Initial 2027-2028 Budget Discussion

06/22/2026

2027-2028 Budget Calendar

• Mar 23rd – Apr 3rd	Budget/CIP Overview to all Departments/Divisions
• June 1st	Submission of Proposed Operating & CIP Projects Due (April 3rd – June 1st)
• June 2nd – Jun 30th	FY 2027-2028 Internal Budget/Capital Review
• June 22nd	2027-2028 Budget Strategy & Initiative Council Discussion
• Aug 21st	FY 2027-2028 Proposed Budget Document Sent to Council
• Aug 24th	Council Work Session: • Review of proposed budget focused on property tax supported funds and a preliminary estimate of the property tax levy
• Sept 14th	Review of Proposed Levy Options
• Sept 17th	FY 2027-2031 CIP Bus Tour (5-7 p.m.)
• Sept 28th	Council Meeting to adopt a preliminary 2027 payable property tax levy for certification to Blue Earth County and Nicollet County (last meeting possible)
• Oct 1st	Public Open House for FY 2027-2028 CIP (Council Chambers 6-7:30 p.m.)
• Oct 26th	FY 2027-2028 Budget Work Session • General Fund & Special Revenue Fund Open Work Session
• Nov 2nd	FY 2027-2028 Budget Work Session • Enterprise Funds
• Nov 9th	FY 2027-2028 Budget Work Session • Community Partnership Annual Reports: Greater Mankato Growth (Visit Mankato, Downtown Partnership , REDA), Southern MN Initiative Foundation, Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, and Greater Mankato Diversity Council
• Nov 23rd	FY 2027-2028 Budget Work Session • Internal Service Funds
• Dec 7th	Budget Hearing/Truth in Taxation meeting and consideration of adoption of 2027 Payable final property tax levy amounts and FY 2027-2028 budget

2026 Budget Forecast

	Budget 2025		Budget 2026	Preliminary 2027	Preliminary 2028
City Tax Levy					
General Fund Levy	20,461,996		21,990,000	23,371,500	24,865,925
Debt Service Levy	3,825,300		3,600,000	3,537,000	3,427,000
Transit Levy	415,000		415,000	415,000	415,000
EDA Levy	365,000		365,000	365,000	365,000
Total City Tax Levy	25,067,296		26,370,000	27,688,500	29,072,925
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Net Tax Capacity	63,440,213		64,797,307	67,337,566	69,357,693
Extension Rate	**39.51%**		**40.70%**	**41.12%**	**41.92%**
Total Budgeted Levy Increase ($)	964,127		1,302,704	1,318,500	1,384,425
Total Budgeted Levy Increase (%)	**4.00%**		**5.20%**	**5.00%**	**5.00%**
General Fund Tax Levy	20,461,996		21,990,000	23,371,500	24,865,925
Local Government Aid	8,487,451		8,497,593	8,527,641	8,612,917
General Fund Levy Base	**28,949,447**		**30,487,593**	**31,899,141**	**33,478,842**
LGA + G.F. Levy + MV Aid					

2027 – 2028 Guiding Strategy

- Meet or exceed 46% General Fund reserve target over 5 years
- Meet all capital fund balance targets
- Ensure wages are competitive compared to Market Analysis
- Ensuring future G.O. capacity for larger future surface transportation costs
- Correlating budget with strategic plan, service levels, and budget