



City of Lakewood City Council

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PUBLIC NOTICE – FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET HEARINGS

Finance Committee will meet on the following dates and times to consider the proposed 2026 comprehensive budget document, accompanying legislation, and other relevant matters. All meetings will be held in the Auditorium at Lakewood City Hall – 12650 Detroit Ave. The committee will consider approval of minutes at each meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PROTOCOL

The public is invited to comment on agenda items in person or by submitting a written comment in advance of the meeting using the eComment platform available [HERE](#). New users must create an eComment account. eComment link will go live at the time the agenda is posted.

The meetings will be livestreamed on the City’s website at the following link:

www.lakewoodoh.gov/councilvideos

Date	Time	Agenda	Hours
Monday December 1 st Monday after Thanksgiving 2nd reading of ordinances	5:45 – 7:30 p.m.	Council-initiated budget amendments – 15 min Lakewood Municipal Court Budget (30 min) 10 min presentation; 20 min discussion <i>Judge Tess Neff & Court Administrator Maria Russo</i> Public Safety Budgets (1 hour) Fire Department 10 min presentation; 20 min discussion <i>Fire Chief Fairbanks</i> Police Department 10 min presentation: 20 min discussion <i>Police Chief Fischer</i>	1.75
Monday December 8 th	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Human Services Department (30 min) 10 min presentation; 20 min discussion <i>Human Services Director Chad Berry</i> IT Division (30 min) 10 min presentation; 20 min discussion <i>Chief Information Officer Michael Coletta</i>	3

		<p>Building & Housing Department (30 min) 10 min presentation; 20 min discussion <i>Building Commissioner Chris Parmelee</i></p> <p>Break (option)</p> <p>Planning & Development Department (60 min) 15 min presentation; 45 min discussion <i>Planning & Development Director Angela Byington</i></p> <p>Law Department (20 min) 5 min presentation; 15 min discussion <i>Law Director Ernie Vargo</i></p> <p>Finance Department (10 min) 5 min presentation; 5 min discussion <i>Finance Director Mahoney & Assistant Finance Dir. Eddy</i></p>	
Monday December 15 (Council night)	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	<p>Mayor’s Office (10 min) 5 min presentation; 5 min discussion <i>Mayor George</i></p> <p>Council Office Budget (20 min) 5 min presentation; 15 min discussion <i>Clerk Bach</i></p> <p>Substitutions and finalization (30 min) <i>Attendees: Finance Director Mahoney & Staff, Law Director and/or Assistant Law Director</i></p>	1
3 rd reading of ordinances			

The following communications and legislation will be considered, referenced, and discussed:

1. Communication from Finance Director Mahoney regarding 2025 Year-End and 2026 Budget Ordinances. *(referred to Finance 11/17/25)*
2. **ORDINANCE 31-2025** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law, to establish appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Lakewood, State of Ohio, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025. *(1st read & referred to Finance 11/17/25)*
3. **ORDINANCE 32-2025** -AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing the transfer and advance of certain funds. *(1st read & referred to Finance 11/17/25)*
4. **ORDINANCE 33-2025** – AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law, to establish appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Lakewood, State of Ohio, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026. *(1st read & referred to Finance 11/17/25)*

5. **ORDINANCE 34-2025** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing the Mayor (Director of Public Safety), the Director of Public Works, the Director of Law, the Director of Finance, and/or the Purchasing Manager to enter into contracts for professional services, and to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for the purchase of repair, maintenance and operating supplies, services and equipment as authorized by the 2025 Appropriation Ordinance and the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood with the lowest and best bidder or bidders or as otherwise provided by law. *(1st read & referred to Finance 11/17/25)*
6. **ORDINANCE 35-2025** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing and directing the Mayor (Director of Public Safety), the Director of Public Works, the Director of Law, the Director of Finance, and/or the Purchasing Manager to enter into contracts in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood for the contracts listed below not to exceed the specified amounts shown without separate resolution of Council. *(1st read & referred to Finance 11/17/25)*
7. **ORDINANCE 36-2025** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing the Mayor (Director of Public Safety), the Director of Public Works, the Director of Law, the Director of Finance, the Director of Planning & Development, and/or the Purchasing Manager to enter into service contracts in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood for the Department of Planning & Development in accordance with the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood, contracts not to exceed the specified amounts shown without separate resolution of Council. *(1st read & referred to Finance 11/17/25)*
8. Communication from Finance Director Mahoney regarding Petty Cash and Operating Fund Changes. *(referred to Finance 11/17/25)*
9. **ORDINANCE 29-2025** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect January 1, 2026 provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, amending Section 129.53 Petty Cash Fund and 129.54 Operational Cash Funds of the Lakewood Codified Ordinances to better meet current needs for both petty cash and operational cash within the departments of the City of Lakewood. *(1st read & referred to Finance 11/17/25)*
10. Communication from Human Resources Director Dillinger regarding Salary Ordinance. *(referred to Finance 11/17/25)*
11. Communication from Human Resources Director Dillinger regarding update to various employment benefits of nonunion employees. *(referred to Finance 11/17/25)*
12. Communication from Councilmembers Hamilton Steiner, Bullock and Marx regarding Resolution in Support of Citywide Composting Program. *(referred to Finance 11/03/25)*

Tom Bullock, Chair
Kyle Baker, Cindy Strebiger; Members
FINANCE COMMITTEE