Fiscal Committee Meeting Agenda

City of Bloomington Common Council
Friday, November 13, 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. Fiscal Committee Establishment Draft Legislation
    A. Public Comment
3. Yearly Calendar review/updates
    A. Public Comment
4. Continue Budget Presentations Review and Discussion
    A. Public Comment
5. Scheduling
6. 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.

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[1] https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/82252165279?pwd=a3c4cT4fwpFVFRMsmrwU4FtkRFdKTu.1
Meeting ID: 822 5216 5279 Passcode: 586390
[2] https://catstv.net/
[3] https://youtube.com/@citybloomington
[4] https://bloomington.in.gov/council/fiscal-committee

COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON INDIANA

RESOLUTION 2026-XX
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

Whereas, Bloomington Municipal Code 2.04.210 provides that the Council may, by resolution, create standing committees; and

Whereas, the Council currently has the following standing committees: Pedestrian Safety Committee, Committee on Council Processes, Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee, and three Board and Commission Interview Committees; and

Whereas, the Special Fiscal Committee was created by action of the Council President in 2025 and again in 2026 to work closely with the City Controller to create a timeline and activity framework for yearly budgeting, track progress of the budget, track fund balances, and schedule budget related discussions and presentations for the full council, as well as support Council Staff with the Council budget, bring forth the Elected Salary Ordinance, and to explore and recommend improvements to the budgeting process; and

Whereas, as the Fiscal Body for the City of Bloomington, the Council recognizes the work done by the Special Fiscal Committee in 2025 and 2026 as a valuable piece of Council oversight and understanding of the fiscal condition of the city; and

Whereas, special committees are temporary governing bodies that disband once their work is complete and the Council recognizes that fiscal oversight and understanding of the City's fiscal position is an ongoing Council responsibility that has been improved since the creation of the Special Fiscal Committee and the Council and public will be best served by the creation of a more permanent standing committee; and

Whereas, the committees not otherwise affected herein should remain unchanged; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

Section 1, Establishment of the Fiscal Committee as a Standing Committee of the Council. The Fiscal Committee shall be established as a standing committee of the Council upon passage of this resolution. It shall consist of four Councilmembers whose purpose shall be the following:

1. Work with the the Controller to:
    a. Create and update the yearly budgeting calendar

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    b. Receive quarterly, year end, and audit reports and report findings back to the whole council
    c. Track fund balances
    d. Track debt services, including bond expenditures and bond project updates
    e. Review progress of long term capital investment projects
    f. Recommend scheduling of specific budget related discussions, presentations, and education for the full council
2. Support Council Staff with the Council Budget and presentation of that budget.
3. Assess and fine tune, as necessary, the Elected Salary Framework and bring forth the Elected Salary Ordinance each year.
4. Explore and recommend improvements to the budgeting process, including outcome based budgeting
5. Serve as a hearing committee for potential fee and fine increases

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, or provision of this resolution, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are declared to be severable.

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Fiscal Committee Timeline, 2027

January/February: Start discussing and finalizing 2028 budget priorities

February/March: Revisit/revise Elected Official Salary Framework

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

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

August: Department budget hearings

September: Introduction of 2027 Budget legislation

October: Adoption of Budget legislation

Late October/Early November: Reflection on 2027 budget process and ideas for 2028 process improvements

Early November: Elected Official Salary Adoption

Need to add

- Audit report deadlines/reports
- Quarterly reports
- Dedicate timeline space for bond reports, capital planning reports, etc.
- What else?

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To: Fiscal Committee
From: Councilmember Stosberg
Date: November 12, 2026
RE: Continued Budget Reflections

Colleagues,

Hopefully we get time to continue the discussion started at the September 4, 2026 Fiscal Committee meeting related to reflection on the 2027 budget presentations. As a reminder, for that meeting I included the following questions for consideration and discussion about the budget process. Please come prepared with any additional comments based on these questions, especially 4 and 5 since I don't think we got to those at all. Thank you!

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?

We have only one more meeting scheduled this year, on December 11.