

# City Council Hybrid Meeting (Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. and Open Session at 6:00 p.m.)

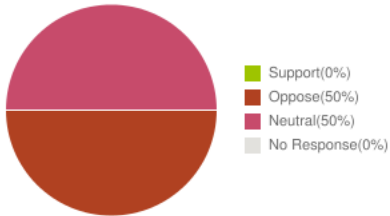
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
9. PUBLIC COMMENT	2	0	1	1

## Sentiments for All Agenda Items

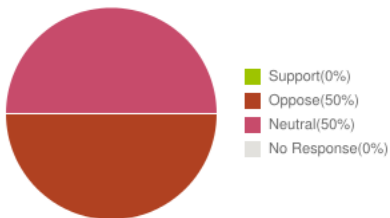
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### Overall Sentiment



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### Overall Sentiment



## Howard L

Location:

Submitted At: 2:46pm 01-23-24

Council,

You have clearly met the enemy. It is you on the City Council. You clearly do not understand that these are the people's meetings. Not your meetings that you serve on, and absolutely not the City Manager's meetings.

You are showing yourselves as being ignorant to how a democracy operates. It is not government of the dictators, by the dictators, and for the dictators. It is government OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE.

City Manager Suja Lowenthal, and Councilman Justin Massey are in my view complete and ignorant control freaks, misleading and gaslighting the city's staff and even their colleagues on the City Council both in public and in private. The other four city councilmen have shown themselves as begin in the job for themselves, their wallets, and/or their egos, and very little to serve the people.

When you take the people out of their own meetings you lose your most valuable source of information, and you become little more than stooges to such as the likes of the afore-mentioned individuals who in my view should be run out of town.

You should be going out of your way to ensure that the public becomes MORE involved, not less involved. All herein my views.

Howard L.

**Tony Higgins**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:20pm 01-18-24

Dear City Council,

Did you realize that between December 12, 2023 and February 22, 2024, a period spanning more than 10 weeks, only one City Council meeting will be held.

3 city council meetings were cancelled with no make-up dates scheduled.

As I'm sure you can surmise, this sets the stage for long meetings and delays in getting to public hearings on a timely basis for weeks to come.

But Councilman Jackson & Massey AND City Manager Lowenthal have a different spin

They claim that long City Council meetings and delays in getting to Public Hearings on a timely basis are caused by Public Participation, Remote Participation and Written Communications protocols; but they ignore the 800lb gorilla in the room

If you want to solve these problems you need to look at scheduling make-up meetings and better use of study sessions and dedicated public hearings and not shackling public participation.

The simple inescapable truth Councilman Jackson & Massey and City Manager Lowenthal are more interesting in controlling the narrative and deflecting criticism than effective dialog \_and community engagement. And they are willing to put meaningful Community Engagement on the chopping block under false pretenses to do it.

Simply cutting back on public participation, remote participation and written communications or shortening speaker time to 2 will NOT solve the long council meeting problem . Nor will it get us to public hearings significantly faster.

WE are being lied too!

Where are you Councilman Deto, Saemann and Francios?

Are you going to allow these false justifiers for shackling public participation go unchallenged?

How can you support limits on public participation, remote participation or written communications when it won't provide the any meaningful solutions to the problems it is supposed to solve?

You have all gone off the rails.

Anthony Higgins