

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-5200 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE
TIME FOR METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

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Department: Council
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ISSUE STATEMENT

The Metro Council currently abides by the rules and procedures outlined by Resolution 13-4447, For the Purpose of Adopting Rules and Establishing Procedures Relating to the Conduct of Council Business, which establishes 2:00 p.m. as the start time for regular Council meetings. The COVID-19 pandemic has decreased the available after school childcare options for school age children, including on-site childcare options. The current Council meeting time of 2:00 p.m. now conflicts with most school pickup times and may create extreme difficulties for members of the public, Metro staff and others who must or wish to participate in Council work sessions and meetings.

ACTION REQUESTED

Seeking Council approval of Resolution 21-5200 to adopt the new Council meeting time of 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

COO Madrigal and President Peterson have requested a time change of Council meetings from 2:00 p.m. to 10:30 a.m. (with an anticipated ending time of 1:00 p.m.). This change supports members of the public, Metro employees and employees of our partner agencies and businesses with school-age children who must choose between family obligations and participating in Metro Council meetings.

POLICY QUESTION(S) None.

POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

Council can consider retaining the current time of Metro meetings or choosing a different time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 21-5200.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

LEGAL ANTECEDANTS

Metro Section 2.01.030 establishes that Council will meet regularly by setting dates and times for regular council meetings by a resolution adopted by the Council.

Metro Code Section 2.01.090 requires the Council by resolution to adopt rules of procedure governing conduct of debate on matters considered by the Council.

Resolution No. 95-2078, amended by Resolution No. 95-2160, established Council rules and procedures which governed debate, receipt of communications from the public, introduction and consideration of ordinances and resolutions, the general order of business, criteria for the consent agenda and other issues.

Resolution No. 13-4447 repealed Resolution Nos. 95-2078 and No. 95-2160 and established Council rules and procedures which governed debate, receipt of communications from the public, introduction and consideration of ordinances and resolutions, the general order of business, criteria for the consent agenda and other issues.