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September 4, 2025

To: Finance and Personnel Committee Members, Common Council Members, Cabinet Members, Department Heads

Re: Special Public Input Meeting and Amended Budget Hearings Schedule on the Mayor's 2026 Proposed Executive Budget

The Finance and Personnel Committee will hold a special public meeting to gather community input on the Mayor's 2026 Proposed Executive Budget. This meeting represents an important step forward in our efforts to engage residents directly and ensure that the City's budget reflects the priorities and concerns of the community.

Traditionally, our public budget discussions have been limited to City Hall. This year, however, we are bringing the conversation into the community by hosting a public listening session at the newly opened MLK Library. This change in venue is intended to make participation more accessible and to signal our commitment to transparency, inclusivity, and responsiveness.

The meeting will be held in a hybrid format, offering both in-person and virtual participation options. All committee members and department heads are strongly encouraged to attend, as this will be an opportunity to hear firsthand from residents about the issues they value most. The insights gathered will help guide our deliberations and strengthen the connection between the City's financial planning and the community it serves.

Meeting Details

Date: Saturday, October 18

• **Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

• Location: MLK Library, 2901 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Your presence at this meeting will demonstrate our collective commitment to collaborative governance and fiscal responsibility.

I would ask all to help spread the word regarding this exciting new opportunity for resident input. A press release and graphics to help amplify the message and maximize participation will be available soon.

Thank you in advance for your active participation. Enclosed is an amended Finance and Personnel Committee's budget hearings schedule to review the Mayor's 2026 Proposed Budget, which adds the additional special public input meeting on October 18th.

Please contact Finance and Personnel Committee Staff Assistant Chris Lee at x2232, or my Legislative Assistant Terri Williams at x2873, should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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Ald. Marina Dimitrijevic, Chair Finance and Personnel Committee

