

2023 MEETING DATES



Regularly scheduled City Council Meetings take place on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Second Floor City Council Chambers and are open to the public.

2023 REGULAR MEETING DATES

January 11th and 25th

February 8th and 22nd

March 8th and 22nd

April 12th and 26th

May 10th and 24th

June 14th and 28th

July 12th and 26th

August 9th and 23rd

September 13th and 27th

October 11th and 25th

November 8th*

December 13th*

*Only one meeting due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

TIP

Meetings are available for live and on-demand viewing 24/7 by visiting CityofNewport.com/TV

Please be advised that in addition to their regular meeting schedule, the City Council may elect to host various Council Workshops and Special Meetings as needed.

AGENDAS

Agendas, and all supporting documents, are posted one-week in advance on the City's website and are available for review in-person at the City Clerk's Office.

To see what's on an upcoming agenda, or to review past meeting minutes, please scan the QR code to the right or visit our website at www.CityofNewport.com/Clerk



OUR COMMITMENT

The City of Newport values input from the community and invites the public to express their views and comments on issues with the City through the following ways:

- Public comment times at **City Council meetings**
- **eComment** via the City's website
- Meetings of various **Boards or Commissions**
- Phone calls, e-mails, letters and/or visits directly with the **City Council and/or City Staff**.

If you would like to attend or submit comment during a meeting and need an interpreter or other accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (401) 845-5429 one week in advance of a meeting.

CONTACT YOUR COUNCILOR

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The
City of Newport
**CITIZEN'S
GUIDE TO**



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION At City Council Meetings



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Participation BEFORE A MEETING

In addition to soliciting public input during a meeting, the City Clerk's Office also accepts comments in advance. **Written comments holds the same weight as in-person comments** and may be submitted either by email, hard copy, or via the City's eComment system.

HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD

SPEAK TO A COUNCIL MEMBER

City Council members are elected to be YOUR representative. If there's an issue that matters to you, reach out directly to your Ward representative or any At-Large Councilor to share your thoughts, concerns, or ideas. To Contact the City Council, please visit the City's website at CityofNewport.com/CityCouncil

COMMENT VIA E-COMMENT

Comments received via eComment is automatically sent to the Council and Staff for inclusion in the record. Comments are also available on the City's website, as well as in paper form at the meeting for public review. **To learn more about eComment, please visit www.CityofNewport.com/TV**

SUBMIT A LETTER OR EMAIL

Written comments via email or hard copy may be submitted to the City Clerk's Office **no later than 12 p.m.** on the day of the meeting. Please be sure to include your name and list your address in your comments.

TIP: Know Your Council

Do you know who your Ward and At-Large Councilors are? To find out, visit Vote.RI.Gov and click on the link to find your Councilorofficials.

The City of Newport is a City Manager/Council form of government. In addition to electing four At-Large members of the Council to represent the entire City, Newport also has three dedicated Ward Councilors elected to represent specific geographic areas of town. Upon election, the Council selects one At-Large representative to serve as Council Chair, which also carries the honorary title of Mayor.

Participation DURING A MEETING

All regular City Council meetings are held in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, with the order of business following the agenda unless otherwise approved by the Council. Questions and concerns about specific agenda items may be offered anytime after the Chair asks for Discussion, or during advertised Public Hearings.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ORDER

CITIZEN'S FORUM

If there's a topic that is **NOT** listed on the agenda that you would like to address, you may do so at the start of the meeting by signing up for the **Citizens Forum**. Please note that it is not the practice of Council to respond directly to questions during this portion of the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar is approved in its entirety unless the Council removes an item for discussion. Items that typically appear in this section of the agenda include license renewals, communications, and various reports and meeting minutes.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions are placed on the docket by City Councilors and are often related to formulating new policy proposals, articulating Council priorities, and issuing directives for City Staff.

ORDINANCES

Ordinances are the City's laws and require two readings before being formally adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Communications from the Manager may include items ranging from Bid Awards to reports on Council requests.

PUBLIC HEARINGS are also used periodically to solicit the public's comments on various City projects or applications. During a Public Hearing:

- The Chair will open the hearing by identifying the subject.
- Public Input- The public is asked to speak for/against the issue.
- The Council will Vote to Close Public Hearing

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COUNCIL RULES & DECORUM

The City of Newport appreciates and encourages public participation at all meetings.

In order to ensure that each person who wishes to speak is given an equal opportunity in a civil and respectful environment, please keep in mind the following:

- Please remember to state your **Name and Address** for the record prior to giving your comments.
- Comments should be directed to the **City Council rather than the audience or individual.**
- Comments should be **limited to 3 minutes**
- And finally, please **Keep it Civil**

Please Note: The City Council Chair is charged with preserving order and decorum and, in the event a member or anyone appearing before the Council engages in behavior contrary to these policies, the Chairperson, or any Councilor, shall call attention to the offending behavior and request that it be stopped immediately.

WORKSHOPS & SPECIAL MEETINGS

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