



STAFF REPORT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

To: Mayor Gavin Buckley
From: David Jarrell, City Manager
Date: May 7, 2020
Subject: O-19-20: City Council Public Hearings

This ordinance will clarify the rules for scheduling public hearings before the City Council.

Section 2.16.180 of the City Code currently requires that a public hearing, for each ordinance and any resolution for which a Councilmember requests a public hearing, be held within 48 days following passage.

This section is proposed to be changed to require that public hearings be held “no later than the second City Council meeting” following its passage on first reading.

Additionally, the proposed ordinance stipulates that any ordinance introduced on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission, shall not be scheduled for City Council public hearing until findings and recommendations are issued by the Planning Commission, at which time a public hearing will be scheduled in accordance with applicable zoning code requirements.

For cases in which the City Council substantively amends an ordinance or resolution that has already had a public hearing, final action will be postponed until a second hearing is held. The requirement that the second public hearing be held no later than 48 days following the initial public hearing has been removed. The City Council determines whether an amendment is a substantive change by a majority vote in the affirmative. If the majority vote is in the affirmative, a second public meeting will be held at the next scheduled City Council meeting.

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