

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: David Chanski, City Administrator
RE: Discussion on Council Committees
DATE: September 5, 2023



Background

The City Council has two sub-committees: Personnel & Finance and Safety & Public Works. The Personnel & Finance Committee (P&F) is comprised of Councilmembers Brad Scott and Rebecca Ball. The Safety & Public Works Committee (SPW) is made up of Councilmembers Brad Scott and Michael Moroni. In 2023, P&F has met one time, and SPW has not met. The primary reasons these committees having not met are either a lack of items to discuss, the desire from the Council to discuss topics as a whole, or committee member availability.

These committees are advisory in nature, and there is nothing in the City Code that defines, describes, or governs the organization of these committees, when they meet, or what issues should be brought before them. As a result, how they are used has varied from city council to city council.

One thing that the current City Council has done that has differed from previous city councils is hold regular workshops, and staff has received multiple comments from the majority of the councilmembers that they enjoy working through issues as an entire body in a workshop format. During the August 15 workshop, this was even brought up by Councilmember Ball, and there seemed to be consensus from the three other councilmembers present that they want to move away from council committees and toward standing workshops.

As he was not present for that discussion, Councilmember Scott has requested clarification from the City Council.