

September 17, 2019 E.3 Streamlining of City Council Meetings

Mayor and Councilmembers,

I can understand the need to streamline meetings but I do have some concerns.

Recommendation # 3 I'm concerned about Council having time to get dinner between the Closed and Public Sessions.

Recommendation # 4 I strongly support the using of the mute button on the microphone if comments go more than 2 minutes past the time limit. The same should be the case for the applicant's presentations.

Recommendation # 5 It seems there are far too many Ceremonial/Presentation Items. Please shorten the anything that is to be read aloud.

Recommendation # 9 Staff would love to not have the public know and ask questions about some issues. I'm concerned about potentially controversial issues being slipped through on consent. Previous Council has done this on purpose.

Recommendation # 11 This is a really good recommendation. Don't let members of the applicant's team, architect, attorney, engineer, etc., each have additional 2 minutes.

Recommendation # 12 Eliminating PowerPoint presentations would be a big improvement. They have occasionally included something staff shouldn't have included which was much appreciated but little real information is provided most of the time..

Recommendation # 15 I have no problem with wanting to keep an item from going on for a long time because Council can't keep comments concise. There is however no need to unreasonably burden the public by having them return at another time. I suggest that there could be a reminder after 30 minutes to keep the comments short. There is no need to do more than that.

Recommendation # 18 It seems this is already being done.

I strongly support Recommendations # 8, 12, 13, 14, 16, and 17.

Barbara