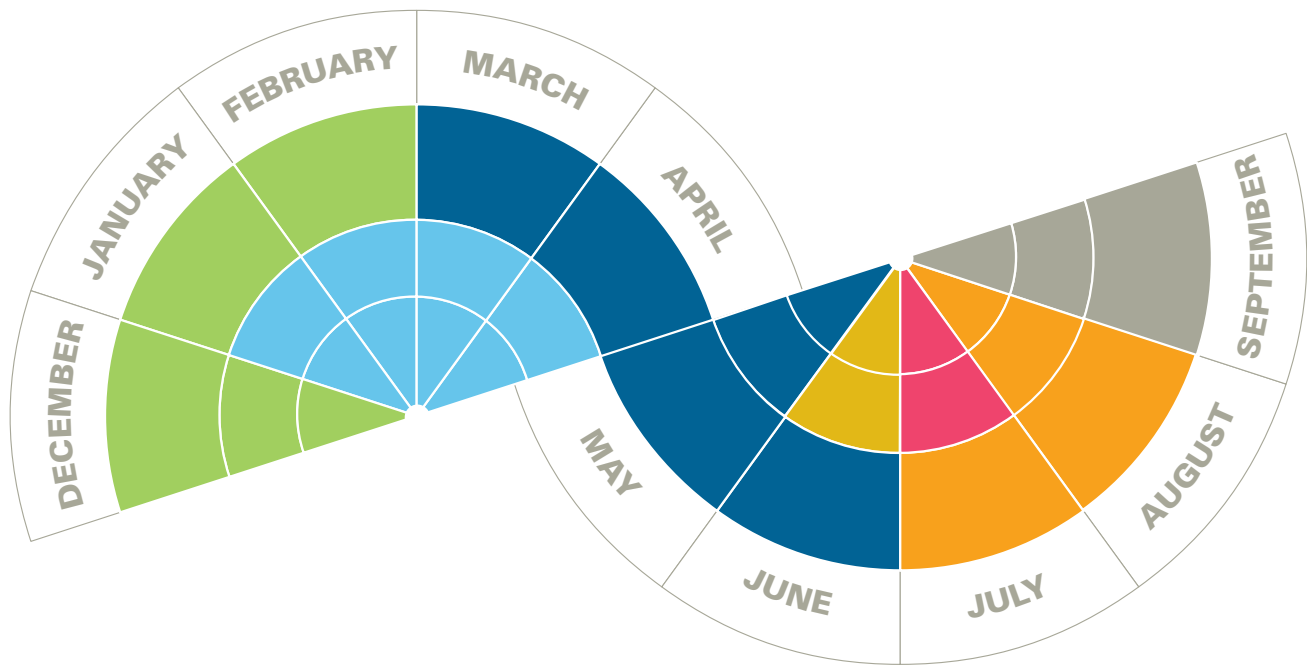


# ANNUAL BUDGET CALENDAR



## Preparation of Capital Improvement (CIP) Budgets

Each City Department will review the six-year capital plan and create budgets for large or reoccurring projects.

*Examples of capital improvement projects include road resurfacing, infrastructure repair and replacement, and construction or renovations of public facilities.*

## Strategic Direction/Planning Session(s)

The City Council will convene a budget strategy meeting to examine departmental work plans and projects for the upcoming fiscal year, review financial forecast of major operating funds, and finalize strategic priorities and objectives.

*This meeting is required per City Council policy 3-11 to be conducted annually prior to June 1st of each year.*



## Preparation of Operating Budgets

Each City Department will prepare an annual operating budget.

*Examples of expenses funded by operating budgets include employee salaries & benefits, materials and maintenance costs, payments for debt obligations, professional service fees, and insurance premiums.*

## Receipt of Preliminary Taxable Values

The Pinellas County Property Appraiser will provide property value estimates to the city, which will be utilized to calculate Ad Valorem Tax revenues for inclusion in the preliminary budget.

*The Office of Management & Budget will publish the Preliminary Budget by July 1st of each year.*



Ad Valorem Taxes remain the largest source of revenue for the city's General Fund.

## Preliminary Budget Presentation

The City Manager will present the Preliminary Operating and Capital Budget to the City Council. The purpose of this meeting is to review revenue projections, anticipated expenses, and discuss key assumptions that underlie the recommended budget.

*The City Council will set the preliminary millage rate that is published in resident TRIM notices.*

## Special Budget Work Session

The City Council will hold a special work session with the intention of deliberating on potential revisions to the preliminary budget as initially presented.

## Public Hearings on the Preliminary Budget and Penny for Pinellas Projects

The initial and final public hearings for the Preliminary Operating and Capital Budget will take place in two distinct meetings during the month of September. These meetings are intended to secure approval for the budget and Penny for Pinellas Project list.

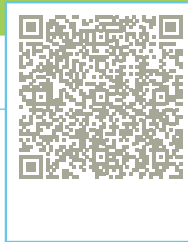
# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

## 1 REVIEW BUDGET DOCUMENTS

Access Clearwater's Strategic Plan and budget documents to understand the proposed budget and its allocation of resources.

**For more information go to:**

[www.myclearwater.com/My-Government/City-Departments/Finance-Budget-Utility-Customer-Service/Office-of-Management-Budget](http://www.myclearwater.com/My-Government/City-Departments/Finance-Budget-Utility-Customer-Service/Office-of-Management-Budget)



## 2 ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS

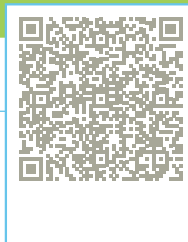
Attend public hearings, budget workshops, and council meetings where budget discussions take place. This is an opportunity to observe and provide input.

## 3 PROVIDE PUBLIC INPUT

Participate in public comment sessions during budget meetings. Express your concerns, priorities, and suggestions related to the budget.

**For more information go to:**

[www.myclearwater.com/My-Government/Meeting-Agendas-Records-and-Documents/Watch-City-Meetings-View-Meeting-Calendar](http://www.myclearwater.com/My-Government/Meeting-Agendas-Records-and-Documents/Watch-City-Meetings-View-Meeting-Calendar)



## 4 ENGAGE WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS

Contact members of the City Council to voice your budget-related concerns and ideas.

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**(727) 562-4050**



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## 5 JOIN ADVISORY BOARDS

Clearwater has several citizen advisory committees that serve the city. The purpose of each advisory board is to advise the City Council on various issues that affect the community and to provide resident feedback

**For more information go to:**

<https://clearwater.granicus.com/boards/w/2c8293664e037f20/vacancies>

