





c. Submission. No later than the forty-fifth (45th) day before September 30 the Mayor shall file with the City Secretary a proposed budget. The proposed budget shall be available for inspection by any person.

d. Budget message. A budget message shall be submitted by the Mayor to the City Secretary on or before the seventh (7th) day after the date the proposed budget is submitted. It shall outline proposed financial matters of the city for the ensuing year, describe important features of the budget and contrast major changes in financial matters, expenditures and revenues for the current year with those of the ensuing year. It shall also contain such other material as the Mayor deems desirable or City Council requires and shall be available for inspection by any person.

e. Public notice and hearing. The City Council shall hold a public hearing on the proposed budget. Any person may attend and may participate in the hearing. City Council shall set the hearing for a date occurring after the fifteenth (15th) day after the date the proposed budget is filed with the City Secretary but before the date the City Council makes its tax levy or as required by Law.

The City Council shall cause to be posted in the City Hall and published in the official newspaper a notice stating:

- (1) The date, time and location where copies of the message and budget are available for inspection by the public; and
- (2) The date, time and location of the public hearing on the budget.

Such notice shall be published not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) or later than the tenth (10th) day before the date of the hearing or as required by Law.

f. Amendment before adoption. After the public hearing, the City Council may adopt the budget with or without amendment. In amending the budget, it may add or increase programs or amounts and may delete or decrease any programs or amounts, except expenditures required by law or for debt service.

g. Adoption. The City Council shall adopt the budget by ordinance on or before the start of the fiscal year to which it applies. Adoption of the budget shall constitute appropriations of the amounts specified therein as expenditures from the funds indicated.

h. Failure to adopt. If the City Council fails to adopt the budget by the first (1st) day of the fiscal year, the amounts appropriated for the current fiscal year shall be deemed adopted for the ensuing fiscal year on a month-to-month basis with all items in it prorated accordingly until such time as the City Council adopts a budget for the ensuing fiscal year.