

AGENDA
STUDY SESSION MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MEETING
CITY OF LAKEWOOD, COLORADO
VIRTUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025
6:00 PM

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ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

ITEM 3 – REVISED 2025 AND PROPOSED 2026 CITY BUDGET

ITEM 4 – COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM 5 – ADJOURNMENT

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STAFF MEMO

DATE OF MEETING: SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 / AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Holly Bjorklund, Chief of the Finance Branch
Subject: **Revised 2025 and Proposed 2026 City Budget**

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Staff will present an overview of the Revised 2025 and the 2026 Proposed Annual Budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The development of the 2025 Revised and 2026 Proposed Annual Budget is a collaborative process that seeks input from the City Council, the Budget and Audit Board, community members, and staff. This study session is the first of four meetings discussing the budget. Additional meetings include the Budget and Audit Board meeting on September 23rd and two council meetings with public hearings on October 6th and October 20th.

The 2025 Revised and 2026 Proposed Annual Budget will be emailed to City Council members and a hard copy of the budget book will be placed in council members' mailbox no later than 9/6/2025. The public will have access to the document around the same time on the city's [website](https://www.lakewood.org/Government/Departments/Finance):
(<https://www.lakewood.org/Government/Departments/Finance>)

BUDGETARY IMPACTS: There are no budgetary impacts associated with this presentation as the study session will be used to provide budgetary information and address questions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommend that City Council review the provided budget document and provide any specific questions in advance, so thoughtful answers may be researched and responded to suitably.

ALTERNATIVES: This presentation is informational only.

PUBLIC OUTREACH: This item has been promoted through the regular communication channels to be considered by the Lakewood City Council.

NEXT STEPS: The Budget and Audit Board will meet on September 23rd. The first reading and public hearing are scheduled at the Council meeting on October 6, 2025. The second reading and public hearing will be at the October 20, 2025, Council meeting.

ATTACHMENTS: None

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