

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA • OFFICE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

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ANNUAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2025

Regular Meetings. The Council plans to hold two regular sessions each month, usually on the first and third Wednesdays, unless otherwise noted below. Upon the introduction of an ordinance (typically through a "First Reading" at a regular session), the Council may refer it to a committee, may schedule it for deliberation (typically through a "Second Reading" at the next regular session), or may consider it for adoption (a two-thirds [2/3] vote of all the elected members, after unanimous consent of the members present to consider the ordinance, is required to pass an ordinance on the same day or at the same meeting at which it is introduced). Resolutions may be considered for action by the Council at one meeting, or the vote may be postponed to a second regular session.

Referral to Committee. Legislation may be referred to one of the Council's committees, which will hold meetings, as necessary, to consider such items on second Wednesdays unless a majority of the Council decides the meeting should be held at an alternative date and time. A standing committee must return a referred item of legislation to the full Council by the second regular session following its referral, but may choose to return the item at the next regular session. A committee of the whole must return a referred item of legislation to the full Council at the first regular session following its referral.

Deliberation Meetings. On second Wednesdays, if no committee meetings are scheduled, the Council will reserve the regular meeting time for deliberation meetings. Format details and final scheduling to be announced.

Location and Time of Meetings: Unless otherwise indicated, Council regular sessions and committee of the whole meetings take place in the Council Chambers, Suite 115 of City Hall, at 6:30 p.m. When considering referred legislation, standing committee meetings may start between 5:30 and 9:45 pm on Wednesdays (BMC 2.04.255). Council and committee meetings are also accessible electronically via links shared on the Council’s web calendar, at: <https://bloomington.in.gov/council>.

Deadlines for Legislation and/or Supporting Materials: Ordinances and resolutions should be submitted to the Council Office at least ten days before the meeting at which the legislation is to be introduced. All accompanying materials, including a summary memo and fiscal impact statement, must be submitted to the Council Office via email by noon on the date listed below. For committee meetings, these materials would normally be submitted according to the deadline for the regular session at which the first reading was held. If there are supporting materials for deliberation sessions or *additional* supporting materials for legislation, those should be submitted by noon on the deadline in the first column below.

Budget Advance Meetings. In lieu of the Budget Advance meeting(s) held in previous years, the Council will discuss priorities for and development of the 2026 budget during one or more committee meetings and/or deliberation sessions as scheduled between February and August.

***Shifts from the usual Monday deadlines due to holidays and Spring Break are in bold italics.**

Deadline for Submission of Legislation and/or Supporting Materials*	Packet release date	Meeting Dates	Meeting Type
12/30/24	1/3/2025	1/8/2025	Organizational Meeting ¹
1/6/2025	1/10/2025	1/15/2025	Committee/Deliberation
1/13/2025	1/17/2025	1/22/2025	Regular Session
1/27/2025	1/31/2025	2/5/2025	Regular Session
2/3/2025	2/7/2025	2/12/2025	Committee/Deliberation
2/10/2025	2/14/2025	2/19/2025	Regular Session
2/24/2025	2/28/2025	3/05/2025	Regular Session
3/3/2025	3/7/2025	3/12/2025	Committee/Deliberation
3/10/2025	3/21/2025	3/26/2025	Regular Session
3/24/2025	3/28/2025	4/2/2025	Regular Session
3/31/2025	4/4/2025	4/9/2025	Committee/Deliberation
4/7/2025	4/11/2025	4/16/2025	Regular Session
4/28/2025	5/2/2025	5/7/2025	Regular Session
5/5/2025	5/9/2025	5/14/2024	Committee/Deliberation
5/12/2025	5/16/2025	5/21/2025	Regular Session

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<i>5/27/2025</i>	5/30/2025	6/4/2025	Regular Session ^{2 & 3}
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7/7/2025	7/11/2025	7/16/2025	Regular Session
7/14/2025	7/18/2025	7/23/2025	Committee/Deliberation
7/21/2025	7/25/2025	7/30/2025	Regular Session
7/28/2025	8/1/2025	8/6/2025	Regular Session
		8/18, 8/20, 8/25, and 8/27/2025	Departmental Budget Hearings on 2026 Budget ⁴
8/25/2025	8/29/2025	9/3/2025	Regular Session
<i>9/2/2025</i>	9/5/2025	9/10/2025	Committee/Deliberation
9/8/2025	9/12/2025	9/17/2025	Regular Session
9/15/2025	9/19/2025	9/24/2025	Special Session – Introduction of 2026 Budget Legislation followed by a Committee of the Whole (including the public hearing on the 2026 Budget) ⁵
9/22/2025	9/26/2025	9/30/2025 ⁷	Regular Session
9/29/2025	10/3/2025	10/8/2025	Special Session – Adoption Meeting for 2026 Budget Legislation
10/6/2025	10/10/2025	10/15/2025	Committee/Deliberation
<i>10/14/2025</i>	10/17/2025	10/22/2025	Regular Session
10/27/2025	10/31/2025	11/5/2025	Regular Session
11/3/2025	11/7/2025	11/12/2025	Committee/Deliberation
11/10/2025	11/14/2025	11/19/2025	Regular Session
<i>11/20/2025</i>	11/26/2025	12/3/2025	Regular Session
12/1/2025	12/5/2025	12/10/2025	Committee/Deliberation
12/8/2025	12/12/2025	12/17/2025	Regular Session ⁷

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- Organizational Meeting.** The Council will hold its 2025 Organizational Meeting on January 8 when it elects officers and appoints members to serve on various boards and commissions. Under local code, the meeting must be held no later than the second Wednesday in January unless rescheduled by a majority of the Council. (BMC 2.04.010 and BMC 2.04.050[a, c & d]).
- Tax Abatement Report.** The Council will hear Annual Tax Abatement Reports no later than the Regular Session on June 4.
- Summer Recess.** BMC 2.04.050[e] states that the Council may schedule a summer recess, but if it does so, no legislation may be introduced for First Reading at the final regular session prior to the recess. By approving this Annual Schedule, the Council will be scheduling a Summer Recess to begin after the regular session of June 4 and to end with the regular session of July 16.
- Departmental Budget Hearings.** The Council will hold Departmental Budget Hearings on the 2026 budget in the Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m. on the following dates: Monday 8/18, Wednesday 8/20, Monday 8/25, and Wednesday 8/27.
- Budget Cycle.** After holding Departmental Budget Hearings in August (see Note #5), the Council will formally consider the several items making up the City Budget for 2026 during a separate legislative cycle known as the “Budget Cycle,” starting in late September and ending in mid-October. Please note that the statutorily required initial public hearings associated with the City Budget package will be held during the aforementioned committee of the whole meeting on Sept. 24, and the official adoption meeting will be held during the Special Budget Session on October 8.
- Yom Kippur.** Because the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur falls on Wednesday, October 1, the regular session that week will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 30 instead.
- Year-End Recess.** BMC 2.04.050[g] calls for the Council to recess after the second Regular Session in December. At this session, legislation may not be introduced for First Reading.