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Hi Karen:

You requested confirmation on the time frame for action by the city council on the city's annual budget as submitted by the mayor. In my opinion, pursuant to MGL c. 44, s. 32, the 45-day period for the city council to act by "either by approving, reducing or rejecting" any amount recommended in the budget runs through Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

As you know, the city council has 45 days from receipt of the annual budget to act on any amount recommended by the mayor. MGL c. 44, s. 32. The mayor submitted the annual budget to the city council on May 4, 2023. The city council received the budget on the same date, via the office of the city clerk. Pursuant to MGL c. 4, s. 9, when the last day for the performance of any act authorized by statute falls on Sunday or a legal holiday, it may be performed on the next succeeding business day. Accordingly, Tuesday, June 20, 2023 is the last day for city council action for purposes of the above-referenced 45-day period, as the last day would fall on a Sunday (6/18) and Monday (6/19) is a legal holiday as defined in MGL c. 4, s. 7(18).

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Thanks,  
-Jason

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