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## INFORMATION RELEASE

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### **Juneau Assembly & city staff begin multi-week budget process tonight *CBJ budget webpage makes it easy for public to follow along***

Tonight kicks off a multi-week process that will determine the City and Borough of Juneau's budget for fiscal year 2018, which starts this July 1 and ends next June 30.

City Manager Rorie Watt will present the preliminary FY18 budget during a [Special Juneau Assembly meeting](#) at 5:30 p.m., followed by an [Assembly Finance Committee meeting](#) at 6:30 in City Hall Assembly Chambers. The preliminary budget includes the CBJ operating budget, the Juneau School District general operating budget, capital improvement projects, and the property tax mill levy rate. It's up to the Juneau Assembly to review the budget over the next several weeks and adopt a final budget.

The preliminary budget totals about \$331 million. That includes about \$87 million for the Juneau School District and roughly \$29 million for capital improvement projects. The rest goes to general government departments and enterprise organizations.

Going into this budget cycle, CBJ needs to address a \$1.9 million revenue shortfall. City staff is proposing to take \$1.4 million from savings and to come up with \$500,000 in efficiencies or reductions. The [Priority Driven Budget](#) process, which allowed community members to prioritize CBJ services and programs, will factor into these decisions.

The [Finance Committee is scheduled to meet every Wednesday](#) through May 17. The public can comment on the budget at a public hearing during a Special Assembly Meeting on April 26 at 5 p.m.

The Assembly is also scheduled to make a preliminary decision on the Juneau School District budget funding during the April 26 Special Meeting and plans to adopt the school district's general operating budget at a Special Assembly Meeting on May 17. The Assembly is scheduled to adopt CBJ's operating budget, capital improvement projects, and the property tax mill levy rate during a Regular Assembly Meeting on June 5.

Follow along with the multi-week budget process on [CBJ's budget webpage](#), an easy-to-read resource for all things budget-related. The page features weekly updates posted after each Assembly Finance Committee meeting describing what happened and what's coming up at the next meeting.

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