

City of Bastrop FY 2025-2026 Strategic Planning Calendar <i>(assumes no voter approval election required)</i>		
Preparation	January 15	City Council Candidate filing period begins
	February 11*	Last council meeting before deadline to call general election (deadline Feb 14)
	February 14	City Council Candidate Filing period ends
	February 25*	City Council Candidate Orientation
	March 3	Staff planning session - FY2025-2026 Budget Kick-off
	May 1	Receive preliminary notices of appraised value from Chief Appraiser
	May 3	Election Day
	May 13*	Canvass Results of May 4th Election
	May 14*	Special City Council Pre-budget Planning Session (All day) - Review Focus Areas, Management Projects/Enhancements, Affirming Tax Revenue target, Service and Service Levels, and receive direction from City Council.
	May 15	Special City Council Planning Session - Transportation Plan, Additional Policy Objectives and Funding Alternatives. Water Master Plan update.
	May 15	Special City Council Planning Session - Comprehensive Plan, Capital Plan Review, and Fiscal Forecast Assumptions.
	May 16	Community Support and Non-Special Event HOT Tourism related organization applications available at City Hall and on City's website
	June 9-13	CM, CFO and Director meetings to discuss budget submittals
	June 19	Hunter's Crossing Local Government Corporation Meeting to review budget and propose Special Assessments
	June 20	Deadline - Community Support & Non-Special Event HOT Organization applications for FY2026 Funding (5:00pm)
	July 8*	Community Support Organizations present their funding request to Council (limit 3 minutes)
	July 23	Publish Notice of proposed Special Assessments (must be posted 15 days prior to Public Hearing)
Adoption	July 25	Deadline for Chief Appraiser to certify rolls to taxing units
	June 19*	City Council Joint meeting with the Visit Bastrop Board to review Visit Bastrop's Business Plan and Proposed Budget for FY2026
	July 28*	City Manager presents the FY 2025-26 Budget (considered filed with the City Secretary)
	July 28*	Meeting of the Governing Body to discuss the proposed tax rate; if proposed tax rate will exceed the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate or the Voter-Approval Tax Rate (whichever is lower), take record vote and schedule public hearing.
	August 12*	Public Hearing Special Assessments for Hunter's Crossing PID; First Reading of the Amended and Restated Service and Assessment Plan.
	August 14*	Budget Workshop - Review Proposed Budget
	August 15*	Budget Workshop#2 - Review Proposed Budget (if needed)
	August 26*	Council Meeting - Adopt Financial and Purchasing Policies;
	August 26*	Council Meeting - Second Reading of the Amended and Restated Service and Assessment Plan.
	August 27	Published Notice of Budget Hearing (must be posted 10 days prior to Public Hearing); Publish Notice of Tax Rate Hearing (must be posted 5 days prior to Public Hearing)
	September 9*	Council Meeting - Public Hearing and First Reading on Tax Rate Ordinance; Budget Public Hearing; First Reading on Budget Ordinance.
	September 16*	Council Meeting to adopt tax rate and budget. Must adopt budget before tax rate. City Council must take a separate ratification vote to adopt any budget that will raise total property tax revenue.
Implementation	October 1	Fiscal Year begins
	October 15*	Distribute Final FY2026 Adopted Budget Book
	November	Begin FY2024-2025 audit
	December	Presentation of preliminary unaudited financial report for FY2025-2026

* Council Meeting