

## **City Council Agendas**

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Pat Rice <pat.rice@ci.stevenson.wa.us> To: Leana Kinley <leana@ci.stevenson.wa.us> Cc: Scott Anderson <scott.anderson@ci.stevenson.wa.us> Mon, Mar 11, 2024 at 8:22 AM

Leana,

In a March 5th email to me (see attached) you said that you review upcoming city council agendas with Department Heads once a week. You have also stated that you review upcoming agenda topics with the Mayor many times as you formulate and put it together.

As a city council member, I too would like to be involved as we formulate and put together the "city council" agenda. I can either attend your Department Head meetings, or I can sit down with either you or Scott once a week to go over the upcoming agenda. Please let me know what would work best for you.

Thank you.

Pat Rice

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Leana Kinley <leana@ci.stevenson.wa.us> To: Pat Rice <pat.rice@ci.stevenson.wa.us> Cc: Scott Anderson <scott.anderson@ci.stevenson.wa.us> Mon, Mar 11, 2024 at 10:39 AM

Pat,

I will add this as an agenda item to see if the council would like to create an agenda committee as outlined in the rules of procedure and appoint members to that committee. I was going to start to put out a list of items for future agendas in the packet under Issues for Next Meeting to let the council know what is coming up and what staff is working on.

Thanks,

Leana Kinley, EMPA, CMC

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**Pat Rice** <pat.rice@ci.stevenson.wa.us> To: Leana Kinley <leana@ci.stevenson.wa.us> Mon, Mar 11, 2024 at 10:58 AM

Leana,

Please tell me <u>as of now</u> what you know for sure will be on the next city council agenda. And if you do that after every meeting with Department Heads, that will satisfy my needs. And yes, I do think I should be meeting with you and/or Scott regularly. Let's set that up. Thank you. Pat

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Leana,

<u>I do not think it is appropriate to take up council time with an item like this.</u> I think you are missing the point of my email. I realize I could perhaps have stated it better. I simply am advocating better communication between staff and council members like myself, so that we have more advance notice of agenda items.

It is clear that staff spend a lot of time each week discussing among themselves what should be on the next council agenda. It makes sense that once it is determined that something will indeed be on the city council's agenda, that you have a means to then immediately alert council members of these agenda items. Just as the staff requires time and thought to prepare for council meetings, so do the city council decision makers.

We do not need another "committee" to simply have the better communication that I advocate. The council has important matters and decisions before it. We can improve communications without bogging the council down with what should ordinarily be routine matters easily handled by staff (*such as better and more immediate communication as to upcoming agenda items*). And council members like myself already have a right to put items on our own council agenda, so we clearly don't need a "committee" for that.

Pat Rice [Quoted text hidden]