

Item 7 - City Council Legislative Systems Redesign, Including Strengthening the Committee System to Provide More In-Depth Review and Vetting of Major Items

SUMMARY AND POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Recent Efforts

March 2019: Policy Committees Start Meeting

May 11, 2019: Initial Council Discussion on Systems Realignment

October 21, 2019: Council Discussion on Systems Realignment

May 18, 2021: Council Discussion of Staff Realignment Proposal

October 10, 2023: Council Discussion of Hahn-Authored Realignment Proposal

Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2024: Hahn Realignment Proposal Refined and Revised at Agenda & Rules

Sept. 24, 2024: Council Discussion of Revised Hahn Proposal (Supplemental Materials from Councilmember Kesarwani referred to Agenda & Rules)

Current Legislative Process

Submit Items

Policy Committee Review

Council Consideration/Adoption

Referrals Added to RRV List

Annual Prioritization

Budget Process

Implementation

New Baseline

What is the problem we are trying to fix?

Too many Council items/referrals?

Sequencing of Legislative Process?

Role / effectiveness of policy committees?

Prioritization and Budgeting for new initiatives?

Policy Committees

What is the proper role for policy committees?

Are they effective/worthwhile?

Switch to a more *ad hoc*/as needed basis?

- Agenda & Rules and Budget & Finance would retain ongoing regular meeting schedule

Strategic Alignment

What improvements can be made in the process for addressing Council referrals?

Prioritization; Budgeting; Implementation

Synergy with baseline commitments and existing programs.

Strategic alignment on City priorities between City Manager and City Council.

Clear expectations and a formal, aligned process for how the City Manager and the City Council coordinate on the funding milestones that occur throughout the two-year budget cycle.

Sequencing

What improvements can be made just by improved sequencing of the legislative and budget processes?

- *Item submission; Item review; Item adoption; Prioritization; Budgeting; Implementation.*

Review and revise the legislative calendar to better align with budget process

Next Steps

Council-driven process with city staff present to support and advise

Process lead by Agenda & Rules? Ad hoc committee?