

ANNUAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2023

Regular Meetings. The Council will hold three regular sessions each month, usually on the first, second, and third Wednesdays, unless otherwise noted below. Upon the introduction of an ordinance (typically through a "First Reading" at a regular session), the Council may refer it to a committee, may schedule it for deliberation (typically through a "Second Reading" at the next regular meeting), or may consider it for adoption (a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the elected members, after unanimous consent of the members present to consider the ordinance, is required to pass an ordinance on the same day or at the same meeting at which it is introduced). Resolutions may be considered for action by the Council at one meeting.

Referral to Committee. Legislation may be referred to one of the Council's committees, which hold meetings to consider such items on second and fourth Wednesdays unless a majority of the Council decides to meet at an alternative date and time.

A standing committee must return a referred item of legislation to the full Council by the second Regular Session following its referral, but may choose to return the item after a single regular session.

Location and Time of Meetings: Unless otherwise indicated, the Council meets in the Council Chambers, Suite 115 of City Hall, at 6:30 p.m. When considering referred legislation, standing committee meetings start between 5:30 and 9:45 pm (BMC 2.04.255). Council and committee meetings are also accessible electronically via links shared on the Council's web calendar, at: <https://bloomington.in.gov/council>.

Deadlines for Legislation: Ordinances and resolutions should be submitted to the Council Office at least ten days before the meeting at which the legislation is to be introduced. All accompanying materials, including a summary memo and fiscal impact statement, must be submitted to the Council Office via email by noon on the date listed below. For the manner for submitting these materials, please inquire with the Council Office.

Deadline for Submission of Legislation and Supporting Materials	Meeting Dates	Deadline for Submission of Legislation and Supporting Materials	Meeting Dates
N/A	01/11/2023 Organizational Meeting ¹	07/17/2023	07/26/2023 Regular Session
01/09/2023	01/18/2023 Regular Session	07/24/2023	08/02/2023 Regular Session
01/13/2023	01/25/2023 Regular Session	07/31/2023	08/09/2023 Regular Session
01/23/2023	02/01/2023 Regular Session	08/07/2023	08/16/2023 Regular Session
01/30/2023	02/08/2023 Regular Session	08/21/2023	08/28/2023-08/31/2023 – Departmental Budget Hearings on 2024 Budget ⁶
02/06/2023	02/15/2023 Regular Session	08/28/2023	09/06/2023 Regular Session
02/20/2023	03/01/2023 Regular Session	09/01/2023	09/13/2023 Regular Session
02/27/2023	03/08/2023 Regular Session	09/11/2023	09/20/2023 Regular Session
03/20/2023	03/29/2023 Regular Session	09/18/2023	09/27/2023 Special Session – Introduction of 2024 Budget Legislation followed by a Committee of the Whole (including the public hearing on the 2024 Budget) ⁷
03/27/2023	04/04/2023 Regular Session ²		
03/31/2023	04/12/2023 Regular Session		
04/10/2023	04/19/2023 Regular Session		
N/A	04/25/2023 Budget Advance ³	09/25/2023	10/04/2023 Regular Session
04/24/2023	05/03/2023 Regular Session	10/02/2023	10/11/2023 Special Session – Adoption Meeting for 2024 Budget Legislation ⁷
05/01/2023	05/10/2023 Regular Session	10/09/2023	10/18/2023 Regular Session
05/08/2023	05/17/2023 Regular Session	10/23/2023	11/01/2023 Regular Session
05/26/2023	06/07/2023 Regular Session	10/30/2023	11/08/2023 Regular Session
N/A	06/13/2023 Budget Advance ³	11/06/2023	11/15/2023 Regular Session
06/05/2023	06/14/2023 Regular Session	11/27/2023	12/06/2023 Regular Session
06/12/2023	06/21/2023 Regular Session ^{4 & 5}	12/04/2023	12/13/2023 Regular Session ⁸
<i>Summer Recess - Ending With Regular Session on July 26⁵</i>		<i>Year-End Recess – followed by Organization Day on January 10, 2024⁸</i>	

1. **Organizational Meeting.** The Council will hold its 2023 Organizational Meeting on January 11 when it elects officers and appoints members to serve on various boards and commissions. Under local code, the meeting must be held no later than the second Wednesday in January unless rescheduled by a majority of the Council. (BMC 2.04.010 and BMC 2.04.050[a, c & d]).
2. **Passover.** Passover begins on the evening of Wednesday April 5. To avoid meeting on this day of religious observance, the Council will instead meet on Tuesday, April 4.
3. **Budget Advance Meetings.** The Council will hold a Budget Advance meeting in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25. The Council will hold a second Budget Advance meeting in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13.
4. **Tax Abatement Report.** The Council will hear Annual Tax Abatement Reports no later than Regular Session on June 21, during Reports from the Mayor and City Offices.
5. **Summer Recess.** BMC 2.04.050[e] states that the Council may schedule a summer recess, but if it does so, no legislation may be introduced for First Reading at the final regular session prior to the recess. By approving this Annual Schedule, the Council will be scheduling a Summer Recess to begin after the Regular Session of June 21 and to end with the Regular Session of July 26.
6. **Departmental Budget Hearings.** The Council will hold Departmental Budget Hearings on the 2024 budget in the Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m. beginning on August 28 and continuing through August 31. Budget Books are scheduled to be delivered to members no later than Friday, August 25.
7. **Budget Cycle.** After holding Departmental Budget Hearings in late-August (see Note #6), the Council will formally consider the several items making up the City Budget for 2024 during a separate legislative cycle known as the "Budget Cycle," starting in late September and ending in mid-October. Please note that the statutorily required initial public hearings associated with the City Budget package will be held during the aforementioned committee hearing, and the official adoption meeting will be held at Second Reading during the Special Budget Session in October.
8. **Year-End Recess.** BMC 2.04.050[g] calls for the Council to recess after the second Regular Session in December. At this session, legislation may not be introduced for First Reading.