

City of Lead 2026 Budget Meetings Schedule

Weekly Meetings

Assumption: Fiscal Year starts **January 1, 2026**

Budget Process Starts: Mid-July 2025

First Reading: September 2, 2025

Second Reading: September 15, 2025

Goal: Certify final budget to LC Auditor prior to October 1st



Week 1 (July 21, 2025) City Commission Meeting @ 5:30pm with Budget meeting after

Kickoff/Orientation and Strategic Plan Review

- Introduce budget calendar and goals
 - Review budget process and regulations
 - Review prior year's performance and audit outcomes
 - Review City of Lead Strategic Plan
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Week 2 (July 28, 2025) 5:30pm

Revenue Forecast & Employee Wages

- Discuss revenue outlook & economic forecast
 - Wage discussion
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Week 3 (August 4, 2025) City Commission Meeting @ 5:30pm with Budget meeting after

City Supported Organization Requests

- Department head budgets
 - Discuss inflation assumptions, labor costs, capital needs
 - Prioritize upcoming projects for 2026
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Week 4 (August 11, 2025) 5:30pm

Department Budget Requests

- Continuing department head budgets (if needed)
- Review salaries, benefits, and healthcare updates

Week 5 (August 18, 2025) City Commission Meeting @ 5:30pm with Budget meeting after

Review

- Organization Requests

Week 6 (August 25, 2025) 5:30pm

Draft Budget Completed

- Present draft budget for review and finalize draft budget

Week 7 (September 2, 2025) City Commission Meeting @ 5:30pm

First Reading of 2026 Budget

- Adjust budget if needed
- Present final proposed budget for review
- Confirm consensus for adoption

Week 8 (September 15, 2025) City Commission Meeting @ 5:30pm

Second Reading of 2026 Budget

- Present final proposed budget for review
- Confirm council/committee direction
- Publish in BH Pioneer
- File with County Auditor as required

*Meetings are subject to changes including adding or removing meetings, according to need. Check the City of Lead website or call City Hall for up-to-date information. *