

**CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Peter Zanoni, City Manager 
COPY: Executive Leadership Team
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Update
DATE: July 18, 2025

Following the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Goal Setting Session with the City Council, the City Manager's Office and Office of Management and Budget collaborated with all City departments to develop a proposed budget that reflects the City Council's top priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. City staff worked strategically to create a balanced Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget, taking into account several factors, including reduced property tax revenue, increased service delivery costs due to inflation, and mandated operational and contractual requirements.

In accordance with the City's Charter, which mandates providing the City Council with a budget proposal at least sixty days before the start of the new fiscal year, the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget will be delivered to the City Council on Monday, July 28, 2025. City staff will coordinate with the City Secretary's Office to ensure that a copy of the budget is delivered to you in person or to your City Hall mailbox.

The next step in the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Process after the delivery of the proposed budget is to collect feedback from the City Council and the community through budget workshops and community input sessions. Below is the schedule for the City Council Workshop Sessions taking place at City Hall beginning in August.

FY 2026 Budget - City Council Workshop Sessions

Date	Time	Topics
August 7, 2025	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	FY2026 All Funds Budget Overview and General Fund Proposed Budget
August 13, 2025	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Corpus Christi Water, FY 2026 Operating and Capital Improvement Program Proposed Budget and Rates
August 21, 2025	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Corpus Christi Water continued; Public Works: Streets & Storm Water FY 2026 Operating and Capital Improvement Program Proposed Budget
August 28, 2025	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Remaining Capital Improvement Program; Budget Wrap Up

The City of Corpus Christi is committed to engaging residents in the budget process. This summer, the City will host a total of seven Budget Community Input Sessions. These sessions will take place from August 7 to August 27 in each City Council District. Additionally, there will be meetings for residents on The Island in District 4 and Calallen in District 1. Below is a schedule for these meetings:

FY 2026 Budget - Community Input Sessions

Date	Time	District	Location
August 7, 2025	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	3	Corpus Christi Gym
August 13, 2025	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	4	Ethel Eyerly Senior Center
August 14, 2025	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	5	Corpus Christi Police Training Academy
August 18, 2025	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	4	Seashore Learning Center (The Island)
August 20, 2025	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	1	Northwest Senior Center (Calallen)
August 25, 2025	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	1	Oveal Williams Senior Center
August 27, 2025	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	2	Greenwood Senior Center

The City Manager’s Office is available next week, beginning on July 21, to answer questions from City Council Members who indicate an interest in the proposed budget and desire to ask more detailed questions before the upcoming workshops.

City Council will consider a first reading of the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Operating & Capital Budget on September 2. A second reading of the proposed budget is scheduled for the following week on September 9. The City’s Fiscal Year 2026 Budget will commence on Wednesday, October 1, 2025 and end on Wednesday, September 30, 2026.