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Hello Clerk's Office!

Am attaching my comment as a PDF this time, instead of putting it into the body of the email. Am hoping the formatting will come through a little better this way.

Thanks,
John Hinds

9/13/2022

Dear Council,

In Chapter 3, section L, the changes to "Components of a Regular Meeting" remove the Public's option to "pull" items from the Consent Calendar.

In case this change was intended as a way to save time in meetings, I have gathered timings from the last 10 regular Council meetings (May 3 - Sep 6), to see how long the Consent Calendar has actually been taking.

Results are summarized below.

| Average of last 10 Meetings | Minutes |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Intro, Opportunity to Pull Items | 1.2 |
| Approval of Initial Batch | 1.2 |
| Pulled by Public: Comments, Votes | 3.0 |
| Pulled by Council: Comments, Votes | 1.9 |
| Total Consent Calendar | 7.2 |

The proposed change could save some fraction of the 3.0 minutes for comments / votes on items pulled by the Public, and could save some fraction of the 1.2 minutes in the Intro (since fewer people could pull items).

As you can see, the potential savings from this change is small. In comparison, over the same 10 meetings, Item 3, "Ceremonial Items", has been averaging 11.1 minutes. And the Consent Calendar covers actual legislative actions.

Historically, the City has respected the Public's judgment as to which items need to be called out. I would like to see this show of respect continue.

Thanks,
John Hinds