

**JANUARY 15, 2025
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ADDITIONAL MATERIAL/REVISIONS**

REQUESTED ADDITIONS TO THE PACKET

| <u>ACTION</u> | <u>ITEM</u> | <u>REQUESTED BY</u> | <u>PAGE</u> |
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| Add to Item E.6. | Resolution No. 2025-04 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Comment | City Clerk | 2 |
| Add to Item K.1. | City Manager Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finance Midmonth Report Attachment | City Clerk | 3 |

From: [Barbara Waters](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Council meeting 1-15-25
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 6:38:45 PM

Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to write you about your upcoming budget hearings and agendas. I note that you are planning on how to do so by virtue of Resolution No. 2025-04.

As you go forward I want to again bring my concerns about the ongoing water/sewer bill increases. For several years the rates have increased annually. This can be a hardship for myself and others in my position.

My family and I moved to Kenai in September 1978. We bought our home in May 1979. I remain in that home.

In December 2021 my husband of over 52 years died from complications of heart and kidney disease. In July 2023, after 22 years of employment in a local non-profit I "retired". There is no real retirement with non-profits as I am sure many of you know.

I am on a fixed social security income. It's not much. It covers house and auto insurance and medical expenses as well as electric, gas, phone, and water/sewer. My credit card sometimes is used to cover until SS hits my account.

I do not say all this to garner sympathy. I tell you so that you are aware of the foks in your community. Since my husband died I have three friends who are new widows also. It's a sort of club - one that nobody wants to join, but all of us face as we age.

We do our best to save and stay out of debt: my house is paid for, as is my car. I worked really hard to make sure of that before I left employment . I am thankful that I do not have those expenses - other than upkeep.

I have spoken with the City Manager and he has reminded me that costs are higher and this is one way to cover these higher expenses. I get that. I just want you all to understand where we, your parents, grandparents, citizens of your town, are coming from.

Please consider carefully as you decide where to raise rates and where to cut costs for the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this email.

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FY 2026 BUDGET PREPARATION CALENDAR

| Date | Facilitator | Action |
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| November 25 | City Manager & Finance Director | FY2006 Budget Goals work session. |
| December 4 | City Council | FY2006 Budget Goals work session. |
| December 6 | HR Director | New personnel/position reclassification requests to HR Director. |
| December 18 | Public Works Director | Fiscal Year 2026 – 2030 Capital Plan Work session. |
| January 7 | Public Works Director | Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2030 Capital Plan to City Clerk. |
| January 15 | City Council | Public hearing on Resolution 2025-04 Adopting goals to guide the preparation of the FY2026 Budget. |
| January 15 | City Council | Public hearing on Resolution 2024-XX to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2030 Capital Plan. |
| January 27 | Finance Director | Revenue estimates to City Manager |
| January 30 | City Manager & Finance Director | Budget guidance and submission requirements provided to department heads with preparation packets. |
| February 14 | Department Heads | Department budget narratives due to Finance. |
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| February 14 | Department Heads | Overtime and temporary staffing salary and benefits requests to HR Director. |
| February 21 | Department Heads | Department Special Project requests due to Finance. |
| February 21 | HR Director | Overtime and temporary staffing salary and benefits requests to Finance. |
| March 3 | Finance Director | Personnel salary and benefits totals to City Manager. |
| March 6 | City Manager | City Manager approval of salary and benefits. |
| March 6 | Finance Director | Consolidated operational budget and Special Project requests submitted to City Manager. |
| March 24 – March 28 | City Manager, Finance Director & Department Heads | Department budget meetings with City Manager. |
| April 2 | Mayor & City Manager | State of the City address |
| April 16 | Finance Director | Draft budget distributed to Council. |
| April 18 – May 4 | City Manager, Finance Director & Department Heads | Budget work session. Meeting date to be determined by Council. |
| May 15 | Finance Director | Budget Ordinance to City Clerk for May 21 Council packet. |
| May 21 | Finance Director | Introduction of Budget Ordinance. |
| May 29 | Finance Director | Mill Rate Resolution to City Clerk for June 4 Council packet. |

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| May 29 | Finance Director | Publish notice of public hearing to adopt FY2026 Budget. |
| June 4 | City Council | Public hearing and adoption of Budget Ordinance |
| June 4 | City Council | Public hearing and approval of Mill Rate Resolution (Must be provided to KPB by 6/15). |
| June 25 | Finance Director | Publication & distribution of Budget document. |