

LEGAL NOTE ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

To: Mayor Gavin Buckley

From: D. Michael Lyles, City Attorney

Date: April 13, 2020

Subject: O-5-20 City Council Meetings – Order of Business

This ordinance modifies Sections 2.16.010 and 2.16.030 of the City Code concerning the order of business for regular and special meetings of the City Council.

O-5-20 proposes to allocate "Petitions, reports and communications" and "public hearing" items to the Special council meetings so that the Regular council meetings are reserved for legislation and business items only.

This reorganization of the order of business is proposed so that the Council may accomplish the City's business in the most expeditious manner possible. The proposed legislation is legally sufficient in that the Mayor already controls the agenda for special meetings per the City Code and can add these items under that authority. However, once this passes, there will be less discretion in the setting of the Special Meetings agenda but only to the extent that the proposed items must always be listed.