Submission – David Grant

Item No. 1 - Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated February 18, 2025

Open Government Annual Review

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Delegation information

Committee you want to address

Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)

EPC 1

Support or oppose recommendations

I am opposed to the recommendations

Register as a delegation

Via zoom

Submit comments in writing

Comments

EPC 1 The repeated delays that waste your time and waste space on your Agenda can be prevented. If a report is to include the careful analysis of data generated up to year end, then that report should not be promised until late in Q1. Once a reasonable schedule has been set, then staff should work toward that goal. I was involved in such periodic reporting for many decades, in a variety of organizations, each similar in size to city hall, and I do not recall a single time that routine periodic reports could not be submitted on time. I do not expect you to change the way that city hall works. I just want to remind everyone that frequent delays are not the norm.

I also want to suggest that staff use customer demand to guide your moves toward OPEN GOVERNMENT. If 311 and FIPPA requests come in for a type of data set, then that one should be next for the public facing web page. Publishing data that no one wants is not a lofty goal. Keeping hidden data that residents want to access is also not a good thing.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.

Yes