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Council Meetings Discussion

October 12, 2021

Length of Council Meetings

2008 Analysis:

(4 Business Meetings Monthly)

Held a total of 43 Meetings

Length of meetings range from 40 minutes to 5 hours and 2 minutes.

Average length of meetings:
3 hours 11 minutes

Length of Council Meetings

2013 Analysis:

(2 Business Meetings Monthly)

Held a total of 30 Meetings

Length of meetings range from 1 hour 40 minutes to 6 hours and 57 minutes.

Average length of meetings:
3.21 Hours

**A low of 1 hour
46 minutes to a
high of 4 hours
and 32 minutes**

**Average of 3
hours and 45
minutes/meeting**

**Monthly
2021 Council Meetings**

Length of Council Meetings in 2021

Month	2 nd Tuesday	4 th Tuesday	5 th Tuesday
January	2 hours 22 minutes (1 st Tuesday)	3 hrs. 11 minutes	
February	3 hours 7 minutes	2 hours 21 minutes	
March	4 hours 6 minutes	2 hours 7 minutes	4 hours 2 minutes
April	4 hours 14 minutes	4 hours 32 minutes	
May	3 hours 46 minutes	2 hours 23 minutes	

Executive Sessions

Length of Council Meetings in 2021

Month	2 nd Tuesday	4 th Tuesday	5 th Tuesday
June	4 hours 20 minutes	1 hour 46 minutes (3 rd Tuesday)	4 hours 5 minutes (4 th Tuesday)
July	3 hours 46 minutes	3 hours 57 minutes	
August	3 hours 16 minutes	3 hours 36 minutes	3 hours 59 minutes
September	4 hours 6 minutes	3 hours 39 minutes	

Mayor's Agenda

Mayor's Agenda lasted from a low of 9 minutes to a high of 2 hours 14 minutes

Average of 41 minutes/meeting

City Attorney's Agenda

City Attorney's Agenda lasted from a low of 2 minutes to a high of 2 hours 20 minutes.

Average of 35
minutes/meeting

Public Agenda

**Public Agenda lasted
from a low of 7 minutes
to a high of 56 minutes.**

**Average of 17
minutes/meeting**

City Manager's Agenda

City Manager's Agenda lasted from a low of 3 minutes to a high of 3 hours 40 minutes

Average of 1.7 hours/meeting

Clerk of Council's Agenda

- **Averages 8 minutes per meeting**

Business Handled on Each Agenda

Mayor's Agenda

- Proclamations
- Public Announcements
- Community Concerns
- Internal Audit/Requests/Reports
- Other

City Attorney's Agenda

- Legislative and Legal matters pertaining to the CCG
- Ordinances
- Resolutions
- Other

Public Agenda

- Announcements
- Civic Concerns
- Issues related to Agenda Items
- Other

Business Handled on Each Agenda

City Manager's Agenda

- Responsible for day to day ongoing City Operations including, but not limited to all budgetary matters
- Other

Clerk of Council's Agenda

- Responsible to maintaining the minutes of the council meeting; maintaining data on Boards, Commissions, Committees and Authorities
- Other

Issues that May Create Lengthy Meetings

- **Mayor's Agenda:** Invite Organizations to present projects and/or concerns to the CCG
Lengthy Internal Audit Reports
- **City Attorney's Agenda:** Zoning Matters or 1st Reading Matters; Executive Sessions
- **Public Agenda:** Long dialogue takes place as a result of issue brought forward by citizen

Issues that May Create Lengthy Meetings

City Manager's Agenda	Clerk of Council's Agenda
Presentations and Updates to keep the Mayor, Council and the Public informed on matters that affect how taxpayer dollars are spent while ensuring full transparency	No issues

Summary/Conclusion

Monthly Meetings

2021	2013	2008
Avg. 3 Hours 45 Minutes	Avg. 3 Hours 21 Minutes	Avg. 3 Hours and 11 Minutes

No Change in Average Meeting Time



Questions?