

City of Bogata

City Council Budget Workshop Agenda

Date: Monday, February 16, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Bogata Community Center

1. Call to Order

Action: Mayor to call the meeting to order

2. Roll Call

Action: Call roll and establish quorum

3. Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation (if applicable)

Action: As designated by Mayor

4. Statement of Purpose

Action: Mayor to explain purpose of the budget workshop

Note: Workshop is for discussion and direction; no final budget adoption will occur.

5. Public Comment on the Proposed Budget

6. Next Steps in the Budget Adoption Process

Action: To outline next meetings and deadlines

Possible Motion:

Motion to set the date and time for the public hearing and budget adoption meeting.

8. Adjournment

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City Secretary, City of Bogata



City of Bogata

Budget Workshop

February 16, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Bogata Community Center

Called to Order: 6:13 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The workshop was called to order at 6:13 p.m.

Council Members Present:

- Chris Kennedy
- Dakota Ross
- Teresa Allison
- Mayor Hinsley
- Cecil “Tex” Loftin

Absent:

- Councilperson Melissa Kirby (not present at time of roll; final attendance to be confirmed at end of session) Melissa Kirby was absent from this meeting.

A quorum was noted, though not required for a workshop.

2. Pledge and Prayer

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

An opening prayer was given asking for wisdom and guidance regarding the city budget.

3. Budget Review and Discussion

A. Police Department Vehicle Lease (Line 6581)

- The vehicle lease line item was removed per prior discussion.
 - Line 6581 was zeroed out.
 - Funds previously budgeted (~\$27,000) were returned to general surplus.
 - Council discussed that showing the lease amount in the budget may obligate the city contractually.
 - Awaiting further direction from Hamilton regarding lease resolution.
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B. Police Department Payroll (Line 6565)

- Originally budgeted for three officers.
 - Reduced to two officers to reduce payroll expenses.
 - Adjustment made to allow financial flexibility during the year.
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C. Water Loan (Line 3406)

- Approximately \$63,000 listed for annual water loan.
 - Revenue from \$10 monthly water fee generates approx. \$5,600 per month.
 - Slight variance between collected amount and payment amount provides a buffer.
 - Loan runs through approximately 2032.
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D. Community Center / Park Repairs

Discussion included:

- Gym access and security concerns.
- Bathroom damage and leak issues.
- Structural concerns including grading and drainage.
- Possible insurance claim through TML.
- Potential awning replacement (prior similar work cost between \$7,000–\$10,000).
- Need for three bids on major work.
- Conflict of interest procedures reviewed regarding family contractors.

(Mayor redirected discussion back to budget focus.)

4. Fire Department Debt Repayment

Background:

- Approximately \$102,800 withdrawn early from Fire Department funds.
- Additional ~\$40,000 related to savings account transfers.
- Total estimated debt: approximately \$142,000.
- Hamilton advised listing debts formally in the budget.

Initial Proposal:

- \$4,250/month for 24 months (rejected as too aggressive).

Revised Discussion:

Several repayment options considered:

Term	Monthly Payment	Notes
3 years	~\$2,800	Considered more manageable
4 years	~\$2,125	Lower strain
Rounded Plan	\$3,000/month	Preferred option

Final Workshop Consensus:

- **\$3,000 per month total repayment**
- Structured as:
 - \$1,000/month toward \$40,000 portion (Line 4532)
 - \$2,000/month toward \$102,800 portion
- Estimated payoff timeline: just under 4 years (~48 months)
- Continue existing \$625/month fire truck contribution
- If surplus funds exist at end of budget year, council may amend budget to apply extra toward debt.

Structural Changes:

- Move Fire Department repayment items from “Expense” to clearly labeled “Debt” section.
- Separate debt listings for transparency.
- Ensure compliance with Hamilton’s recommendations.

5. Budget Publication & Transparency

- Paper copies to be available at public meetings.
- Budget to be posted online.
- Suggested public copies at meetings similar to other cities.
- Budget amendments may be made during the year as needed.

6. Next Steps

- Budget revisions to be finalized and sent to Hamilton for review.
- Public Hearing to be scheduled.

Proposed Public Meeting:

- **February 26, 2026**
- 7:00 p.m.
- Called meeting (requires 4 members present).
- Agenda to include remote participation notice if needed.

7. Key Financial Principles Agreed Upon

- Repay Fire Department debt responsibly.
- Avoid draining city reserves.
- Maintain operational stability.
- Keep flexibility for emergencies (water plant, infrastructure, etc.).
- Amend budget later if surplus allows accelerated repayment.
- Here is the properly formatted entry to add to your minutes:

Adjournment

- At 7:20 p.m., Cecil “Tex” Loftin made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Teresa Allison.
- The motion carried unanimously.

Approval & Signatures

These minutes were reviewed and approved by the City Council of the City of Bogata on the 17 day of March, 2026.

Larry Hinsley, Mayor
City of Bogata

