



# 2025-2026 Council and Committee Meeting Calendar Feedback

**City Council Meeting August 19, 2025  
Item 7.1**

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## Purpose

1. Publicly share the orientation schedule and meeting times. (October to December 2025).
2. Recommend principles to draft the 2026 Council and Committee Calendar.

*Note: The official meeting calendar is approved at the Inaugural Council Meeting of the 2025 - 2029 term.*

## October to December 2025

- Mandatory training requirements (MGA).
- Incorporated gathered feedback.
- Prepared a draft 2025 calendar and schedule including:
  - Council Meetings,
  - Training Sessions,
  - Information Sessions,
  - Experiential Learning Sessions and
  - Key Corporate Meetings.

# 2026 Calendar Principles (Recommended)

## 3 Week Meeting Rotation



## 2026 Calendar Principles (Recommended)

Change

### Meeting End Times

- Regularly scheduled meetings 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Provides an additional 30 minutes of meeting time.

No Change

### Civic Agency Reports

- Civic Agency appointment items, and annual work plans will be scheduled at non-regular meetings. (Week 3 - Monday)

No Change

### No Meetings - Thurs & Fri

- Thursdays - External organization /Corporate meetings.
- Fridays - Additional meeting days for holidays and other circumstances.

## 2026 Calendar Principles (Recommended)

Minor Change

### Recess Weeks

- Approximately 11 total recess weeks.
- Summer recess reduced by 1 week.

No Change

### Inclusion & Accessibility

- No meetings on statutory holidays and high holidays.
- Meetings during Ramadan will adjourn prior to 9:00 p.m.

## Other Considerations

### → **Agenda Review Committee**

Change

- Scheduled each Tuesday, for 15 minutes, from 8:45 - 9 a.m.

### → **One Agenda Review Committee Meeting per Quarter**

No Change

- Scheduled for one hour to include a 'Strategic Look Ahead' of upcoming reports.

### → **Less Frequent Standing Committees**

Change

- Two half day sessions scheduled on Monday for Weeks 2 or 3.

**Or**

- A full day scheduled on Monday for Weeks 2 or 3.

## Next Steps

- To ensure transparency for Council, Administration and the public a draft 2025-2026 Council and Committee calendar will be prepared (Sept16, 2025 Council agenda)
- Draft calendar is for information only
- Final calendar is approved at the inaugural organizational City Council meeting on October 29, 2025





# Thank you

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