



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ACTION FORM

AGENDA DATE:	03/08/2022		
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Discussion, consideration, and possible action on amending both the Procedures for Placing an Item on the Agenda and the City Council Meeting Date Resolution.		
PREPARED BY:	Mayor Douglas	DATE SUBMITTED:	03/01/2022
EXHIBITS:	Resolution Adopting Amended Procedures for Placing an Item on the Agenda; Proposed Amended City Council Meeting Date Resolution		
BUDGETARY IMPACT:	Required Expenditure:		\$00.00
	Amount Budgeted:		\$00.00
	Appropriation Required:		\$00.00
CITY ADMINISTRATOR APPROVAL:			
SUMMARY:	<p>Our late night Council meetings reduce transparency, because many in the public don't have the time or interest to devote 5 or 6 hours to watching or listening to the meetings. Knowing that the last meeting would likely be a long one, in the agenda I called for a 15 minute time limit on the consultants' Comprehensive Plan presentations (15 minutes total for their presentation and for answering Council questions) and staff notified the consultants about this format in advance so they could prepare accordingly. Instead of 15 minutes, about 45 minutes was devoted to each consultant. So, time limits don't seem to be the right tool for managing our meetings. It has been observed that much time in our meetings is being consumed by non-actionable items. This wasn't the case when the Mayor and staff had more authority in managing meeting agendas. Short of restoring that authority, perhaps a better way to bring our Council meetings back to a more manageable length would be to have two meetings each month, with the first being devoted to actionable items and the second to non-actionable items--that way the public can hone in on the first meeting and stay informed about what the Council is doing. To accomplish this, in our Procedures for Placing an Item on the Agenda the Mayor could be given the authority to decide at which meeting any particular agenda item is taken up. To prevent excessive delays, that authority could be limited to deciding at which of the next two regularly scheduled meetings an agenda item would be taken up.</p>		
RECOMMENDED ACTION:			
	Moved to adopt the amended document as presented		