



City of Racine

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Legislative Report

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2027 Budget Schedule and Process

WHEREAS, the City Council of Racine adopts the following calendar for the 2027 budget introduction, deliberation, and adoption, and

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| Monday, October 05 | Mayor Mason Budget Address Address Budget Introduction |
| Tuesday, October 06 | Council Meeting Budget Overview – Kathleen Fischer |
| Monday, October 12 | Finance and Personnel Committee Committee of the Whole Department Presentations #1 |
| Tuesday, October 13 | Public Works and Services Committee Committee of the Whole Department Presentations #2 |
| Wednesday, October 14 | Public Safety and Licensing Committee Committee of the Whole Department Presentations #3/Public Hearing |
| Thursday, October 15 | Budget Amendments due in writing to Finance Director Close of Business Day Committee of the Whole Overflow/Flex Date (if necessary) |
| Monday, October 19 | Committee of the Whole Budget Amendments Debated and Voted |
| Tuesday, October 20 | Council Meeting Final Budget Adoption |
| Tuesday, November 03 | Election Day |
| Monday, November 09 | Finance and Personnel Committee |
| Tuesday, November 10 | Public Works and Services Committee |
| Wednesday, November 11 | Public Safety and Licensing Committee |
| Tuesday, November 17 | Potential Council Action to Override Mayoral Vetoes |

WHEREAS, the City of Racine finds itself in a structural deficit, and

WHEREAS, amendments proposed to the budget by Alders must be submitted in writing to the Finance Director no later than the close of business on Thursday, October 15, 2026. Amendments submitted after this date will not be considered by the Common Council, and

WHEREAS, proposed amendments must identify cuts in spending of an equal or greater amount if an amendment proposes spending City resources on something else, and

WHEREAS, proposed amendments may not include fund balance or wage provision as a funding source, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with state statute, funding for amendments for capital projects can only come from capital funded sources, and funding for amendments for operations can only come from operations funded sources, and

WHEREAS, proposed amendments to proposed budget amendments that were submitted in writing to the Finance Director no later than the close of business on Thursday, October 15, 2026, may be made at the Monday, October 19, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting only, provided that any amendment to a submitted budget amendment: comply with all other provisions in Resolution 0489-26; propose a reduction in spending; not create a new program or line item that is not already in the proposed budget; and have a neutral effect on the budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council adopts this resolution in accordance with Racine Charter Ordinances section 4-28 for its 2027 budget process and calendar.

Fiscal Note: N/A