



Seattle
City Council

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

September 24
October 13
October 27
November 13
November 20

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

Visit www.seattle.gov/council/members to contact
your councilmember

Or email City Council at
council@seattle.gov

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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.