



Seattle
City Council

Committee Meetings with
Verbal Public Comment
(at 9:30 a.m.)

September 24

October 13

October 27

November 13

*November 20 - 1 p.m.

Public Hearings

October 6

- Remote - 1 p.m.
- In-person - 5 p.m.

November 5

- Remote - 1 p.m.
- In-person - 5 p.m.

Written Comment

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Council's Budget
Process

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BUDGET BASICS

Participating in the Budget Process

Three ways you can share your insights:

1. **Budget Committee Meetings** - 5 Opportunities
2. **Public Hearings** - 2 Opportunities
3. **Written Comment** - Anytime

Public comment can be given remotely or in person.

Budget Process Overview

Budget Hearings: Central Staff Presentations

October 13 - October 16

To better understand the mayor's proposed amendments, the council unpacks individual department budgets. The council's policy experts — Central Staff — do a deep dive into the departmental budgets. Councilmembers raise questions and identify issues they'll have to address in the council's budget.

Budget Deliberations: Balancing Package, Discussion, and Amendment Voting

October 27 - November 16

Councilmembers create, explain, and discuss their amendments. There are two types of budget amendments:

1. **Council Budget Actions (CBAs)**
 - CBAs change revenue, expenditures, staff positions, create provisos, and other actions with financial implications.
2. **Statements of Legislative Intent (SLIs)**
 - SLIs state the council's intent, gives guidance about city policy, call for additional study or reporting, etc.

Final Action: City Council Vote

November 19 - 20

The council takes two final votes on its budget – the first vote as the Budget Committee, and the second final vote as the full City Council. After the council passes the budget, it's sent to the mayor for signature.

Seattle City Council Fall 2026 Select Budget Committee Calendar

LEGEND



Written Public Comment



Oral Public Comment

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Week 1	21 September Yom Kippur	22 Mayor Transmits 27/28 Proposed Budgets City Council 2 p.m.	23	24 	25
			 City Budget Office Overview & Department Presentations 27/28 Proposed Budgets 9:30 a.m. each day		
Week 2	28 September 	29 	30	1 October	2
	 Department Presentations 27/28 Proposed Budgets 9:30 a.m. each day				
Week 3	5 October	6 	7	8	9
		 Public Hearing Session I - 1 p.m. Session II - 5 p.m.			
Week 4	12 October Indigenous Peoples' Day	13 	14 	15 	16 Revenue Forecast Council Forecast Update 9:30 a.m. Policy Considerations 2 p.m.
		 Central Staff Presentation: Policy Considerations 9:30 a.m. each day			
Week 5	19 October	20 Initial CM Proposals Due @ Noon (2 co-sponsors req'd)	21	22	23
Week 6	26 October	27 	28 	29 	30
		 Discussion of Councilmember Budget Proposals 9:30 a.m. each day			
Week 7	2 November	3 Election day Chair's Balancing Package Published	4 Chair's Balancing Package 9:30 a.m.	5 	6 Public Hearing Session I - 1 p.m. Session II - 5 p.m.
Week 8	9 November CM Self-Balanced Amendments due @ Noon (2 co-sponsors req'd)	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13 Committee Vote 9:30 a.m.
Week 9	16 November 	17	18	19 	20 Committee Vote 9:30 a.m.
	 Committee Vote 9:30 a.m.			 Final Committee Vote 9:30 a.m.	 Special City Council Meeting Final Action on Budget 1 p.m.
Week 10	23 November	24 General Election Certified	25	26 Thanksgiving Holiday	27 Thanksgiving Holiday