any) should be made to the purpose of the committee?
- 9) What additions need to be made to the budget calendar below?

Current budget related dates include:

September TBD: Municipal Unit Strategic Taskforce (MUST) meeting

September 23: Introduction of 2027 Budget legislation

October 7: Adoption of Budget legislation

October/November: Fiscal Committee/budget related goals for 2027

November 4: Elected Official Salary Adoption (Initial Goal)

January/February 2027: Start discussing and finalizing 2028 budget priorities

March/April 2027: Administrative response to 2028 council budget priorities.

March/April 2027: Start discussion with council staff RE: 2028 Council budget

May 2027 Supplemental distribution amounts released for FY2027

July/August 2027: DLGF estimates for property taxes and Local Income Taxes for FY2028

August 2027: Department Budget Hearings

Please let me know of any additional dates that should be added or additional items we should consider adding to the calendar. My goal would be to have a calendar for the committee to approve in November/December to inform the 2027 Fiscal Committee.

Future 2026 meeting dates are (all meetings are Fridays from 8:30-9:30 am):

September 4: budget month wrap up

September 18: Elected Official Salaries Revisited

October 2: Controller Updates and Quarter 3 Financial Summaries

October 16, 30, November 13, December 11