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Subject: Agenda item 9.5.1 2023 City Council and Committee Meeting Schedule

Meeting (if known): REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL - Monday, October 31, 2022

Comments:

I support the move to allow more time to review agendas before meetings and to move City Council Regular Meetings to 9:30am.

Allowing additional time for reviewing agendas is an advantage to the public and participants. However, scheduling four SPC meetings in one week is information overload. Every effort should be made to avoid this.

Perhaps someone could speak to the scheduling of quarterly Special/Joint GPC meetings. Is it necessary to schedule them since they may be called whenever requested by the Mayor or majority of all councillors? By removing these scheduled meetings from Option 4, the SPC meetings could be spread over two weeks instead of all

on one week in June and September.

I understand that holding a GPC meeting at 9:30am on a Wednesday could affect the release of the agenda at 4:00pm on that same Wednesday for the Regular Meeting the following week. This could be resolved by publishing the agenda with "GPC agenda items will be forthcoming." I have seen this wording occasionally on agendas. The GPC items could then be updated as soon as possible without affecting the regular agenda release time. By doing this for Option 4, the SPC meetings could be spread over two weeks instead of all on one week in October and November.

On August 30, 2021, I was scheduled to speak to the third agenda item at the Regular Meeting. The meeting started at 1:00pm. The first item was on mandatory vaccine policies and that took almost 5 hours. This item was interrupted by the scheduled Public Meeting at 6:00pm. I didn't actually speak to my item until 8:30pm. A situation like this could be avoided by moving the Regular Meeting time to 9:30am.

Finally, I would support a submission deadline for EXISTING agenda items of 4:00pm on the day before the meeting. Currently, I don't believe that the day-of deadline is considerate of the time required for Administration to prepare the addendum and updated agenda. The current deadline for NEW issues (items not already on the agenda) of noon on the Tuesday of the week preceding the meeting is reasonable. Please confirm the deadline for submitting a video for meetings. Right now, 72 hours is required for vetting. A video for a Monday meeting needs to be submitted on the preceding Friday (makes sense considering the weekend). Will that still be the case when meetings are on Wednesdays?

Thank you,
Sherry Tarasoff

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No