



**Council Agenda Item: 25-0991R**

**MEETING DATE:** 12/15/2025

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** City Council Standing Rules

**SUBMITTED BY:** Lynn Marie Nephew, City Council Vice President

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** N/A

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:** The City Council may amend its Standing Rules from time to time, with a vote of two-thirds of its members. For 2026, it is proposed: To amend Rule 1 (d) to add Study Sessions, as needed, to take up topics of interest and importance to the council that require larger blocks of time than a typical Committee of the Whole format can provide. Additionally, it is proposed to eliminate the Thursday Agenda Session as duplicative. Rather, Administration will continue to publish the agenda on Wednesday afternoons as usual. Councilors are encouraged to contact the City Administrator or the relevant director with any questions on any agenda item prior to the city council meeting. City Council meetings will be regularly staffed by the City Administrator, City Attorney, City Clerk, Planning Director and the Public Works Director, or designee of their choosing. Other directors and managers will attend depending on the content of the agenda. If an item is pulled from the consent agenda, a short presentation will be made by the director or manager followed by questions, discussion, debate and a vote. It is believed that this presentation and discussion format for consent agenda items will increase transparency.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:** Eliminating the Thursday Agenda Session will result in some overtime savings for staff.

**OPTIONS:** Approve, amend or reject.

**NECESSARY ACTION:** None

**ATTACHMENTS:** Proposed Standing Rules