



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Council Session

Item I-3

**#2023-31 - Consideration of Approving City Council Study Session
Schedule for 2023**

Staff Contact: Laura McAloon

Council Agenda Memo

From: Laura D. McAloon, City Attorney

Meeting: January 24, 2023

Subject: 2023 Study Session Schedule

Presenter(s): Laura D. McAloon, City Attorney

Background

Prior to September 27, 2005, Study Sessions were held every first and third Tuesday of the month pursuant to City Code. By Ordinance 9009, the City Council amended City Code and discontinued the mandatory Study Sessions on first and third Tuesday. Under current City Code §2-4:

The City Council may hold a meeting to be referred to as a "Study Session" as needed and at the discretion of the City Council. Study sessions will be public meetings held at the time and place to be determined by the Council for which notice will be published pursuant to Nebraska statutory requirements. Study sessions shall be conducted to facilitate discussion between members of the Council and shall not be subject to formal parliamentary procedure. No motion, action, or vote of any kind shall be taken on any matter during a Study Session, except upon a motion to recess or to adjourn.

Discussion

City Administration recommends the advance scheduling of Study Sessions for the remainder of calendar year 2023 for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm. This will enable Councilmembers, the public and City staff to plan for presentation of topics and attendance in advance. If not needed, the scheduled Study Sessions can be canceled through public notice from the Clerk. The Administration is not recommending Study Sessions on July 4 (legal holiday) or during the months of November and December when the Council's regular meetings are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday due to the holidays.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City staff recommends adoption of the resolution approving a schedule for 2023 City Council Study Sessions.

Sample Motion

Move to approve Resolution 2023-31 adopting the 2023 City Council Study Session schedule.

RESOLUTION 2023-31

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Grand Island desire to establish a schedule for study session meetings during calendar year 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the following schedule of City Council study sessions for 2023 is hereby approved:

7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the months of February through October, except July 4 and except during the months of November and December.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and City staff are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to effect the purpose of this resolution.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, January 24, 2023.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	▣ _____
1/20/2023	▣ City Attorney