

City of Auburn FY2027 Budget Binder Front Matter

Plain-Language Summary

Source	City of Auburn FY2027 Mayor & Council Budget Presentation Binder
Source pages	Binder pages 1-6 / Front Matter
Binder inspected	August 31, 2026
Status	Preliminary / working budget material

This independent companion summarizes the original City record for readability. It is not an official City of Auburn document and does not replace the photographed source pages.

What this section is

The first six pages introduce the FY2027 budget binder, lay out the City's planned budget-development schedule, identify the binder's major sections, provide a preliminary-status notice, and include the agenda for the July 30, 2026 called budget meeting.

Budget development schedule

A May 28, 2026 memo from City Administrator Michael E. Parks states that Auburn's fiscal year operates from October through September and presents the proposed schedule for developing and approving the budget.

Date	Scheduled activity
June 8	Budget forms issued to departments and the Library for revenue, expenditure, and workload information.
June 16, 6:00 PM	City Council Capital and Budget Planning Retreat in the Training Room.
July 3	Department and Library budget information entered into BS&A software.
July 23	A document labeled "FY 2026 Proposed Budget Packet" scheduled to be issued to Mayor and Council.
July 30, 5:00 PM	Called pre-budget workshop covering revenue projections and the first group of expenditure areas.
August 6, 5:00 PM	Called pre-budget workshop covering the remaining major departments and functions.
August 20, 5:00 PM	Public hearing to review the budget, goals, and workload measurements.
August 27, 6:00 PM	Public hearing to receive comments and suggestions.
September 10, 6:00 PM	Ordinance scheduled for presentation to approve a budget labeled in the schedule as the "FY 2026 Budget."

Binder organization

The table of contents divides the binder into ten sections: the July 30 budget meeting packet, the August 6 budget meeting packet, BC T-SPLOST Fund, GC SPLOST Fund, BC SPLOST Fund, Retirement, Capital Improvement Projects, Summary & Highlights, Employee Changes, and Notes.

Preliminary-status notice

One front-matter page is explicitly labeled "PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL - SUBJECT TO CHANGE PRIOR TO JULY 30, 2026." It says the budget proposal was preliminary and would undergo changes before the July 30 City Council meeting.

Pending item	What the binder says
Barrow County tax digest	The final property tax digest was received July 29, 2026, and staff was still working to update tax-revenue projections.
Accounts payable	Some accounts-payable reclassifications were still expected so expenditures would be placed in the proper categories.
Procurement requests	Project projections could change as outstanding quotes were received and final pricing was incorporated.
GMA employee insurance	Premium information was still expected, and group-insurance line items could be adjusted.

July 30 called meeting agenda

The July 30 agenda schedules revenue projections for the General Fund, Water, and Stormwater. It also schedules expenditure projections for Buildings and Grounds, Public Works, Roadways and Walkways, Streetlights/Electricity, Water, Stormwater, DDA, Mainstreet, and the Library.

Important labeling note

Although the binder cover and memo identify the project as the FY2027 budget, the schedule itself uses "FY 2026" in at least two places: the July 23 proposed budget packet and the September 10 approval line. The front matter does not explain whether those are typographical errors, a different internal naming convention, or references to another fiscal year. They should be quoted as written unless the City clarifies them.

What the front matter establishes

- Auburn planned a multi-stage FY2027 budget process running from department submissions through workshops, public hearings, and an ordinance presentation.
- The City expressly identified the budget as preliminary during at least part of that process.
- Important inputs were still changing close to the July 30 workshop, including the tax digest, procurement pricing, insurance premiums, and some expenditure classifications.
- The binder was intentionally organized into separate meeting packets, special-purpose funds, retirement material, capital projects, summary material, employee changes, and notes.

What it does not establish

- That every figure elsewhere in the binder was final or later adopted.
- That the scheduled September 10 ordinance was actually approved as written.
- Whether the FY 2026 references in the FY2027 schedule are simple labeling errors or have another explanation.
- Whether every pending item listed on the preliminary notice was later incorporated into the binder.

Source record: City of Auburn FY2027 Mayor & Council Budget Presentation Binder, photographed during public inspection at Auburn City Hall on August 31, 2026. Independent summary prepared from the photographed source material. Refer to the original source record for the City's complete presentation.