Anchorage Assembly Welcomes Public Input on the Budget

October 24, 2022

The review of the proposed 2023 municipal budget is now underway and the Anchorage Assembly encourages the public to review and provide input on the budget. The Municipality’s budget decisions and priorities affect the daily lives of everyone in our community and a vigorous community dialog on the budget is an important part of civic life.

The public can review budget documentations and presentations, watch budget work sessions, and submit written, phone or email testimony. The Assembly will begin presenting budget amendments at the November 10 work session, so written testimony should be submitted before then.

Schedule

- **Tuesday, October 25:** Public Hearing #1 on the budget at the Regular Meeting at Loussac Library
- **Wednesday, November 9:** Public Hearing #2 on the budget at the Regular Meeting at Loussac Library
- **Thursday, November 10:** Work Session on Assembly proposed budget amendments
- **Tuesday, November 22:** Assembly Vote on budget at Regular Assembly Meeting at Loussac Library

How to Testify

- Submit written testimony using the form at: [www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/participate.aspx](http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/participate.aspx)
- Sign up for phone testimony by 5pm October 24 for the October 25 meeting or by 5pm November 8 for the November 9 meeting using the form at: [www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/participate.aspx](http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/participate.aspx)
- In-person testimony is on a first come basis at each meeting
Budget Documents

- MOA Budget 101:
  https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Documents/2022-0920%20MOA%20Budget%20FactSheet.pdf
- 2023 proposed budget:
  https://www.muni.org/Departments/budget/Pages/default.aspx
- Assembly webpage on Budget and Taxes:
  https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/FOCUS-Budget-and-Taxes.aspx
- Anchorage Assembly Budget and Finance Committee:
  www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/BudgetandFinanceCommittee-of-the-Whole.aspx
- Worksession documents will be posted here as they become available:
  https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/Meetings-Worksessions.aspx

Process Overview
Each year, around October 1, the Mayor submits a budget to the Assembly that includes the General Operating Budget, the Capital Improvement Program (bonds and state/federal/private fund requests), and the Utilities/Enterprise budgets. After reviewing the budget, asking questions of the Administration in work sessions, and listening to community input, the Assembly then makes amendments to the budget based on their findings. The budget is typically passed by the Assembly at the last Regular Meeting in November and it is enacted by the Mayor and their administration on January 1 of the following year.

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