

Fiscal Committee Meeting Agenda
City of Bloomington Common Council
Friday, June 12, at 8:30 a.m.
Allison Conference Room #225, City Hall
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN 47404

The meeting may also be accessed [remotely](#)¹.

Chair: Hopi Stosberg

Topics to be Discussed:

1. Reports from the Administration
 - A. Controller McKim
 - B. Deputy Mayor Knapp
2. Sanitation Fees
 - A. Adam Wason, Department Head
 - B. Committee member questions/comments
 - C. Public Comment
3. Schedule Updates
4. Adjournment

REMINDER: Charge of the Special Fiscal Committee:

1. Work closely with the Controller to:
 - o Create a timeline and activity framework for the yearly budgeting calendar
 - o Track progress of the yearly budget and report back to the whole council.
 - o Track fund balances (esp. TIF, CRED, Bonds, etc.)
 - o Recommend scheduling of specific budget related discussions, presentations, and education for the full council.
2. Be responsible for supporting Council Staff with the 2026 Council Budget and presentation of that budget.
3. Continue the work started by the Ad-Hoc Salary Committee to fine-tune the Elected Salary Framework. The Special Fiscal Committee will be responsible for bringing forward the Elected Salary Ordinance for FY2026.
4. Explore and recommend improvements to the budgeting process.

¹<https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/88922128592?pwd=mToLrlqWVNiDlokVztDEqFqGIPoM6a.1>

Pursuant to applicable law and policy, the following details are provided regarding the officers serving on this committee. Committee Members:

- Hopi Stosberg (Chair), Appointed by Council President, Term: 01/07/2026-01/06/2027
- Matt Flaherty, Appointed by Council President, Term: 01/07/2026-01/06/2027
- Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Appointed by Council President, Term: 01/07/2026-01/06/2027
- Dave Rollo, Appointed by Council President, Term: 01/07/2026-01/06/2027

Fiscal Committee meetings can be watched on the following websites:

- [Community Action Television Services](#)² (CATS)
- [City's YouTube Channel](#)³

[Materials for meetings](#)⁴ are available on the committee website.

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² <https://catstv.net/>

³ <https://youtube.com/@citybloomington>

⁴ <https://bloomington.in.gov/council/fiscal-committee>

Draft 2027 Budget Dates					
June 29	Send memo / presentation templates and overview document requests				
July 24	Memos due to OOTM				
August 3 noon	Memos due to Council				
August 3	Presentations due to OOTM				
August 10 noon	Presentations due to Council				
August 17	Presentations Night 1				
August 19	Presentations Night 2				
August 24	Presentations Night 3				
August 26	Presentations Night 4				
August 13 noon	Night 1 questions deadline				
August 14 noon	Night 2 questions deadline				
August 20 noon	Night 3 questions deadline				
August 26 noon	Night 4 questions deadline				
Sept 14 noon	After hearings/preadoption questions deadline				
September 23	Intro Budget legislation				
October 7	Adopt Budget				
WEEK ONE					
Monday Aug 17			Minutes		
OOTM Intro			10		
Controller Intro			15		
Fire			15		
Police / Dispatch			20		
CFRD			15		
HAND			20		
	Total		95		
Weds Aug 19					
			Minutes		
Planning			20		
Engineering			20		
Street			10		
Parking			10		
CBU			20		
	Total		80		
WEEK TWO					
Monday Aug 24			Minutes		
Parks			20		
ESD			20		
PW Admin			10		
Animal Shelter			10		
Facilities			5		

Fleet		10			
Sanitation		10			
	Total	85			
Weds Aug 26		Minutes			
CIB		5			
Clerk		10			
Council		10			
OOTM		10			
OOTC		10			
Legal		10			
HR		10			
ITS		10			
	Total	70			
Trackable Priorities					
1. Assets					
	Maintenance				
	Enhancement				
2. Homelessness					
	Homelessness Mitigation				
3. Transportation					
	Implementation of zero fatalities and Safe Streets for All plans				
4. Housing					
5. Economic Development					
6. Climate					
7. Public Safety					
	Alternative response				

Memorandum

To: Fiscal Committee
From: Gretchen Knapp, Deputy Mayor
Re: Sanitation Prices
Date: 6/5/2026

This memorandum summarizes some considerations for a discussion around sanitation rates. Last year, Public Works and Controller McClellan explored what rates might look like without General Fund support. This was shared in a Google sheet titled “Sanitation Prices for Fiscal.”

These projections are very conceptual. Last year’s work to project 2026 City costs and customer pricing have been left as a comparison. Costs change annually. Fuel costs, for example, are unpredictable and volatile lately. The actual 2026 sanitation customer rates are:

- **35 gallon:** \$9.28 per month
- **64 gallon:** \$16.97 per month
- **96 gallon:** \$25.46 per month

As you will see, making Sanitation rates cover all costs, without any General Fund subsidy, would require increasing prices very steeply. We should discuss things such as:

- Is it acceptable, and would it have desirable outcomes, to charge for recycling?
- At what pace should we increase pricing, and by how much each time, given that residents are seeing and will continue to see increases in many other fees, taxes, and costs of living?
- Should we set a goal of diminishing, rather completely eliminating, the subsidy, or set a longer timeline for implementation, or some other option?

Other major factors for budgeting without General Fund support include:

- Dwindling state funding sources and the potential impact of the current gas tax holiday
- The state requirement to maintain an adequate level of reserves to maintain cash flow
- Fully capturing all true service costs, including personnel expenses
- Maintaining the ability to adequately respond to unexpected purchases or major price changes (such as the fuel cost surge we're experiencing now)
- Funding ongoing capital investments in both Sanitation vehicles and facilities (Sanitation trucks are extremely expensive and have a very long lead time to order, and we typically push our trucks well past the average projected lifespan)

We look forward to the discussion!

Cart Sizes	Average # of Carts (2025)	Staff Proposed Monthly Rate (2026)	Proposed Monthly Revenue Generated (2026)	Proposed Annual Cart Revenue Generated (2026)	Staff Proposed Monthly Rate (2027)	Proposed Monthly Revenue Generated (2027)	Proposed Annual Cart Revenue Generated (2027)	Staff Proposed Monthly Rate (2028)	Proposed Monthly Revenue Generated (2028)	Proposed Annual Cart Revenue Generated (2028)
35 gal.	6,405	\$15.01	\$96,139	\$1,153,668.60	\$16.51	\$105,752.96	\$1,269,035.46	\$18.16	\$116,328.25	\$1,395,939.01
64 gal.	7,265	\$24.98	\$181,480	\$2,177,756.40	\$27.48	\$199,627.67	\$2,395,532.04	\$30.23	\$219,590.44	\$2,635,085.24
96 Gal	1,067	\$32.97	\$35,179	\$422,147.88	\$36.27	\$38,696.89	\$464,362.67	\$39.89	\$42,566.58	\$510,798.93
Recycle (all sizes)	13,700	\$13.00	\$178,100	\$2,137,200.00	\$14.30	\$195,910.00	\$2,350,920.00	\$15.73	\$215,501.00	\$2,586,012.00
Total Trash Carts	14,737									
Sanitation Services	Total #s Collected (2025)	Current Fee Schedule	Annual Revenue (Based on 2025 Collection totals)	Staff Proposed Rate (2026)	Proposed Annual Revenue Generated (2026)	Staff Proposed Rate (2027)	Proposed Annual Revenue Generated (2027)	Staff Proposed Rate (2028)	Proposed Annual Revenue Generated (2028)	
Large Item	1850	\$25.00	\$46,250	\$30.00	\$55,500	\$33.00	\$61,050.00	\$36.30	\$67,155.00	
Appliance	145	\$35.00	\$5,075	\$40.00	\$5,800	\$44.00	\$6,380.00	\$48.40	\$7,018.00	
Yard Waste	45353	\$1.00	\$45,353	\$2.00	\$90,706	\$2.20	\$99,776.60	\$2.42	\$109,754.26	
up (35 gal)	480	\$2.54	\$1,219.20	\$4.20	\$2,016	\$4.62	\$2,217.60	\$5.08	\$2,439.36	
up (64 gal)	1400	\$4.65	\$6,510.00	6.99	\$9,786	\$7.69	\$10,764.60	\$8.46	\$11,841.06	
up (96 gal)	220	\$6.98	\$1,535.60	9.23	\$2,031	\$10.15	\$2,233.66	\$11.17	\$2,457.03	
Cart Exchanges	252	\$25.00	\$6,300	\$30.00	\$7,560	\$36.00	\$9,072	\$43.20	\$10,886.40	
sales*	100	\$70.00	\$6,510	\$75.00	\$7,500	\$80.00	\$7,440	\$85.00	\$7,905.00	
* - price includes sales tax										
Sources - Starting June 1) 2026			Annual Proposed Revenue (all Sources) 2027				Annual Proposed Revenue (all Sources) 2028			
Annual Cart Rentals	\$5,890,773		Rentals	\$6,479,850.17		Rentals	\$7,127,835.18			
Appliance, Large	\$180,899		Appliance, Large	\$198,934.46		Appliance,	\$219,456.11			
Total	\$6,071,671		Total	\$6,678,784.63		Total	\$7,347,291.29			
Expenses (2026)			Expenses (2027)							
Sanitation Budget Expense Total (6604	\$4,014,399		Estimated Sanitation Budget Expen	\$5,017,999						
budget - subject to further change	\$150,000		Annual expected capital expenses	\$1,250,000						
Annual expected capital expenses	\$1,000,000									
Total Expenses	\$5,164,399		Total Expenses	\$6,267,999						
Revenue and	\$907,272		Difference in Revenue and Expens	\$410,785.88						

Cart Sizes	Average # of Carts (2025)	Monthly Rate (Total 2025)	Approximate Current Annual Revenue (Based on 2025 Rates)	Staff Proposed Monthly Rate (2026)	Proposed Monthly Revenue Generated (2026)	Proposed Annual Cart Revenue Generated (2026)	Difference between 2026 Rates and New Proposed Rates (monthly)	Difference between 2026 Rates and New Proposed Rates (yearly)		New 2026 Rate Structure	2027 Rate Structure (as of Jan 1)	
35 gal.	6,405	\$8.75	\$672,525.00	\$15.01	\$96,139	\$1,153,668.60	\$5.73	\$68.76		9.28	\$9.56	
64 gal.	7,265	\$16.00	\$1,394,880.00	\$24.98	\$181,480	\$2,177,756.40	\$8.01	\$96.12		16.97	\$17.48	
96 Gal	1,067	\$24.00	\$307,296.00	\$32.97	\$35,179	\$422,147.88	\$7.51	\$90.12		25.46	\$26.22	
Recycle (All Sizes)	13,700	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.00	\$178,100	\$2,137,200.00	\$13.00	\$156		\$0	\$0	
Carts	14,737											
Services	Actual Yearly Total #s Collected (2025 full year)	Current Fee Schedule	Annual Revenue (Based on 2025 Collection totals)	Proposed Rate (2026)	Proposed Annual Revenue Generated (2026)				Cart Size	(Staff Proposed)	(Staff Proposed)	(Staff Proposed)
Large Item	1484	\$25.00	\$37,100	\$30.00	\$44,520				35 Gallon	\$16.51	\$18.16	\$19.98
Appliance	184	\$35.00	\$6,440	\$40.00	\$7,360				64 Gallon	\$27.48	\$30.23	\$33.25
Yard Waste	45353	\$1.00	\$45,353	\$2.00	\$90,706				96 Gallon	\$36.27	\$39.90	\$43.89
up (35 gal)	413	\$2.54	\$1,049.02	\$4.20	\$1,735				Recycle (all sizes)	\$14.30	\$15.73	\$17.30
up (64 gal)	1409	\$4.65	\$6,551.85	\$6.99	\$9,849							
up (96 gal)	273	\$6.98	\$1,905.54	\$9.23	\$2,520							
sales	100	\$70.00	6510	\$75.00	\$6,975							

Annual Proposed Revenue (all Sources)	
Rentals	\$5,890,773
Appliance, Large	\$163,664
Total	\$6,054,437

Comparisons	
Revenue	\$2,374,701.00
Revenue	\$104,909.41
w/new Rates	\$6,054,437.18

Expenses	
Sanitation Budget Expense Total (6604 Fund)	\$4,014,399
2026 Fuel cost increases (30%)	\$55,500
Annual expected capital expenses	\$1,000,000
Total Expenses	\$5,069,899

Difference in Revenue and Expense \$984,538

13,717.00 Aug Households served
 5 units and up commercial
 businesses & restaurants commercial

20 Total Collection trucks
 16 Trash Trucks
 4 Recycle Trucks
 8 Trash Staff
 8 Recycle Staff

Composting Dave
 Pay as you throw Dave, Isak, Isabel
 Glass
 Privatize trash service
 Reopen our own I Dave
 How long is our contract with Republic?
 Is most of our expenses from running the trucks or from dropping off the trash.
 Route reduction

Sanitation Items for Rate Change Consideration

How to incorporate major upcoming capital expenses - paving or resurfacing \$
 How to adjust for rapidly changing fuel costs (usually going up)
 Damaged carts or cart replacement
 Unforeseen major building repair or expenses (HVAC repairs, garage doors, roof, interior remodeling)
 Recycling costs no longer subsidized for residents - they pay full monthly cost
 Do not have final 2027 Sanitation budget expenses yet (Cat. 1, insurance, fu
 Need to keep very healthy cash reserves (SBOA requirement) ~\$250K
 Sustainability
 Leafing and Christmas tree pickup still provided - not collecting revenue

Cart Size Summaries (2025)

Month	35 Gallon	64 Gallon	96 Gallon	Total Accounts
January	6041	6313	937	13291
February	6049	6330	937	13316
March	6041	6339	944	13324
April	6033	6335	943	13311
May	6029	6322	944	13295
June	6025	6329	942	13296
July	6020	6312	944	13276
August	5962	6099	916	12977
September	5910	6036	911	12857
October				0
November				0
December				0
Yearly Average	6012.222222	6268.333333	935.333333	

Transfers Into Sanitation 2020-2026

Year	Transferred From	Amount
2020	General	\$602,971
2021	General	\$978,492
2022	General	\$1,107,486
2023	General	\$1,043,812
2024	General	\$944,146
2025	General	\$850,210
2026	General	\$1,583,699



To: Fiscal Committee
From: Councilmember Stosberg
Date: June 8, 2026
RE: 2027/2028 Budget Year Calendar for Review at the June 12, 2026 Meeting

Current budget related dates include:

May 15: Supplemental distribution amounts released for FY2026

July 31: DLGF estimate of property tax losses for FY2027

August 16: DLGF estimate for Local Income Tax distributions for FY2027

August 17, 19, 24, 26: 2027 Department budget hearings

September 23: Introduction of 2027 Budget legislation

October 7: Adoption of Budget legislation

Late October/Early November: Reflection on 2027 budget process and ideas for 2028 process improvements

November 4: Elected Official Salary Adoption (Initial Goal)

January/February 2027: Start discussing and finalizing 2028 budget priorities

March/April 2027: Administrative response to 2028 council budget priorities.

Please let me know of any additional dates that should be added or additional items we should consider adding to the calendar. Thank you.

Future 2026 meeting dates are (all meetings are Fridays from 8:30-9:30 am):

July 24 (Reedy Financial to continue discussions RE: SEA1)

August 7 (Council business, elected official salaries)

September 4, 18

October 2, 16, 30

November 13

December 11