



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING DATA

MEETINGS FROM JANUARY 2024 THROUGH MAY 2025



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 (JANUARY 2024-MAY 2025)

Average
Meeting Time:

3:43:23

Shortest
Meeting:

0:27:00

Longest
Meeting:

7:18:00

HONORING RESOLUTIONS (JANUARY 2024-MAY 2025)

Average Time:

0:13:43

Average Time
Excluding
Zeros:

0:17:52

Least Time:

0:00:00

Most Time:

1:03:09

EXTRA TIME AWARDED TO PUBLIC COMMENT REGISTRANTS TO FINISH THEIR STATEMENTS (JANUARY 2024-MAY 2025)

Average Time:

0:01:08

Average Time
Excluding
Zeros:

0:03:48

Least Time:

0:00:00

Most Time:

0:07:44

STAFF PRESENTATIONS AND RELATED Q+A (JANUARY 2024-MAY 2025)

Average Time:

0:48:22

Average Time
Excluding
Zeros:

0:58:03

Least Time:

0:00:00

Most Time:

2:10:30

QUESTIONS FOR STAFF (JANUARY 2024-MAY 2025)

Average Time:

0:32:31

Average Time
Excluding
Zeros:

0:37:31

Least Time:

0:00:00

Most Time:

1:42:16

DISCUSSION (JANUARY 2024-MAY 2025)

Average Time:

0:34:19

Average Time
Excluding
Zeros:

0:44:46

Least Time:

0:00:00

Most Time:

1:52:21

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING AVERAGES



Total Length of Meetings:
3:43:23



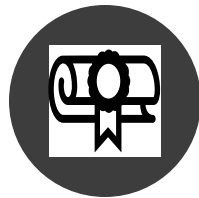
Staff Presentations and
Related Q+A: 0:48:22 /
0:58:03



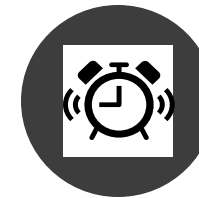
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0:37:31



Discussion: 0:34:19 / 0:44:46



Honoring Resolutions:
0:13:43 / 0:17:52



Extra Time Awarded to Public
Comment Registrants to
Finish Their Statements:
0:01:08 / 0:03:48

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

THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

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