



Additional Information: Thursday Scheduling

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Good Afternoon,

Regarding the process used for scheduling legislative items and implications from your comments, I did want to take a moment to provide some additional information. Unfortunately I had to work on Friday and was not available to clarify before Nolan's deadline.

The process for scheduling items for a workshop discussion before the Council has dramatically changed from 2024 to 2025. One of the benefits of separating the executive and legislative branches is that we are able to be more efficient in our scheduling. These changes occurred in January 2025. Staff or members of the Council initiate requests for Council consideration at Committees or the body. Scheduling meetings are then held with staff and Council leadership to work through the logistics of upcoming meetings.

We received a staff request to schedule a workshop discussion to begin the process of publicly reviewing the item scheduled for Thursday. We have been constrained by our summer schedule; 2nd and 4th Thursdays are the days we have reserved for our full Council workshop days – this was put into place in early February. My best recollection is that this item was scheduled prior to the start of the summer schedule. So your implication that by scheduling this public meeting, I am somehow acting in the best interest of anyone but the public - is unfounded. I believe this was an important email to send because trust in government is at a low so I want to be very proactive and transparent.

Although we do not currently have another meeting scheduled for the Thursday item, Councilmembers could determine they need additional information and require additional time to deliberate/consider the item (and another workshop could be scheduled) or members may determine they would like to send this forward to public hearing (1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6pm). Either way, this Thursday starts the public review process for the Council.

I believe it is also appropriate to provide a copy of a relevant ordinance that essentially stops the clock for annexations and zoning changes in September.

I have attempted to keep my comments very narrow to provide some additional information regarding the process but included our attorney if she feels we must submit this as part of the ex parte record.

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