

COUNCIL AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS ITEM

TO: The Mayor and Members of City Council

DATE: June 1, 2009

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DATE: June 4, 2009

RE: Televising City Council Committees

ACTION DESIRED:

Respectfully requesting City Council move to have the Budget Finance & Taxation Committee, Public Services & Infrastructure Committee, and the Housing Services Committee televised.

RATIONALE:

Most of the serious work on City Council happens in the above committees. The view of what the City Council does and the discussion of the pros and cons of any issues is primarily done at the committee level. Since this is not televised, the public's perception of City Council is viewed through the lens of the full Council Meetings. Televising the major Council Committees would provide a more accurate understanding of the issues and background for the public. I request that we give this idea a 90 day trial period to see if the committees can continue to function well with the TV cameras there.

Karl Nurse
City Council