TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk
SUBJECT: SEE BELOW
DATE: July 28, 2017

SUBJECT: COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

RECOMMENDATION: As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on June 21, 2017, change the City Council’s meeting schedule for August through December 2017 where Council meetings, especially evening sessions, shall have a 12:00 AM curfew with continuance to be determined.
Memorandum

To: RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

From: Councilmember Chappie Jones
       Councilmember Dev Davis

Subject: COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Date: June 15, 2017

RECOMMENDATION

1. Change the City Council’s meeting schedule for August-December 2017 where Council meetings, especially evening sessions, shall have a 12:00 AM curfew with a continuance scheduled for Wednesday at 10:00 AM.
   a. If an item is to be continued until Wednesday, all public testimony will be heard Tuesday evening.
2. Move Open Forum, in both afternoon and evening meetings, to before the Consent Agenda.

BACKGROUND

While it is important for us to continue to have our land-use items heard in the evenings, it also does not serve the public, staff, or ourselves to make important decisions after midnight. Continuing the hearing until the next day at 10:00 AM will allow for the Council to make timely decisions, but also assure that there will be appropriate discussion. The Council should take all public testimony before an item is continued in order to ensure that citizens would not have to wait through an entire meeting without the opportunity to testify.

By having our Open Forum scheduled at the end of meetings, individuals looking to speak to the Council about issues not on the agenda are forced to wait for many hours and sometimes until very late at night to be heard. Moving this item to the beginning of the agenda will make it easier for citizens to testify.