



# COMMON COUNCIL MEETING DATA

MEETINGS FROM JANUARY 2024 THROUGH MAY 2025



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# ASPECTS OF COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS MEASURED

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- We measured the following aspects of Common Council meetings:
    - **Total Length of Meetings**
    - **Extra Time Awarded to Public Comment Registrants to Finish Their Statements**
    - **Honoring Resolutions**
    - **Staff Presentations and Related Q+A**
    - **Questions for Staff**
    - **Discussion**
  - Examined 30 meetings from January 2024 through May 2025.
  - Note: This is an initial examination of time spent on various aspects of Common Council meetings. Additional data on the public comment period is being collected.

# TOTAL LENGTH OF MEETINGS FROM JANUARY 2024-MAY 2025

Average  
Meeting Time:

3:43:23

Shortest  
Meeting:

0:27:00

Longest  
Meeting:

7:18:00

# EXTRA TIME AWARDED TO PUBLIC COMMENT REGISTRANTS TO FINISH THEIR STATEMENTS FROM JANUARY 2024-MAY 2025

Average  
Time:

0:01:08

Least  
Time:

0:00:00

Most  
Time:

0:07:44

# HONORING RESOLUTIONS FROM JANUARY 2024-MAY 2025

Average  
Time:

0:13:43

Least  
Time:

0:00:00

Most  
Time:

1:03:09

# STAFF PRESENTATIONS AND RELATED Q+A FROM JANUARY 2024- MAY 2025

Average  
Time:

0:48:22

Least  
Time:

0:00:00

Most  
Time:

2:10:30

## QUESTIONS FOR STAFF FROM JANUARY 2024-MAY 2025

Average  
Time:

0:32:31

Least  
Time:

0:00:00

Most  
Time:

1:42:16

## DISCUSSION FROM JANUARY 2024-MAY 2025

Average  
Time:

0:34:19

Least  
Time:

0:00:00

Most  
Time:

1:52:21



# COMMON COUNCIL MEETING AVERAGES



Total Length of Meetings:  
3:43:23



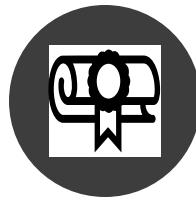
Staff Presentations and  
Related Q+A: 0:48:22



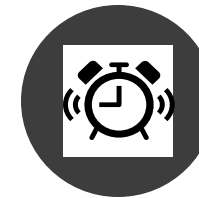
Questions for Staff: 0:32:31



Discussion: 0:34:19



Honoring Resolutions:  
0:13:43



Extra Time Awarded to Public  
Comment Registrants to  
Finish Their Statements:  
0:01:08

## REMINDERS AND TIPS

- Read the Council new business summaries document and/or the Council agenda to identify any upcoming items you have questions about and reach out to City staff early and often
- Use your alder blog to keep your constituents up to date on upcoming items, including committee referrals, so that they can follow items of interest through the process
- Attend meetings of the neighborhood associations in your district, hold office hours, and/or host community engagement events to provide your constituents with information about upcoming items of potential interest and receive their feedback
- Civic Recognition Awards are a great option to honor someone for their work in your district and/or the community

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# THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

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