



**Wayzata City Council Workshop Meeting Agenda
Wayzata City Hall Community Room, 600 Rice Street
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025**

WORKSHOP TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Discuss Consideration of Code Amendment Request to Allow Outdoor Bars in Public Right-of-Way for Proposed CoV Patio Improvements (5:40-6:00 p.m.)
2. Discussion of 2026 Budget Process and Council Budget Priorities (6:00-6:30 p.m.)



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TITLE: Discuss Consideration of Code Amendment Request to Allow Outdoor Bars in Public Right-of-Way for Proposed CoV Patio Improvements (5:40-6:00 p.m.)	
PREPARED BY: Alex Sharpe, Community Development Director	
REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey Dahl, City Manager	

DISCUSSION OBJECTIVE:

To review and discuss CoV Restaurant's request for an outdoor bar on public right-of-way.

2024-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES RELEVANCE:

Sustain Community Character & Safety

The City strives to make sure its commercial districts are thriving yet scaled to its small-town character and that residents feel safe.

BACKGROUND:

CoV has requested an initial discussion from the City Council on their proposal to renovate their existing patio and bar. This request would extend the bar into the public right-of-way (ROW). A site plan and renderings are attached for additional reference.

In order for this request to proceed, several approvals would be required by the City Council. These are outlined as follows:

- Amendment of Chapter 315, the ROW ordinance notes specifically prohibits bars, cooking facilities, food preparation or holding areas in the ROW (315.05.F.1.J). To allow the renovation as proposed, an ordinance amendment to Chapter 315 would be required.

Staff has recommended that if supported, the ordinance be amended prior to the subsequent required actions which are:

- Right-of-Way Encroachment Permit - Council approval
- 2025 Sidewalk Cafe Permit - Council approves annually each spring
- Design Review Process - Potential Staff review with Planning Commission recommendation Council approval
- Updated Liquor License to reflect new area - Council approval

If the ordinance amendment were approved the subsequent actions would occur at a single Council agenda to ensure clarity for Council and ease for the applicant.

Historical Context

CoV previously requested to expand their bar into the public ROW in 2021. At that time, the Planning Commission and City Council both reviewed the proposal, ultimately denying the request for the ordinance amendment. Both bodies expressed concerns about allowing any establishment to construct a bar within the public ROW, specifically in proximity to Panoway, and the precedent that it would set. Additionally, both bodies noted that the proposed design was thoughtful but that the views of the lake and the use of public pedestrian space in a central location downtown was concerning. City Council specifically noted that if an amendment were approved that other locations would also seek to place bars and there may be a proliferation of this use.

Discussion Points

Staff recommends the following initial discussion points for the City Council to consider:

- Does the construction of a permanent structure of a bar within the public ROW best serve the City's established goals in the strategic plan?
- What measures would need to be in place to ensure the City is not undertaking undue liability?
- How will the City consider applications for other businesses to operate within the public ROW?
- Should the potential impact on lake views be a defining consideration?
- Can the proposed improvements be constructed in a way where re-moving improvements would not disrupt City ROW?
- How should fees, maintenance, and other considerations for the improvements be managed?

Representatives of CoV will be at the meeting and are prepared to present and answer questions.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. CoV Patio Renovation



CoV Entertainment, LLC., D.B.A CoV Wayzata

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February 25, 2025

City of Wayzata
600 Rice St. E.
Wayzata, MN 55391

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to resubmit the proposed outdoor bar on behalf of Cov Wayzata. We would like to request an audience in front of the City Council or Planning Commission if possible to explain the project and why we believe it will be a great addition to the city of Wayzata and this property. Please let us know of the first possible meeting date as I would like to have the summer with the new addition. Please email me at dean@covrestaurants.com or call at 612-710-7111 to schedule a meeting time.

P.S. Attached is the permission from the building owner and renderings of the proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Vlachos', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dean Vlachos, President
Cov Entertainment, LLC



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February 27, 2025

City of Wayzata
600 Rice Street E.
Wayzata, MN 55391

Re: COV Wayzata
Shea Project No.: 8446.06

Dear City of Wayzata,

COV Wayzata would like to propose building a new exterior bar to enliven the street corner outside of the restaurant and give more energy to the corner. Please see the attached proposed floorplan options, option A is the preferred option. You can see on the blowup plan on page 3 that in order to create this new bar and have it be functional as a proper bar, COV needs to encroach on this property line by a small amount.

- The property line is 5'-5" from the outside face of the building.
- The depth of the back bar is 2'-1", the bartender working space is 4'-4" and then the front bar is 2'-0". This gives a total depth of 8'-5" which would be a 3 ft encroachment beyond the property line to the outside edge of the front bar countertop. Now, there is a 12" overhang on that front bar countertop, so the face of the bar die wall is only 2'-0" past the property line and then past that point is just the overhang of the bar countertop, as well as the seating area which is movable tables, chairs and planters that is an additional 12'-9 ¾".

Please review the attached for your consideration and let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Sincerely,

Erica Freeman, Sr. Project Architect
Shea, Inc.

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November 6, 2024

Mr. Dean Vlahos

COV RESTAURANT

WAYZATA

Dear Dean,

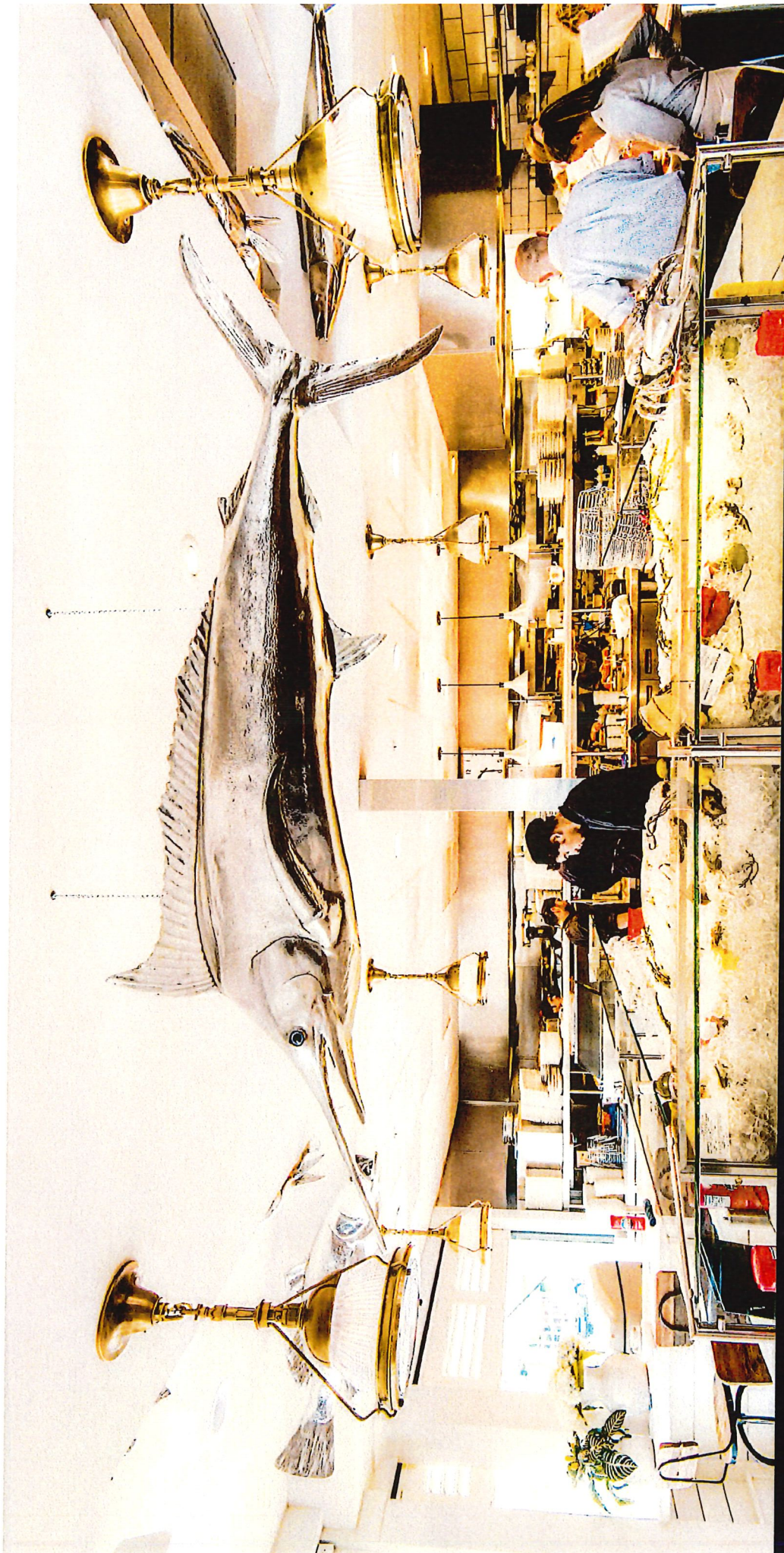
I looked at your plans to add an outside bar to your building. What a good plan and idea. Wayzata may enjoy to have this addition to our fine town.

Considering our 40 years plus of working to make Wayzata a better place, I will hope that the City will agree.

Sincerely yours,



J. Stielow



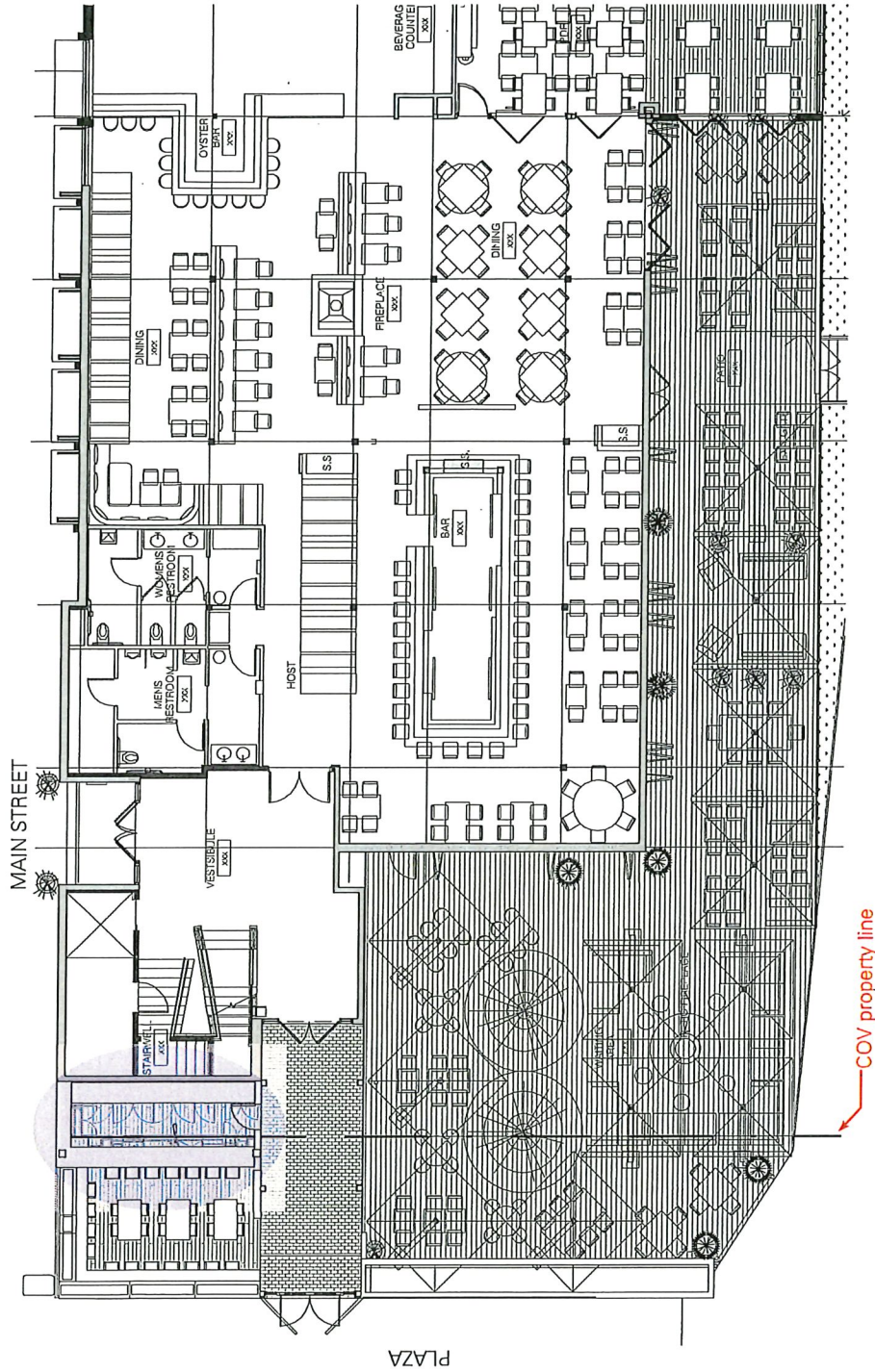
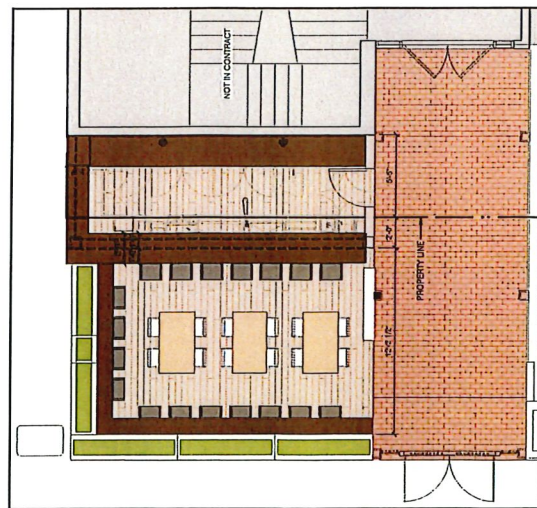
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PATIO EXTENSION

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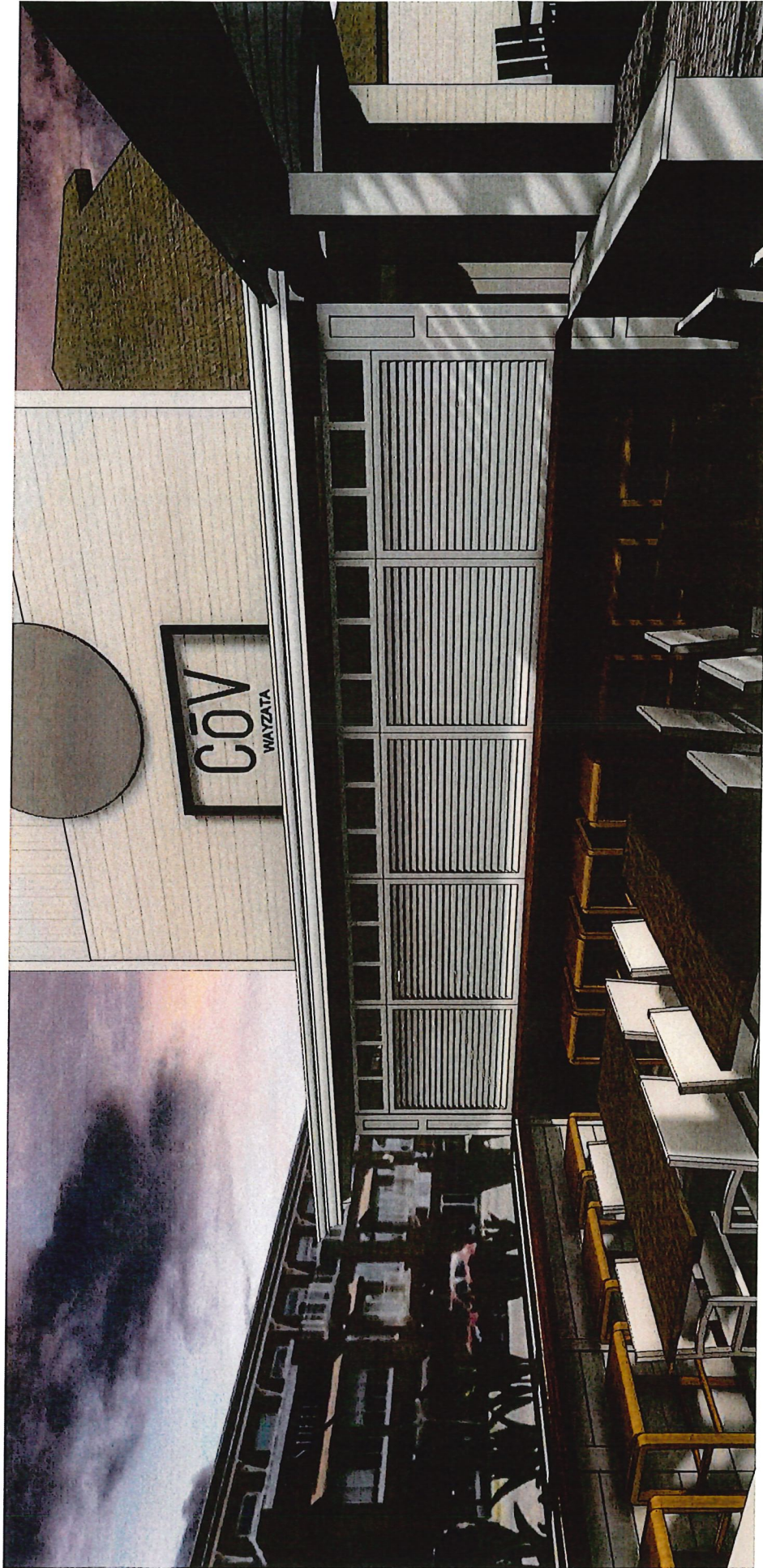
COV | Patio Bar Option A Plan



COV | Patio Bar - Option A Daytime View



COV | Patio Bar - Option A Nighttime View





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MEETING DATE: April 15, 2025	WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM: 2
TITLE: Discussion of 2026 Budget Process and Council Budget Priorities (6:00-6:30 p.m.)	
PREPARED BY: Aurora Yager, Deputy City Manager	
REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey Dahl, City Manager	

DISCUSSION OBJECTIVE:

To review the draft 2026 Budget Calendar and provide feedback and discuss any Council budget priorities.

2024-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES RELEVANCE:

Diversify Revenue, Achieve & Sustain Operational Excellence, and Sustain Community Character & Safety

The budget is a reflection of a community's priorities and each year initiatives outlined in the Strategic Plan are incorporated in some way into the budget based on Council direction.

BACKGROUND:

Based on feedback received after the 2025 Budget process, staff wanted to start the 2026 Budget process with some open ended dialogue with the Council to ensure alignment and expectations. Staff have prepared a tentative 2026 Budget Calendar that is included below. *Note this is just a proposed calendar. Some meetings may need to shift if more timely workshop topics come up that need to take precedence.*

Some specific questions staff would like feedback on include:

- What, if anything, would you like to see changed from the 2025 Budget process to the 2026 Budget process?
- What feedback or changes would you like to see made to the proposed 2026 Budget Calendar?
- Before staff begin drafting the 2026 Budget, are there any expectations, projects/initiatives, or changes in services that you would like to see incorporated?

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2026 Council Budget Calendar

2026 BUDGET CALENDAR

The tentative 2026 budget timeline is listed below. Based on Council direction, Staff are proposing a few additional budget meetings to the calendar. Those meetings are highlighted in **yellow**.

Note: there are several other staff meetings related to the 2026 budget process that are not listed here for simplicity, staff have condensed the calendar to just include meetings where Council input would be collected.

Date(s)	Time	Item
April 15, 2025	5:00 PM	NEW Council Workshop – Budget Priorities and Process Overview
May 20, 2025	5:00 PM	Council Workshop – Long-Term Staffing Needs
June 17, 2025	5:00 PM	Council Workshop – CIP Review and Excess Reserves Discussion
July 1, 2025	5:00 PM	Council Workshop - General Fund and Long-Term Financial Plan
July 15, 2025	5:00 PM	Council Workshop – Enterprise Fund Budgets & GF Budget Update (if needed)
August 19, 2025		NEW Council Workshop – 2026 Prelim Budget Status Update (based on feedback from previous workshops)
September 2, 2025	7:00 PM	Council Meeting – Adoption of preliminary tax levy, budgets, and fee schedule
October 7, 2025	5:00 PM	Council Workshop – 2026-2035 CIP review
October 21, 2025	5:00 PM	Council Workshop – Final Budget Status Update
December 2, 2025	7:00 PM	Council Meeting- Adoption of final tax levy and budgets
December 16, 2025	7:00 PM	Council Meeting – 2026-2035 CIP adoption