



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Agenda - Final

Board of Estimates

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

Overview & Discussion - if needed

The Board of Estimates meeting is open for in-person attendance and will also be conducted through video conferencing. The meeting can be viewed by typing the URL in your web browser address bar:
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Call to Order

Roll Call

Agenda Items:

[22-0859](#) 2023 Operating Budget Discussions.

Adjournment

Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

Requests from persons with a disability who need assistance to participate in this meeting should call the City Clerk's office at (608) 789-7510 or send an email to ADAcityclerk@cityoflacrosse.org, with as much advance notice as possible.

Board of Estimates Members:

Mayor Reynolds, Barb Janssen, Andrea Richmond, Chris Kahlow, Douglas Happel, Larry Sleznikow, Mac Kiel, Mark Neumann, Rebecca Schwarz, Interim Finance Director Brian Nowicki.



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2023 Proposed Revenue Sources
Explanation of Changes (+/-) 8% Variance

	2022 ADOPTED BUDGET	2023 PROPOSED BUDGET	2023 VS 2022 VARIANCE INC (DEC)		EXPLANATION OF VARIANCE +/- 8%
			\$	%	
1 GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
2 CLERK	\$ 496,930	\$ 525,734	\$ 28,804	5.80%	
3 ENGINEERING	332,863	365,812	32,949	9.90%	Increase in miscellaneous fee revenue and increase in City Services to Enterprise Departments
4 FIRE	1,348,515	1,538,115	189,600	14.06%	Increase in permitting and fee income
5 HIGHWAY	1,011,000	1,011,000	-	0.00%	
6 LA CROSSE CENTER	2,632,960	3,331,077	698,117	26.51%	Increase in events due to increased venue size
7 LIBRARY	222,572	192,535	(30,037)	-13.50%	Reimbursement for staff sharing with Winding Rivers Library System ended.
8 PARKS, REC, FORESTRY/FACILITIES	380,500	390,000	9,500	2.50%	
9 PLANNING/ASSESSOR	28,300	28,375	75	0.27%	
10 POLICE	275,560	229,971	(45,589)	-16.54%	Reduction in abandon vehicle sales, alarm permits & fees, and transfers.
11 NON DEPARTMENTAL:					
12 GENERAL REVENUES	6,350,704	6,692,009	341,305	5.37%	
13 TAXES & SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	1,826,000	2,207,000	381,000	20.87%	Reclassification of Room Tax from General Revenue to Taxes & Special Assessments
14 STATE SHARED REVENUE	15,764,780	14,818,514	(946,266)	-6.00%	
15					
16 OPERATING REVENUES (ROWS 2-14)	30,670,684	31,330,142	659,458	2.15%	
17					
18 TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	60,349,576	61,178,555	828,979	1.37%	
19 (from Expense worksheet)					
20 OPERATING BUDGET TAX LEVY*	\$ 29,678,892	\$ 29,848,413	\$ 169,521	0.57%	
21					
22 DEBT SERVICE LEVY	\$ 7,240,551	\$ 7,450,000	\$ 209,449	2.89%	
23					
24 TOTAL CITY LEVY W/O TIF LEVY	36,919,443	37,298,413	378,970	1.03%	

Notes:

*Row 20 is the difference between operating expenses and projected operating revenues and is the amount placed on the tax rolls for city operations.

2023 Operating Proposed Expenses
Explanation of Changes (+/- 8% Variance)

				2023 VS 2022 VARIANCE		EXPLANATION OF VARIANCE +/- 8%
				INC (DEC)		
	2022 ADOPTED	2023 PROPOSED				
	BUDGET	BUDGET	\$	%		
1	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:					
2	CLERK	\$ 613,637	\$ 524,469	(\$89,168)	-14.53%	Cost decreases due to 2 less elections in 2023 than in 2022
3	COUNCIL	185,874	177,955	(7,919)	-4.26%	
4	ENGINEERING	1,634,609	1,600,485	(34,124)	-2.09%	
5						
6	FINANCE	1,428,254	1,463,174	34,920	2.44%	
7	HUMAN RESOURCES	515,058	459,715	(55,343)	-10.75%	Budgeting of 80% of Benefits Coordinator salary to Self Insurance Health Fund
8						
9	FIRE/COMMUNITY RISK	13,105,525	12,861,934	(243,591)	-1.86%	
10						
11	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	2,238,370	2,581,210	342,840	15.32%	Substantial increases in multiple software subscription services and implementation of Microsoft Office 360
12	LA CROSSE CENTER	2,845,732	3,331,077	485,345	17.06%	Increased utilities and insurance due to larger facilities
13	LEGAL	616,414	621,423	5,009	0.81%	
14	LIBRARY	4,642,213	4,655,965	13,752	0.30%	
15	MAYOR	280,537	296,407	15,870	5.66%	
16	MUNICIPAL COURT	287,897	285,812	(2,085)	-0.72%	
17	PARKS/REC/FORESTRY/FACILITIES	4,432,882	4,589,172	156,290	3.53%	
18	PLANNING/ASSESSOR	930,365	1,048,414	118,049	12.69%	Funding for the Hear Here Project and added cost for the Johnson Controls measurements & verification energy study
19	POLICE DEPARTMENT	12,309,369	12,276,882	(32,487)	-0.26%	
20	STREETS & REFUSE/RECYCLING	8,120,658	8,314,796	194,138	2.39%	
21						

2023 Operating Proposed Expenses
Explanation of Changes (+/- 8% Variance)

		2023 VS 2022 VARIANCE			
		INC (DEC)			
	2022 ADOPTED BUDGET	2023 PROPOSED BUDGET	\$	%	EXPLANATION OF VARIANCE +/- 8%
22 NON DEPARTMENTAL:					
23 CONTINGENCY	300,000	300,000	-	0.00%	
24 RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE	2,199,181	2,118,723	(80,458)	-3.66%	
25 INSURANCE	757,515	783,535	26,020	3.43%	
26 TRANSIT SUBSIDY	745,925	745,925	0	0.00%	
27 GENERAL EXPENSE	2,159,561	2,141,482	(18,079)	-0.84%	
28					
29 TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 60,349,576	\$ 61,178,555	\$ 828,979	1.37%	
30					
31 DEBT SERVICE EXPENSES	\$ 7,240,551	\$ 7,450,000	\$ 209,449	2.89%	
32					
33 TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 67,590,127	\$ 68,628,555	\$ 1,038,428	1.54%	

NEW POSITION REQUESTS NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE NUMBERS:

Total new position costs	\$ 542,775
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Expenditure Restraint Program

1	2022 Adjusted Operating Budget	\$ 60,225,856
2	Allowable increase Percent provided DOR (CPI)	7.00% <i>Projected</i>
3	Allowable increase Amount	<u>4,215,810</u>
4	2023 Allowable Operating Budget	<u>\$ 64,441,666</u>
5		
6	2023 Adjusted Proposed Operating Budget	<u>\$ 61,178,555</u>
7	2023 Over/(Under) Expenditure Restraint	<u>\$ (3,263,111)</u>

Levy Limits

1	2021 Payable, 2022 Actual Levy after Adjustments	\$ 36,937,960
2	Net New Construction Adjustment (1.00%)	360,453
3	2023 Allowable Levy Limit	<u>37,298,413</u>
4		
5	2023 Proposed Levy w/o TID Levy	<u>37,298,413</u>
6		
7	Amount Proposed Levy Over/(Under) Levy Limit	<u>-</u>

City of La Crosse, Wisconsin
Adjustment to Authorized FTE List Requests - 2023 Operating Budget

		<u>January 1 Hires</u>					
	<u>General Government</u>						
	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Request Type</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Salary Expense</u>	<u>Benefits Expense</u>	<u>Total Expense</u>
1	Planning & Assessors	Property Appraiser	Reinstate Position	9	\$ 60,239	\$ 22,476	\$ 82,715
2						Total Planning & Assessors	\$ 82,715
3							
4	Human Resources	Human Resources Clerk	Increase Hours	3	\$ 12,222	\$ 1,839	\$ 14,061
5						Total Human Resources	\$ 14,061
6	Library	Building Maint. Worker	Reinstate position	10 (Library)	\$ 21,288	\$ 16,614	\$ 37,902
7	Library	Associate Librarian	Reinstate position	12 (Library)	\$ 24,378	\$ 17,079	\$ 41,457
8	Library	Associate Librarian	Reinstate position	12 (Library)	\$ 24,378	\$ 17,079	\$ 41,457
9	Library	Librarian	Reinstate position	15 (Library)	\$ 59,717	\$ 22,398	\$ 82,115
10						Total Library	\$ 202,931
11							
12	Municipal Court	Part Time Administrative Assistant	Increase Hours	5	\$ 5,745	\$ 830	\$ 6,575
13						Total Municipal Court	\$ 6,575
14							
15	Parks/Rec/Forestry/Fac.	Inclusive Recreation Coordinator	New Position	6	\$ 49,173	\$ 20,811	\$ 69,984
16	Parks/Rec/Forestry/Fac.	Certified Arborist*	Position Reclass	8	\$ 16,182	\$ 2,435	\$ 18,617
17	<i>*NOTE: Reclass of current Arborist to a Certified Arborist</i>					Total Parks/Rec/Forestry/Facilities	\$ 88,601
18							
19	Public Works	Public Works Locator & Code Enforcement Technician	New Position	7	\$ 52,618	\$ 21,328	\$ 73,946
20						Total Public Works	\$ 73,946
21							
22	Police	Animal Control Specialist**	New Position	7	\$ 52,618	\$ 21,328	\$ 73,946
23	<i>**NOTE: Cost of position is completely offset by cost savings and would have no effect on the levy.</i>					Total Police	\$ 73,946
24							
25							
26						Net New Position Cost to General Government	\$ 542,775
27							
28	Enterprise Funds						
29	Sanitary Sewer	Equipment Operator II	Addition to FTE Count	6	\$ 49,173	\$ 20,140	\$ 69,313
30	Sanitary Sewer	Waste Water Mechanic II	Addition to FTE Count	7	\$ 52,618	\$ 21,328	\$ 73,946
31						Total Sanitary Sewer	\$ 143,259
32	Transit	Service Worker (Part Time)	Addition to FTE Count	329 (Transit)	\$ 21,705	\$ 1,661	\$ 23,366
33						Total Transit	\$ 23,366
34							
35						Total Enterprise Funds Cost	\$ 166,625

Budget Highlights and Assumptions

➤ Revenues

- \$2.5 Million of ARPA Lost Revenue Funds utilized
- \$1.67 Million of Fund Balance use due to receipt of \$1.8 Million TIF Developer payment
- (\$1 Million) Forfeiture of the state expenditure restraint program aid of approximately \$1 million

➤ Expenses

- An estimate has been budgeted for the increase to wages resulting from the pay and class study recommendations
- A 3% Cost of Living Adjustment for Non-Represented Employees effective 1/1/23 is built into the budget
- A step increase for employees has been included effective 7/1/23
- A 1% Vacancy allowance for all positions based on historical experience
- Collective bargaining agreement salary increase for the Police and Fire unions
 - Fire – 2% increase effective 1/6/23, 1% increase effective 7/7/23
 - Police – 1% increase effective 1/6/23, 2% increase effective 9/1/23
- Any requests of adjustments to the Authorized FTE List have not been included in the budget
- Reduction to Streets budget of \$252,954 by shifting funding of street capital projects from operating funds to capital funds

➤ Operating Budget Constraints

- A net new construction figure of \$360,453, the amount the City is allowed to increase the levy by and is proposing to utilize the full amount
- 7% was used for the allowable percentage increase for expenditures based on Consumer Price Index. This allows for an increase of expenditures of \$4.2 Million to participate in the Expenditure Restraint Program for 2023 an increase of \$1.04 Million (1.54%) is being proposed

Mill Rate Comparison

		Budget Year		Year over Year Tax \$ Impact	Year over Year % change
		2023	2022		
		2022 Tax Yr	2021 Tax Yr		
1	Operating Levy excl. TID	\$ 29,848,413	\$ 29,678,892	\$ 169,521	0.57%
2	Capital Debt Levy	7,450,000	7,240,551	209,449	2.89%
3	City Assessed Value	4,736,027,200	3,926,175,600	809,851,600	20.63%
4	Mill Rate for Operating & Debt Levy	0.0078754643	0.0094034110	(0.001527947)	(16.25%)
5					
6	Total Levy calculation for Operations, TIDs and Capital Debt:				
7	Operating Levy incl. TID	\$ 34,210,735	\$ 35,302,543	\$ (1,091,808)	(3.09%)
8	Capital Debt Levy	7,450,000	7,240,551	209,449	2.89%
9	City Assessed Value	4,736,027,200	3,926,175,600	809,851,600	20.63%
10	Mill Rate for Total City Levy Amount	0.0087965574	0.0108357594	(0.002039202)	(18.82%)
11					
12	Real Estate Residential Tax Estimate	2022 Tax Year	2021 Tax Year	Year over Year Tax \$ Impact	Year over Year % change
13	Property Taxes on \$150,000 Home	\$ 1,319.48	\$ 1,625.36	\$ (305.88)	(18.82%)

City of La Crosse
2023 Operating Budget Preliminary Estimate
6/28/2022

1	2022 Adopted Operating Expenses:	\$	67,590,127	2022 Operating Budget-Pg 5
2	Estimated Expense Adjustments for 2023:			
3	Projected Salary & Benefit Increase for Non-represented Employees		250,000	Annual merit (step) increases & related benefits
4	Across the Board pay adjustments		1,008,540	Possible 3% cost of living adjustment if budget allows
5	Projected Salary & Benefit Increase for Union Employees		208,285	Fire 1%, Police 3% (1% increase Jan 1, 2% increase Sept 2)
6	Pay & Class Compensation Study		TBD	Provision for resulting grade changes
7	Waste & Recycling Contract CPI Adjustment		58,626	3% CPI increase and 2% increase yard waste/brush site staff
8	Wisconsin Retirement System Rate Adjustment		TBD	Proposed Non-Rep/Elected Officials 0.3% Increase, PD 1.2% increase, and FD 1.7% increase
9	Fuel		162,506	Increase in Gas Prices Diesel up 24% and Gas up 28%-contract pricing
10	Electricity		-	5% increase in rates for 2023, based on 2022 budget and actuals no increase in budget forecasted
11	Natural Gas		246,054	5% increase for 2023
12	Water		-	No increase for 2023
13	Sanitary Sewer		-	18.1% increase in rates for 2023, based on 2022 budget and actuals no increase in budget forecasted
14	Storm Water		-	No increase in rates for 2023
15	Property & Liability Insurance Premium Increases		68,565	5% increase to Property/Equip., Cyber Liability 100% increase, Auto/Crime 10% increase, & Workers Comp Insurance 7% increase
16	IT - Additional Software Purchases and Contract Increases		200,000	Office 365 implementation and software contract increases
17	Police Department 2022 One Time Expenses		(120,000)	\$20,000 Radio Batteries and \$100,000 County RMS Fee
18	Non Departmental 2022 One Time Expenses		(195,000)	ERP Implementation
19	Elections		(50,000)	Decreased for 2 less elections
20	Subtotal Estimated 2023 Expense Adjustments Increase/(Decrease)		1,837,576	2.72% Increase in Expenditures from 2022 budgeted (Row 1) to 2023 Estimated (Row 21)
21	Total 2023 Estimated General Fund Budget Expenses		69,427,703	Operating Expenses & Debt Service Expenses
22	* Expenditure Restraint Related Expenses			
23	2022 Adopted <u>Non-levy</u> Operating Revenues:		30,670,684	2022 Operating Budget-Pg 4
24	Estimated Revenue Adjustments for 2023:			
25	Forfeiture of Expenditure Restraint Program		(1,150,000)	Forfeiture of state aid for not participating in program for 2022 Budget
26	2022 One Time Revenues		(1,600,000)	One time revenues used to balance the 2022 Operating Budget
27	ARPA/Fund Balance		TBD	
28	Subtotal Estimated 2023 Revenue Adjustments Increase/(Decrease)		(2,750,000)	
29	Total 2023 Estimated General Fund Budget Revenues		27,920,684	
30	Estimated 2023 General Fund Net Levy	\$	41,507,019	Levy for Operating Expenses & Debt Service Payments

31	2022 Adopted City General Fund Levy (Excluding TID)	\$	36,919,443	
32	Net City Levy Excluding TID Increase/(Decrease) 2023 vs 2022		4,587,576	Difference Row 30 vs. Row 31
33	Estimated Allowable Net New Construction (NNC) Increase		412,153	Placeholder using 2022 NNC amount
34	Net City Levy Excluding TID Increase/(Decrease) 2023 vs 2022 including NNC	\$	4,175,423	Increase would represent 14.95% of 2023 Estimated Operating Revenues



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City of La Crosse
2023 Operating Budget
Budget Parameter Committee
June, 28th 2022
2:00 P.M.
Council Chambers (In Person/Virtual)

Members: Mayor Reynolds; Common Council President (Janssen); Finance & Personnel Committee Members (Janssen, Happel, Sleznikow, Kiel, Neumann, Schwarz); Board of Public Works President (Reynolds); Executive Committee (Richmond, Janssen, Kahlow, Happel, Reynolds)

- I. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (if necessary) & Election of Officers
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - b. Election of Officers
- II. 2023 Budget Estimates
 - a. Salary Increases
 - b. WRS Rates
 - c. Increase in Operating Expenses
 - i. New Position Requests/Position Reclassifications
 - d. Net New Construction Estimate
- III. Future Considerations
 - a. Stagnant operating revenues and the use of one-time revenues to support increased operating expenditures
- IV. Other Items for Discussion
 - a. Board of Estimates Meeting Dates
 - i. September 6th & 7th, 2022 (Sept 7th if necessary)
 - ii. October 10th & 11th, 2022 (Oct 11th if necessary)
 - iii. Room and time TBD

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24	Estimated Revenue Adjustments for 2023:		Estimated (Row 21)
25	Forfeiture of Expenditure Restraint Program	(1,150,000)	<i>Operating Expenses & Debt Service Expenses</i>
26	ARPA/Fund Balance	TBD	
27			
28	Subtotal Estimated 2023 Revenue Adjustments Increase/(Decrease)	(1,150,000)	
29	Total 2023 Estimated General Fund Budget Revenues	29,520,684	
30	Estimated 2023 General Fund Net Levy	\$ 39,838,454	Levy for Operating Expenses & Debt Service Payments

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33	Estimated Allowable Net New Construction (NNC) Increase	412,153	Placeholder using 2022 NNC amount
34	Net City Levy Excluding TID Increase/(Decrease) 2023 vs 2022 including NNC	\$ 2,506,858	Increase would represent 8.49% of 2023 Estimated Operating Revenues

MEMBERS PRESENT:		CP Janssen, Neumann, F&P Chair Happel, Schwarz, Keil, Sleznikow, Richmond Director Fenske Excused Mayor Reynolds,		
MOTION		DISCUSSION		
1	CALLED TO ORDER BY	CP Janssen @ 2:00		
2	ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON -	Mayor Reynolds	Happel	Neumann UNANIMOUS
3	ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON	CP Janssen	Happel	Neumann UNANIMOUS
4		Motion to approve minutes.	Happel	Janssen UNANIMOUS
5				
6	2022 OPERATING BUDGET DISCUSSION			
7				
8	Presentation by Director Fenske			
9		Overview of Preliminary 2022 Estimates		
10		- Explain Wisconsin Retirement System rates (WRS)		
11		- Reclassification and additions of positions requested by 9 departments		
12		Remind everyone that these are very preliminary numbers at this point		
13				
14	Happel	One time revenues, can we find more one time revenues? Carryover from		
15		2021 operating revenue		
16	Happel	- discuss one time revenue sources		
17		What is your level of comfort with rate increases and salary expenses		
18	Schwarz	- discuss steps we have already taken to review rates		
19		When did the assessed values change?		
20	Schwarz	- discuss when we should have preliminary numbers and affect that this		
21		helps to set our tax rate, what areas can we control and change vs. what		
22	Happel	we cannot related to assessed values		
23		Where will the ARPA funds come into play?		
24	Janssen	- we need to calculate how much we can apply with guidance from the		
25		Federal government and the ARPA program.		
26	Fenske	Estimated \$565,000 for new construction		
27	Neumann	The most positive situation in terms of levy, a higher assessment would be		
28		good for the City and keep the rate the same.		
29		When will we have more of those numbers?		
30	Happel	We typically have those amounts in the fall starting in September.		
31		Overview of the Operating budget flow		
32		Looking for clarification on how the levy comes up in relation		
33	Neumann			
34		motion to direct the Mayor to develop recommendations to bring to the		
35	Fenske	BOE	Happel	Neumann UNANIMOUS
36	Neumann	option one - no tax rate increase		
37		Mayor can bring back more than one option for budget recommendations		
38		How can the no tax rate increase help us?		
39		Option to hold down the tax rate and we owe it to the public to at least		
40		look at that option		
41		The levy limit on the estimated worksheet may not happen, we have not		
42		taken into the ERP limit or levy limit constraints		
43		Levy limits are set by the State?		
44		Yes, the State sets that calculation and we can add or remove to change our		
45		levy if we have the room to do so		
46		Starts with prior year levy, add net new construction, add remaining levy		
47		left over from last year, and debt expenditures		
48		ERP worksheet overview, State gives us the percentage we can grow our		
49		budget by.		
50		Where does our contingency fund fit in?		
51		A line item inside the GF budget, but it is set at \$300,000 currently		
52		Has contingency been used in past years and is that enough?		
53		Yes we have used it all in the past, We can re-examine the uses of how we		
54		have used contingency in the past and consider increasing.		
55		How can Council be kept up to speed with the budget between now and		
56		November 7th's worksheet and public meeting.		
57		Overview of Budget process and how tight our timelines are.		
58		we will not be 3.7 million in the now but not too much. Looking for		
59		Valerie to confirm and comment on how much work they have gone		
60		through. Council gets more engaged between the September and October		
61		meeting and even up to the November meeting.		
62		Yes it is what CM Happel stated, we provide variance levels for Council		
63		that we present and are able to ask questions on to receive answers.		
64		Would like to see Department Heads, Mayor come up with a way to not		
65		have property taxes go up.		
66		The Mayor can bring more than one option		UNANIMOUS
67				
68		Motion to adopt the BOE meeting dates	Schwarz	Sleznikow UNANIMOUS
69			Sleznikow	Schwarz UNANIMOUS
70		MEETING ADJORNED AT Slex, Schwartz		



CITY OF LA CROSSE

2023 OPERATING BUDGET

BOARD OF ESTIMATES & COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Common Council Chambers

Board of Estimates Work Sessions:

Department Budget Overview and Discussion of Budget Changes:

1:00pm - Tuesday, September 6, 2022

1:00pm - Wednesday, September 7, 2022 (if necessary)

Board of Estimates:

Discussion/Review/Finalization of Recommended Operating Budget:

1:00 p.m. Monday, October 10, 2022 – work session/adopt Board of Estimates recommended budget

1:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 11, 2022 (if necessary) – work session/adopt Board of Estimates recommended budget

Sunday, October 23, 2022 – publish proposed budget (Tribune requires copy by noon on October 16, 2022)

Common Council Operating Budget Discussion and Adoption:

City Hall - Council Chambers

6:00 P.M. Monday, November 14, 2022 – Public Hearing – Special Common Council Meeting to adopt budget

6:00 P.M. Tuesday, November 15, 2022 (if necessary) – Public Hearing – Special Common Council Meeting to adopt budget

The Board of Estimates may convene in closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1) (c) and (e), Wis. Stats., if compensation and bargaining sessions require a closed session. Following any closed session, the Board may reconvene in open session. The Board reserves the right to make minor adjustments to the above schedule.