

Is two council meetings a month enough?

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During the most recent council meeting, Councillors Shoemaker and Paul Christian asked staff to report back on changing the council schedule.

The motion which came forward during the unfinished business portion of the meeting asks city staff to look at ways of changing the quarter-decade long tradition of every second week meetings.

When asked for clarification, Shoemaker stated he thinks the meeting schedule needs to be looked at to make sure it is efficient and meeting the needs of the people.

"It's about just seeing if our process still fits our needs? So it's not about necessarily, it's not about proposing something different. I want city staff to investigate and see whether or not there is something that better fits our current needs, obviously," Shoemaker told council.

Mayor Provenzano, who's out of office for the week after this meeting, stated there are not many options available given the rules they have to follow. Knowing that he said a report should come back by next month with options to choose from. He also noted because of the election next year the schedule would already look different.

City staff are instructed to come back this fall with other ideas for a council schedule next year.



Do you think that city council meets too much? Not enough? Let us know in the comments.

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