



Transportation Committee Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street - Dripping Springs, Texas

Monday, March 23, 2026, at 3:30 PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Committee Members

Travis Crow, Chair
John Pettit, Vice Chair
Scott Berry
Jimmy Brown
Tory Carpenter
Doug Crosson
Chad Gilpin
Roman Grijalva
Sharon Hamilton

Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials

Planning Director Tory Carpenter
Senior Planner Sara Varvarigos
Maintenance Director Riley Sublett
Council Member Wade King
Hays County Pct. 4 Commissioner Walt Smith
Traffic Engineering Consultant Leslie Pollack P.E., HDR Engineering
Senior Vice President Carlos Lopez, P.E., HNTB
TxDOT South Travis Area Engineer Orlando Gallegos, P.E.
TxDOT Luisa Morales

BUSINESS AGENDA

- 1. Public hearing, discussion, and possible action regarding the Transportation Committee's Fiscal Year 2027 budget recommendation, and budget committee appointments.**
- 2. Darren Hill Road improvements update.** *Carlos Lopez, HNTB / Frank Olshefski, Kleinfelder*
- 3. Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council regarding potential restrictions on through truck traffic along Creek Road between Roger Hanks Parkway and US 290.**
Tory Carpenter, Planning Director

REPORTS

Reports are for the purposes of the administration and planning of Transportation and Transportation Projects. The Committee may take action or provide staff directions on any item in the report.

- 4. TXDOT Projects Report**
Orlando Gallegos, P.E., TxDOT South Travis Area Engineer
- 5. Hays County Projects Report**
Walt Smith, Precinct 4 County Commissioner
- 6. DSISD Projects Report**
Scott Berry, Dripping Springs ISD
- 7. City of Dripping Springs Projects Report**
Tory Carpenter, Planning Director
- 8. Traffic Engineering Consultant Projects Report**
Leslie Pollack, PT, PTOE, HDR Engineering

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Transportation Committee Meetings

April 27, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.
May 18, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.
June 22, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.
July 27, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.
August 24, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

City Council Meetings

April 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
April 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
May 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
May 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
June 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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**City of Dripping Springs
 FY 2026-2027 Budget
 Important Dates & Deadlines**



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The attached Budget Calendar outlines the statutory dates and planning activities for City Staff, Boards, Commissions, Committees and City Council as they relate to the Budget Process for Fiscal Year 2027. Calendar activities in RED note deadlines for staff & City Council, and Public Notifications. The Finance Director will coordinate with City Administration, the City Attorney and City Secretary regarding all notices, ordinances and resolutions as adopted, to include filing the proper documents with County and State Entities. The City Council will hold the following meetings regarding the Tax Rate and Budget Adoption:

- June 02, 2026: Budget Workshop
- June 16, 2026: Budget Workshop
- July 07, 2026: Budget Workshop
- July 21, 2026: Budget Workshop
- August 04, 2026: Budget Workshop, Set Proposed Tax Rate, and Discussion
- August 18, 2026: Budget Workshop
- September 01, 2026: Budget Workshop, Public Hearings on Tax Rate and Budget, and Possible Adoption of the Budget*
- September 15, 2026: Adoption of Approved Budget and Tax Rate, and Ratification of Tax Rate**

**The Council may choose to either adopt the budget or postpone adoption to the following meeting on September 15, 2026.*

***If the total property tax revenue is raised, the Council will need to Ratify the Tax Rate with a resolution.*

All other calendar dates are related to the budget planning process for City staff to include recommendations from boards, commissions, and committees. Budget process activities are listed below each calendar for reference. The following boards, commissions and committees will submit budget recommendations:

- DSRP Board of Directors
- Emergency Management Committee
- Farmers Market Committee
- Founders Day Committee
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Parks & Recreation Commission
- TIRZ No. 1 & No. 2 Board
- Transportation Committee

The Finance Director will provide staff with the proper forms and budget planning materials related to individual requests and department requests. Staff will work with their supervisor and the Finance Director to draft and submit their requests, and Staff Liaisons to Boards, Commissions and Committees will hold meetings to discuss and provide recommendations for requests. The City Secretary will make sure that each meeting following approval of the Budget Calendar has a budget review/recommendation added to the abovementioned board and commission agendas. The City Secretary does not draft committee agendas but is available to staff for assistance. Please make sure you attach, or forward for attachment documents for agenda discussion items.



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| March 03, 2026 | City Council Approval of Budget Calendar and Presentation on Legislative Changes to the Budget Process |
| May 15, 2026 | City Staff Department Budget Requests Due to Administration (includes individual staff member requests submitted to supervisors and IT related requests) |
| May 29, 2026 | Board, Commission and Committee Budget Recommendations Due; City Staff Employee Pay Recommendations Due from Department Heads |
| June 02, 2026 | City Council Budget Workshop |
| June 16, 2026 | City Council Budget Workshop |
| June 26, 2026 | Finance files Proposed Budget with City Secretary |
| July 07, 2026 | City Council Budget Workshop |
| July 21, 2026 | City Council Budget Workshop |
| August 04, 2026 | City Council Budget Workshop, Set Proposed Tax Rate, and Discussion |
| August 13, 2026 | Publication of Notice of Proposed Tax Rate, and Tax Rate and Budget Public Hearings (<i>Submit for publication August 13, 2026</i>) |
| August 13, 2026 | Begin Continuous Notice of Proposed Tax Rate on City Website with Public Hearing Dates for Budget and Tax Rate Hearing, and Notice of Tax Rate |
| August 18, 2026 | City Council Budget Workshop |
| September 01, 2026 | City Council Budget Workshop – Public Hearings on Tax Rate and Budget (<i>Must take action to either adopt or postpone adoption of the Budget to the September 15, 2026, City Council meeting</i>) |
| September 15, 2026 | City Council Meeting – Adoption of Budget, Ratification of the Tax Rate (if total property tax revenue is raised) and Adoption of the Tax Rate |
| September 16, 2026 | Publication of Tax Rate and Budget on City Website, File Tax Rate and Budget with County and State Entities |
| September 24, 2026 | Publication of Notice of Approved Tax Rate and Budget (<i>Submit for publication on September 16, 2026</i>) |

March 2026

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | CC Meeting: Budget Presentation & Budget Calendar Approval | | Historic Preservation Commission Budget Discussion | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| TIRZ Board Budget Discussion Founders Day Committee Budget Discussion | | DSRP Board Budget Discussion Parks & Recreation Commission Budget Discussion | | **Staff obtain proper budget request forms from Finance Director |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| | | | Farmers Market Committee Discussion Emergency Management Committee Budget Discussion | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Transportation Committee Budget Discussion Founders Day Committee Budget Discussion | | | | Departmental IT budget requests due to City Administrator |
| 30 | 31 | | | |
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Budget Activities

- Finance provides necessary budget information and request forms to develop individual and department budget requests.
- Staff begins meeting with boards, commissions, committees, and council members to discuss budget recommendations and form budget planning committees, if that is usual practice.
- Staff department heads review IT related software and equipment requests with Administration, Finance & IT and determine any additional costs related to infrastructure. Requests due to Administration & Finance by March 27th.

****Dates may vary according to progress**

April 2026

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | | Historic Preservation Commission Budget Discussion | HOT Grant Application Available |
| <i>Staff review draft budget requests with supervisors and Finance Director</i> | | | | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| | | DSRP Board Budget Discussion | | |
| <i>Staff review draft budget requests with supervisors and Finance Director</i> | | | | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| TIRZ Board Budget Discussion Founders Day Committee Budget Discussion | | Parks & Recreation Commission Budget Discussion | Farmers Market Committee Budget Discussion Emergency Management Committee Budget Discussion | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |
| Transportation Committee Budget Discussion | | | | |

Budget Activities

- Staff continues meeting with boards, commissions, committees, and council members to discuss budget recommendations and form budget planning committees, if that is usual practice.
- Staff reviews draft budget requests with supervisors and Finance.

May 2026

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| | | | Historic Preservation Commission Approve Recommendation | HOT Grant Applications Due |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| TIRZ Board Budget Approve Recommendation Founders Day Committee Discussion | | DSRP Board Approve Recommendation | | City Staff Department Budget Requests Due (Includes individual staff requests) |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Transportation Committee Approve Recommendation | | Parks & Recreation Commission Approve Recommendation | Farmers Market Committee Approve Recommendation Emergency Management Committee Approve Recommendation | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | | | | Board, Commission, Committee, & Council Member Budget Recommendations Due |

Budget Activities

- City Staff continues meeting with boards, commissions, committees, and council members to review and approve budget requests and recommendations.
- City Staff continues to develop individual and department budget requests and updates them with feedback provided by Administration & Finance. Staff/Departmental requests due by May 15th.
- Administration, Finance & IT work with vendors and staff on options and costs for IT related expenses.
- Administration & Finance draft proposed budget and review with staff and council members as necessary.
- All board, commission, committee, and council member recommendations due to Administration & Finance by May 29th.

June 2026

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|--|-----------|----------|--|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | CC Meeting: Budget Workshop | | | HOT Grant Program Recommendation Due |
| ← Budget Review w/Mayor → | | | | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Founders Day Committee Approve Recommendation | | | | |
| ← Budget Review w/Mayor → | | | | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | CC Meeting: Budget Workshop | | | |
| ← Budget Review w/Mayor → | | | | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | | | | Proposed Budget Filed with City Secretary & Post to Website |
| 29 | 30 | | | |
| | Special Council Meeting: Budget Workshop | | | |

Budget Activities

- Administration & Finance begin budget review with the Mayor.
- City Council holds Budget Workshop to review and discuss proposed budget on June 1st.
 - Review of Budget Process – Review of Assumptions
- City Council holds Budget Workshop to review and discuss proposed budget on June 16th.
- Finance files proposed budget with City Secretary on June 26th.
- Council holds Special Budget Workshop on June 30th:
 - General Fund – Admin, Communications, HR, Legal, City Sec, Maintenance, Project Management, Building, Planning, Finance, Emergency Management, IT & Parks
- City Secretary posts proposed budget on city website and copy given to reception for public inspection.

July 2026

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| | CC Meeting: Budget Workshop | | | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| | Special Council Meeting: Budget Workshop | | | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| | CC Meeting: Budget Workshop | | | Certified Tax Rolls Due (7/25) |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
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Budget Activities

- City Staff continues to meet with council members assigned to discuss recommendations.
- City Council holds Budget Workshop on July 7th.
 - Landscaping, Sidewalk, Parkland Development & Dedication and Agriculture Funds
- City Council Holds Special Budget Workshop on July 14th.
 - DSRP, DSVB, Farmers Market & Transportation
- City Council holds Budget Workshop on July 21st.
 - Founders Day & Historic Preservation

August 2026

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | CC Meeting: Budget Workshop **Set Proposed Tax Rate | | | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| | Special Council Meeting: Budget Workshop | | **Publication of Proposed Tax Rate & Budget Public Hearings Begin Continuous Notice on City website | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| | CC Meeting: Budget Workshop | | | |
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Budget Activities

- City Staff continues to meet with council members assigned to discuss recommendations.
- City Council holds Budget Workshop on August 4th. Review of Debt Service
- Council sets Proposed Tax Rate on August 4th.
- City Secretary submits notice to News-Dispatch regarding Public Hearing dates for proposed Tax Rate and Budget on August 6th for publication on August 13th.
- Council Holds Special Budget Workshop on August 11th.
 - Utility Fund, Impact Fees, TWDB Project & Capital Improvements
- City Secretary & Communications begin continuous notification of public hearing on city website on August 13th.
- City Council holds Budget Workshop on August 18th. Review of TIRZ

September 2026

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| | CC Meeting: Budget Workshop Public Hearing on Tax Rate & Budget | | | |
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| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| | CC Meeting: 2 nd Public Hearing on Tax Rate & Budget Budget Adoption Tax Rate Ratification & Adoption | Publication of Tax Rate & Budget on City website File Tax Rate & Budget with County and State Entities | | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| | | | Publication of Notice of Approved Tax Rate & Budget | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | |
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Budget Activities

- City Staff continues to meet with council members assigned to discuss recommendations.
- City Council holds Budget Workshop on September 1st.
- Council holds public hearings for Proposed Tax Rate & Budget on September 1st.
- City Council adopts Budget and Tax Rate on September 15th.
- Finance Director prepares Approved Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 with prescribed cover page.
- City Secretary submits notice to News-Dispatch regarding Approved Tax Rate and Budget on September 16th for publication on September 24th.
- City Secretary files Approved Tax Rate and Budget with Hays County and State Entities.