

RESOLUTION R-25-14

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE METHOD OF AMENDING AND APROVING THE 2015 CITY OF MENASHA  
OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

Introduced by Alderman Benner

WHEREAS, it is desirous to provide a transparent process open and accessible to the residents and taxpayers of the City as well as the general public; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirous that ground rules be laid prior to the beginning of the budget discussion and approval; and,

WHEREAS, budget workshops are scheduled Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing regarding the budget is scheduled for Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following procedures be followed during the fore mentioned meetings to ensure maximum opportunity for public involvement and public awareness when pertaining to the 2015 City of Menasha Operating Budget and 2015 City of Menasha Capital Improvements Plan;

1. The 2015 City of Menasha Operating Budget and 2015 Capitol Improvements Plan as proposed by the mayor shall be posted on the City's website for public access before November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
2. All budget workshops shall be noticed as public meetings.
3. All budget workshops shall be videotaped and made available for viewing on cable TV and the City website.
4. All proposed amendments to the proposed Operating Budget or proposed Capital Improvements Plan shall be from a single category within a department's budget and be a minimum of \$1000.
5. Amendments by percentage, amendments to department budget totals, or amendments to fund totals are not germane, and will not be accepted.
6. All proposed amendments to department budgets shall be on the night scheduled for review, or the night of final approval. Amendments to budgets not scheduled and noticed to be discussed are not germane, and will not be accepted.
7. All proposed amendments to be taken up the night of approval shall be submitted to the clerk's office by noon on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 so that they can be included on the November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014, agenda for the public to review.
8. Proposed amendments may be introduced on the floor the night of November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014; however, if such amendments are approved the final approval of the Operating Budget and proposed Capital Improvements Plan shall be postponed until November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to allow for ample time for the residents and taxpayers of the City as well as the general public to be informed of the pending change before final passage.

Passed and approved this        day of October, 2014.

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Donald Merkes, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah A. Galeazzi, City Clerk