

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS DECEMBER 5, 2017

- Review letters from Planning Commission, Board of Public Utilities, and Blumenthal/Loveridge
- Vetting process before proceeding with hearing
 - Vet out frivolous complaints
 - Complaint process has been weaponized
- Cross-examinations are more judicial than other boards/commissions
- If process is more judicial, lawyers are needed
 - Witnesses, cross examination, subpoenas – that's a court
- Cross-examinations and dialogue are confrontational
- Final annual report to City Council:
 - Clarify that City Manager is "transmitting party" for report from Governmental Affairs Committee to City Council, not a recommending party
 - Determine if City Manager is proper person to transmit final report to City Council
 - Consider Board of Ethics direct transmittal of report to City Council (without going through Governmental Affairs Committee)
- Define and lay out process for rebuttal
- Establish time limit for presentation of evidence
- When documentation is voluminous, reference relevant parts
- Expense for processing is too high
- Written reply by public official should be optional
- Hearings are too long
- Interaction between hearing panel and parties is too informal
- City Council is anxious to receive recommendations (first meeting in March)
- Points in Blumenthal/Loveridge letter are spot on!