THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

City Council: December 9, 2025

Subject: Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Calendar

Staff Resource(s): Tony McDowell, Finance Director
Lindsay Spangler, Budget and Performance Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 (FY27) Budget Calendar.

Background:

- As a part of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 operating and capital budget development process, staff is proposing the attached calendar for City Council and Council Committee meetings.
- Staff have already begun work to develop estimates for costs to deliver existing programs and services, needed capital infrastructure and facility investments, and major revenue sources.
- In addition to meeting the statutory requirement that City Council adopt a balanced budget before July 1, 2026, the FY27 budget process is intended to align the budget with ongoing organizational work planning, City Council priorities, Tropical Storm Helene recovery efforts, and community input.
- Community engagement efforts for the budget development are already underway, and include an early opportunity for public comment at the January 27th City Council meeting.
- The process culminates with the following actions as required by state law:
    - Formal presentation of the City Manager's Proposed Budget on May 12, 2026.
    - A public hearing on the Proposed Budget on May 26, 2026.
    - Budget adoption on June 9, 2026.

Council Goal(s):

- A Financially Resilient City
- A Connected and Engaged Community

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Provides City Council, staff, and the community with a calendar of upcoming dates related to development of the FY27 budget.

Con(s):

- None.

Fiscal Impact:

- This action requires no City resources and has no fiscal impact.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Calendar.

Attachment(s):

- Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Calendar

Fiscal Year 2026-27 (FY27)
Budget Development Schedule

Budget Survey Open to Public	1/5/26 - 1/31/26
City Council Formal Meeting - Public Comment on FY27 Budget priorities	01/27/26
City Council Retreat	TBD
Policy, Finance & Infrastructure Committee - Introduce FY27 Fees & Charges	02/24/26
Council Budget Work Session	03/10/26
Council Budget Work Session	03/24/26
City Council Formal Meeting - Adoption of FY27 Fees & Charges	03/24/26
Council Budget Work Session	04/14/26
Proposed Budget Document Published	05/08/26
City Council Formal Meeting - Proposed Budget Presentation	05/12/26
City Council Formal Meeting - Budget Public Hearing	05/26/26
City Council Formal Meeting - Budget Adoption	06/09/26