

To: Watertown Common Council Members

From: Robert Stocks

I have placed the 2026 budget as an agenda item for the upcoming Council Meeting. If Council makes any significant changes (tax levy, appropriations, or purpose) to the budget this Tuesday (only a majority vote is required for changes), the budget will need to be republished by the City. That publication needs to take 15 days before our public hearing, which also requires a 15 day notice. If this occurs, a new public meeting will have to be created, we should be able to republish the budget and also the public notice at the same time. It takes three workdays to get items published in the Daily Times. It would be best for the city if only minor changes at this point. We would be looking at a new public hearing and special meeting the week of Thanksgiving, followed by adoption of the budget at the December 2nd meeting.

After the public hearing, any changes to the budget require a 2/3 vote.

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