



Legislation Text

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Budget Calendar (NB)

This is a request for the City Commission to approve dates for discussion of the FY2014 budget and related items.

Staff requests the City Commission approve dates to discuss items related to the FY2014 budget. Topics of discussion will include the GRU and General Government Budgets, the Fire Assessment, Community Forums, a Strategic Planning Retreat, and an Annexation Strategy Workshop.

Staff requests the City Commission approve the following dates:

January 9, 2013 - 4:00pm-6:00pm - Annexation Strategy Workshop
April 23, 2013 - 6:00pm-8:30pm - Community Forum (location to be determined)
June 11, 2013 - 8:00am-5:30pm - Strategic Planning Retreat (location to be determined)
July 15, 2013 - 9:00am-2:30pm - GRU/General Government Budgets
July 16, 2013 - 10:00pm-6:00pm - GRU/General Government Budgets, Adopt Preliminary Fire Assessment Rate, by resolution
July 22, 2013 - 10:00am-6:00pm - GRU/General Government Budgets
July 23, 2013 - 10:00am-6:00pm GRU/General Government Budgets
July 25, 2013 - 9:00am-5:00pm - GRU/General Government Budgets, Adopt Tentative Budgets, Set Tentative Millage, by resolution
September 9, 2013 - 6:00pm-9:00pm - Adopt Final Fire Assessment Rate, Hold 1st Public Hearing to Adopt Budgets and Set Millage Rate for FY2014
September 19, 2013 (Regular Meeting) 6:00pm - 2nd Public Hearing to Adopt Budgets and Set Millage Rate for FY2014

Staff suggests the City Commission set the Preliminary Fire Assessment Rate immediately after the budget discussion on July 16, 2013 and adopt the tentative budgets and set the tentative millage immediately after the budget discussion on July 25, 2013. This will likely occur sometime before 6:00pm which will require the City Commission to waive the rules to hear the Resolutions before 6:00pm.

Truth in Millage or TRIM requirements set forth in State Statutes require that various taxing authorities hold their public hearings on different dates and/or times in order to allow taxpayers to attend each hearing and provide feedback if desired. Taxing Authorities that cross multiple jurisdictions are given first priority on setting their public hearing dates. As a result, The City of Gainesville is required to set their public hearing dates in September so as not to conflict with the County, the School Board, the Library District and the Water Management Districts. Staff is proposing that the City's public hearings occur during a Special Meeting and a regularly scheduled meeting in September 2012. This typically does not create a conflict with the other taxing authorities. However, in the event a conflict arises, staff will submit a revised schedule for September 2013 requesting additional special meeting dates. These potential conflicts will not be known until July 2013.

There is no fiscal impact.

The City Commission: 1) approve the dates requested by staff; 2) waive the City Commission Rules to hear the Resolution to approve the Preliminary Fire Assessment Rate before 6:00pm on July 16, 2013; and 3) waive the City Commission Rules to hear the Resolutions to adopt the tentative budgets and set the tentative millage rate before 6:00pm on July 25, 2013.