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# NEWS RELEASE

## City staff invite residents to share ideas for the 2023 budget at two upcoming town hall meetings

**Durango, CO:** As the city begins its budgeting process for 2023, two town hall meetings are planned on June 15 and July 27, at City Council Chambers from 5:30p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for residents to share their ideas for next year's budget with staff.

The meeting will begin with a brief introduction on how the budget works. This overview will provide an explanation of the city's various funds and how the money in those funds can be spent.

City staff will then take a poll from residents in attendance to gauge how the community would like to see the city prioritize its funds for 2023. Residents will be able to ask questions and make comments about the upcoming budget to city staff toward the end of the meeting.

"This information and feedback from the community is helpful for us to know what their priorities are, and where they want to see the city spend its dollars," said Budget and Strategic Plan Officer Devon Schmidt. "That feedback will be shared with the departments and shared with council."

For a short video overview of the 2022 budget produced by the city during the 2022 budget cycle [click here](#). For up-to-date information on the city's 2022 budget check out the city's financial transparency tool [Open Gov](#).

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