

Agenda Item Prioritization and Motion Clean Up

Executive Committee

Recommendation

1. That Executive Committee recommend to City Council:
 - a. That the reports directed by the motions, outlined in Attachment 1 of the November 9, 2020, Office of the City Manager report OCM00155, return as memos to Council.
 - b. That the motions outlined in Attachment 2 of the November 9, 2020, Office of the City Manager report OCM00155, be rescinded.
2. That Administration include the recommendation from Part 1 as part of the Agenda Item Prioritization report OCM00172 returning to City Council on November 16, 2020.

Executive Summary

Currently, there are 43 reports scheduled for Executive Committee meetings between January and October 2021. In light of operational challenges due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response and reduced staff numbers, and to allow Council and Administration adequate time to address established priorities and other emerging issues, Administration recommends that the reports directed by the motions outlined in Attachment 1 return as memos, and that the motions outlined in Attachment 2 be rescinded.

Report

As part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Council cancelled most Standing Committee meetings scheduled between March and September 2020. On April 15, 2020, Council directed the City Manager to reschedule any motion initiated reports scheduled to return to Council or Committee in Q1, Q2 and Q3 of 2020. Standing Committees resumed their regular meeting schedule, as per the approved 2020 Council Calendar, on September 29, 2020.

Currently, there are 43 reports scheduled for Executive Committee meetings between January and October 2021; this includes reports initiated by Administration and those initiated by Council motion or Councillor inquiry. Administration undertook a prioritization exercise that categorized all reports scheduled for this period according to the following criteria:

- Tier 1: Necessary to advance an operational, strategic or legislative priority;
- Tier 2: Decisions that exceed the City Manager’s delegated authority;
- Tier 3: Information updates that do not require a decision by Committee; or
- Tier 4: Motions from previous Council terms or bylaws that have not been passed within one year of first reading

Based on this evaluation, Administration recommends that the motion outlined in Attachment 1 return as a memo, and that the motions outlined in Attachment 2 be rescinded. Allowing these motions to return to Committee as memos or be rescinded will ensure Council receives the information they are looking for while balancing constraints on staffing and financial resources.

Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

| Corporate Outcome(s): Conditions of Success | | | |
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| Outcome(s) | Measure(s) | Result(s) | Target(s) |
| Eliminate unnecessary agenda items | Redundant items removed from Council and Committee agendas | N/A | N/A |

Attachments

1. Motions Recommended to return as memos - Executive Committee
2. Motions Recommended to be Rescinded - Executive Committee

Others Reviewing this Report

- B. Andriachuk, City Solicitor