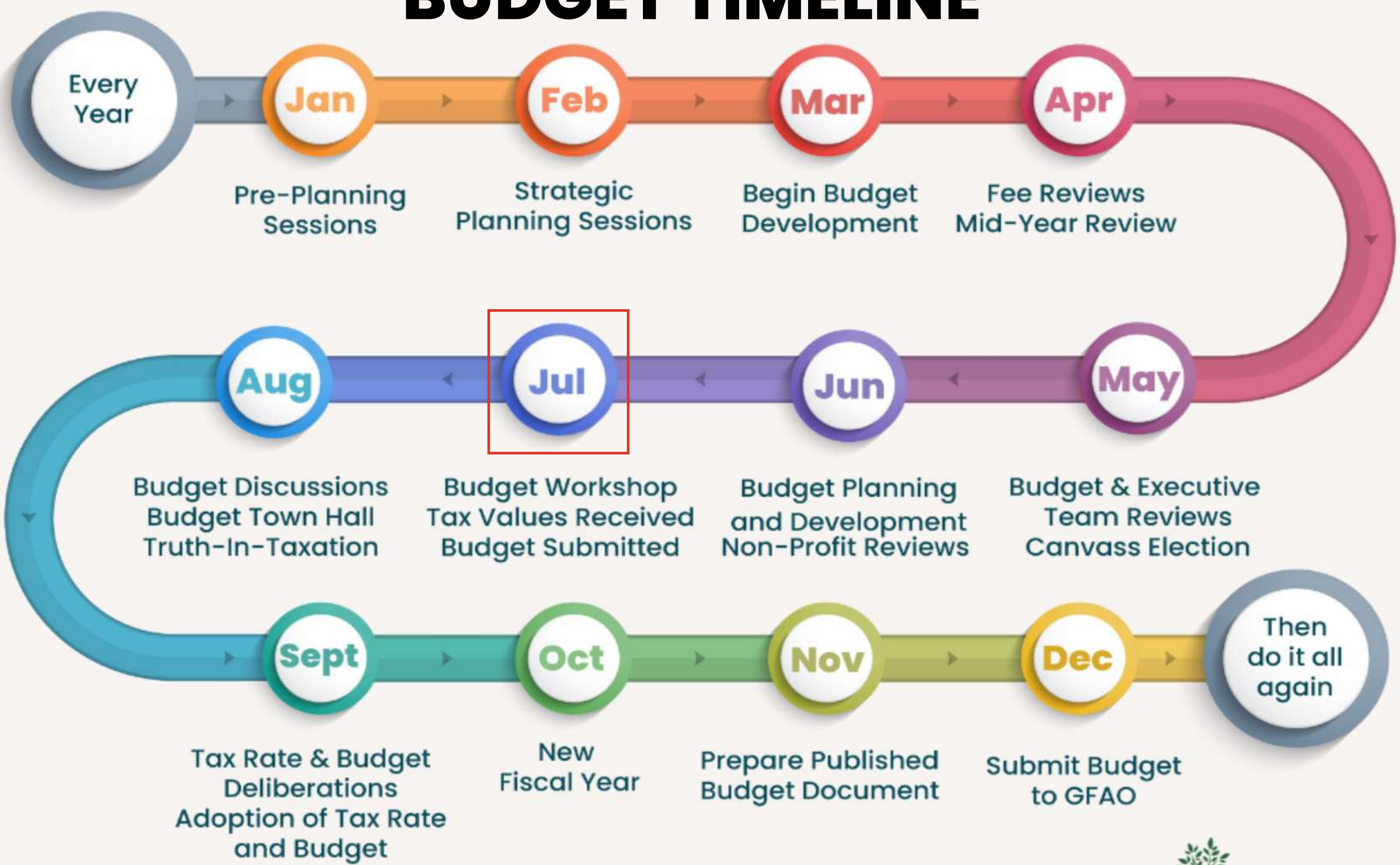
BUDGET STUDY SESSION – FY 2026-27

Budget Study Session| City Council Meeting| JULY 21, 2026

BUDGET TIMELINE



BUDGET DISCUSSION TOPICS

- ☑ Budget Overview/Process
- ☑ Strategic Budget Priorities
- ☑ Infrastructure
- ☑ Investment in Community-Centered Projects/Contracts
- ☑ Grants
- ☑ Fee
- ☑ Staffing & Compensation
- ☑ Employee Benefits
- ❑ Revenue/Expenditure Updates
- ❑ Tax Rate

BUDGET PRIORITIES

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Pedestrian Traffic Improvements = 1.8MM – Implement priority safety, mobility, and pedestrian infrastructure improvements identified through the City's traffic assessment. Investments will enhance pedestrian connectivity, improve accessibility and public safety, modernize traffic control infrastructure, and ensure compliance with federal standards.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & NEIGHBORHOODS

- Community Garden – Utilize community partnerships, volunteer support, donations, and in-kind contributions to minimize City costs while enhancing neighborhood engagement.
- Minor Home Repair / Code Cares- Continue neighborhood revitalization efforts through existing funding allocations by assisting eligible homeowners with health, safety, accessibility, and property maintenance improvements.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- City's aging infrastructure = $9MM to 12.8MM - Increase in investment in water/wastewater infrastructure

  Water rates increase by 12%
- IT Maintenance = $150K - to support ongoing technology modernization efforts through proactive maintenance.
- City Facilities' Maintenance - Utilize existing facility maintenance funding to prioritize necessary upgrades based on results of FY26 Facilities Assessment.

COMPENSATION & RAISES

- 1% Compensation Increase Incorporated – 1% merit-based compensation adjustments are incorporated in proposed budget following completion of internal budget review

PROPOSED FEES

DEPARTMENTS	PROPOSED FEES
PUBLIC WORKS	❑Solid Waste Fee to Landfill Closure Reserve Fee - Name Change ❑Credit Card Fee - Increase from 2.5% to 3.5%

Future Meeting August 2026 – Fee Changes

BUDGET COMMUNICATION PLAN

PLATFORMS

- Budget 101 video
- Trifold handout
- E-newsletters & Email
- Infographic
- Social media

THEMES

- Compared to other cities
- Keep the same tax rate
- Dollar chart with breakdown
- Pie Charts for Budget

TOWNHALL

- The Branch Connection
- Show Budget Video
- Budget Presentation
- Boards on easels
- Q & A
- Email questions

Looking Ahead to September

No action tonight — preview only.

After two more study sessions, staff will return with:

- FY 2025-26 year-end GL adjustments
- Any projected surplus options
- Council feedback on one-time priorities

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Questions

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