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To: Common Council Members, Cabinet Members, Department Heads

**Re: Schedule of Public Hearings on the Mayor's 2023 Proposed Budget**

The Finance and Personnel Committee's public hearing calendar to review the Mayor's 2023 Proposed Budget is attached. Budget hearings will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 30, 2022, starting with an Overview of the Proposed Budget by Budget Director Nik Kovac. At the present time, all hearings are scheduled to be held in person with a hybrid option, subject to change based on the best science available at the time of the hearings.

Discussions on the appropriations proposed for individual funds and departmental operating budgets will be held in accordance with the attached calendar. Discussions regarding appropriations proposed for specific capital improvement accounts and special purpose accounts will be held as part of the review of the budgets for the associated departments. Depending on actions taken by the Mayor and the Common Council, American Rescue Plan Act funding may impact the Budget.

Due to time constraints and to offer committee members an adequate amount of time for questions at the budget hearings, please limit departmental presentations to a concise summary of 2021 and 2022 activities and achievements, and **focus on the future - how to best serve Milwaukee's residents in 2023** through the resources to be provided by local, state, and federal taxpayers. Please focus on the items highlighted in the July 12, 2022, letter attached to this communication as well as changes in service levels and personnel needed to provide those services, innovations that will make City government more efficient and effective, and the challenges your department faces in late-2022 and 2023.

Please limit your introductory presentations to 15 or fewer slides and less than 20 minutes. Include a brief list of the activities and achievements described above, a high-level quantitative summary of your department's proposed budget, and details about the changes the Proposed Budget will make to department operations and services for residents. In late August, I will separately send a list of Finance and Personnel Committee members' special interest topics you will also be asked to address in your presentation. Please submit your department presentations 48 hours in advance of your hearing to Staff Assistant Chris Lee.

**New this year: A public comment meeting will be held on Friday, October 14, 2022, starting at 9:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held in an in-person and virtual hybrid format to broaden access and optimize inclusivity. Public comment will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker. This meeting will not only provide the opportunity for residents to speak and listen to their neighbors but also provide Council members and departments the opportunity to listen to the budget priorities of the residents they serve and represent.

A hearing on proposed amendments to the Mayor's 2023 Proposed Budget will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 27, 2022. Common Council members should submit proposed budget amendments by 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2022, for consideration at the Committee's hearing. Any amendments submitted thereafter may be heard at my discretion as the Chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee.

From the day the Mayor presents his 2023 Proposed Budget to the Council through the Council's Budget Adoption Day, it is most important that key departmental personnel adjust their schedules to ensure their availability to Common Council members and staff in the Legislative Reference Bureau. This will facilitate timely responses to requests for information related to the analysis and review of the Mayor's Proposed Budget.

Please contact Finance and Personnel Committee Staff Assistant Chris Lee at x2232 should you have any questions regarding this hearing schedule.

Respectfully,



Ald. Marina Dimitrijevic, Chair  
Finance and Personnel Committee

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