

Request council to consider and approve the addition of a “Council Discussion” section to future city council meetings.

Rationale for Request:

-Issues of great interest to our citizens may not be appropriate for inclusion in either the current existing “Council Action Section” or the end of meeting “Council Reports Section”

-Items under “Council Action” generally require a council vote for approval. The “Council Reports” section is primarily a brief end of meeting update and summary of each council member’s liaison/board activities.

-Effort to improve clarity--proper, relevant and important citizen issues require discussion in a public forum in compliance with Sunshine Laws

-Examples of recent important council items which possibly could be categorized and segregated under “Council Discussion”

January 26 Council Meeting, (Under “Council Action”):

Item 16-1753, Request Council Discussion regarding Venice Library (Cautero)

Item 16-1754, (discussion deferred), Council Discussion & Direction on Vision for Hamilton Condos (Daniels)

January 12 Council Meeting, (Under “Council Reports”):

Item 16-1716, Affordable Housing, Is there a Need? (Holic)

Item 16-1721, Discuss request to ban sale of puppies/kittens/rabbits in pet stores in Venice (Gates)

-If approved, suggest items submitted for “Council Discussion” adhere to all current meeting protocols, including agenda inclusion timing/deadlines

Summary: The intention of this request is to segregate appropriate council time to discuss important relevant issues of public interest that do not necessarily require a council vote (ie...“Council Action”) and are not the subject of the end of meeting brief individual council liaison/board updates (ie..Council Reports)

Thank You Rich Cautero