

CITY COUNCIL MEETING FREQUENCY - UPDATE

City Council- Office of Council Member Jim Perry, Ward 6

Safety, Wellness and Youth Committee Meeting July 15, 2020

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BACKGROUND

- On April 9, 2019, City Council presented and introduced an ordinance amending Section 2.01.010 of the Riverside Municipal Code setting regular City Council Meetings.
- Pursuant to the ordinance, City Council meetings will be scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each calendar month on a yearly basis. Afternoon session times will be at the discretion of the Agenda Conference members. Evening session start times will commence at 6:15 pm.
- Further, no City Council meetings will be held on the Tuesday after a Monday City holiday.



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BACKGROUND

- On April 23rd, the adoption of the ordinance was pulled from the consent calendar for further discussion.
- Following further discussion, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 7464 amending Section 2.04.010 of the Riverside Municipal Code revising the meeting schedule of the City Council reducing regular meetings from Four (4) per month to the first and third Tuesdays of each month with no meeting held on any Tuesday immediately following a City observed holiday occurring on a Monday.



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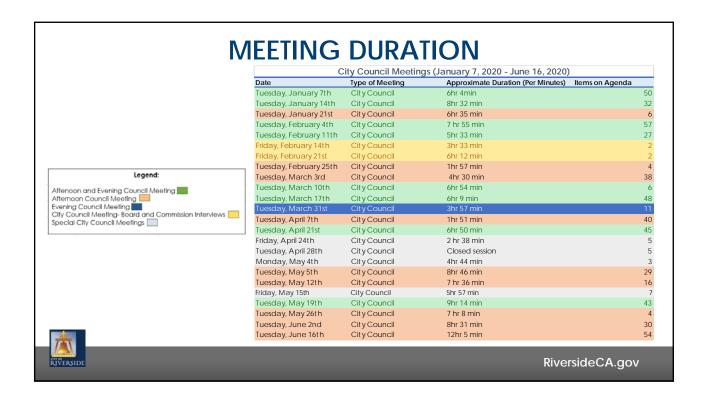
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DISCUSSION

- There are Pros/Cons to the current meeting schedule.
- The following slides highlight the length of recent City Council Meetings as well as options for the potential schedule, frequency and conduct of future City Council meetings.
- Some options allow more accessibility to the City Council and City staff.
- It is requested that the Safety, Wellness and Youth Committee consider the
 options provided, or discuss options of their own, and provide direction to
 staff on what would work best for the City Council and the residents of the
 City of Riverside.



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OPTION 1

- City Council meetings will continue to be scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each calendar month on a yearly basis.
- No City Council meetings will be held on the Tuesday following a Monday city holiday.
- City Council meetings scheduled for the months of July and August will continue to be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday.



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OPTION 2

- City Council meetings will be scheduled for each Tuesday of the month.
- No City Council meetings will be scheduled on the 5th Tuesday of the month.
- No City Council meetings will be held on the Tuesday following a Monday city holiday.
- City Council meetings scheduled for the month of July and August will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday.
- Individual City Council meetings lacking agenda items can be cancelled.



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OPTION 3

 Same as Option 2, except the 3rd meeting of each month will be reserved for a City Council workshop and study sessions.



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OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Limit Mayor/Council Member communications to 3 minutes.
- Limit each item on the presentation portion of the agenda to a maximum of 5 minutes.
- Institute hard stop times for evening meetings.
- All evening Council meetings will continue to start at 6:15 pm.
- Afternoon session start times will continue to be at the discretion of the Agenda Conference members.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Safety, Wellness and Youth Committee:

- Receive and file this update on City Council meeting regularity; and
- 2. Consider meeting schedule, frequency, and other logistical options for future City Council meetings and provide direction to staff.



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