

COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND PRIORITIES

The Habitat Committee (HC) reviewed the staff report on Council Efficiencies Update and Recommendations (C.5 Attachment 1) and appreciates the complexities in implementing these efficiencies. The HC focused its discussion on the staff recommendation to reduce the briefing book publication time from 21 to 14 days and how this change could affect the HC's participation at Council meetings.

In recent years, the HC has been meeting remotely for three of the Council meetings, typically a week or two in advance of the Council meeting. A 14-day window for the Briefing Book (BB) would create additional challenges for scheduling remote HC meetings because of the truncated time for reviewing BB materials, conflicts for individual members' schedules as well as for the HC staff officer who may have to staff other Advisory Bodies (AB). The HC thinks these challenges could be alleviated by scheduling remote AB meetings in conjunction with the Council meeting using the standard schedule for in-person AB meetings when possible (i.e., HC typically meets the day before and day 1 of the Council meeting week). This schedule would allow for consistency and predictability in planning and scheduling meetings for not only the HC but other ABs as well and would provide additional days to review BB materials under a shortened, 14-day BB publication.

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