



August 3, 2026

To: Board of City Commissioners
Fr: Michael Redlinger, City Administrator
Re: Approve 2027 Preliminary Budget and Schedule Public Hearing for the 2027 City of Fargo Budget for Monday, September 14, 2026 at 5:05 p.m.

The City Commission recently held a three-day Budget Workshop on July 20, 21, and 22 and following these sessions, met as the Finance Committee on July 27, 2026. The purpose of the Budget Workshop and Finance Committee meeting was to discuss the City of Fargo's proposed 2027 Budget. Presentations were provided by the Budget Team and Department Heads, and a balanced Preliminary 2027 Budget was presented for City Commission consideration.

The next step in the budget approval process is to discuss and approve the Preliminary 2027 Budget and schedule a Public Hearing per the requirements of North Dakota Century Code. The Cass County Auditor's Office is required by law to send a consolidated notice to taxpayers to notify them of the dates, times, and locations for all taxing entities' public hearings.

The City of Fargo's budget hearing is scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2026 at 5:05 p.m. The Final 2027 Budget adoption is due no later than October 12, 2026. On Monday, August 4, the City Commission will receive a presentation on the Preliminary 2027 Budget and discuss the remaining steps in the approval process.

Recommended Action: Approve the 2027 Preliminary Budget as presented at the August 3, 2026 City Commission meeting and schedule the Public Hearing for the 2027 City of Fargo Budget for Monday, September 14, 2026 at 5:05 p.m.