

Resolution#14-R-23

Resolution Changing the Timeline for Budget Delivery to the Common Council

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Referred To: *Finance Committee*

Whereas the Appleton Common Council's most important responsibility is budget oversight and,

Whereas the Common Council's biggest opportunity for input in the direction of the city is through the budget process; and,

Whereas the deadline for the delivery of the City of Appleton executive budget lags behind that of many other municipalities in the state by as much as three weeks, giving the Common Council only a few weeks to review a budget and service plan for the community that is approaching \$200 million dollars and 700 pages in length, making significant policy decisions added within the budget extremely difficult to amend or change.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Appleton Common Council hereby amends the City of Appleton Code as follows:

Replace the first line under section 18-27 (a) "The Mayor shall submit an executive budget to the Common Council on or before the first Wednesday in October in each year," to say "The Mayor shall submit an executive budget to the Common Council on or before the third Wednesday in September in each year" and add the following sentence; "All city department heads will, as an informational item, present a preliminary budget overview to the assigned committee of jurisdiction each year at the 2nd committee meeting in the month of July, or the next regularly scheduled committee meeting."