

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
BUDGET COMMITTEE

August 24, 2026

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:30 pm on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Aisha Chughtai (Chair), Elizabeth Shaffer (Vice-Chair), Elliott Payne, Michael Rainville, LaTrisha Vetaw, Pearl Warren, Jamal Osman, Soren Stevenson, Jason Chavez, Jamison Whiting, and Aurin Chowdhury (Quorum - 7)

Members Absent: Council Members Robin Wonsley and Linea Palmisano

Matters listed below are hereby submitted with the following recommendations; to-wit:

1. 2027 City Budget ([2026-00942](#))

Receiving and filing the Mayor's 2027 Recommended Budget.

The report was received and filed.

2. 2026 Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee (CLIC) annual report ([2026-00976](#))

Receiving and filing the 2026 annual report from the Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee (CLIC).

Presentation by Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee Chair John Bernstein; and Senior Budget & Evaluation Analyst Liam O'Brien.

The report was received and filed.

3. 2026 Financial Report on select City funds ([2026-00972](#))

Receiving and filing a presentation on the 2026 Second Quarter Financial Status Report on the results of select City funds.

Presentation by George Hardgrove, City Controller; Rob Lange, Deputy Controller; Luke Scardigli, Fire Department Finance & Logistics Director; and Jayne Discenza, Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

The report was received and filed.

4. Administrative FTE Add Memo Report ([2026-00372](#))

Receiving and filing the 2nd quarter report relating to Financial Policy 1.5.3 (adding FTE administratively), for which the finance officer provides the memos, supporting documentation, and finance officer approvals for department administrative FTE additions.

Presentation by Bethlehem Yewhalawork, Budget & Evaluation Analyst.

The report was received and filed.

5. Legislative Budget Process Analysis ([2026-00891](#))

Receiving and filing a report from Legislative Research & Oversight in response to staff direction requesting an analysis on national examples of legislative budget processes to identify potential trends and examples for consideration.

Presentation by Director Andrew Hawkins, Legislative & Research Oversight.

The report was received and filed.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm.

Reported by Rachel Boughton, Clerk