



Local Government Review Board
Agenda
January 08, 2026 at 5:30 PM

1. Call to Order
2. New Business
 - a. Approval of Minutes: October 9th, 2025
 - b. Meeting Bi-Monthly (January, March, May, July, September, November - Plus April Training) still First Thursday of Month
 - c. Survey Approval: questions and run through March 5th meeting
 - d. Public Outreach-Kiwanis Club 2-5-26 and Lions Club 2-9-26
 - e. Review Recommendation Topics that Require Voter Approval:

Council Composition:

Council size / membership — how many council members there are

Representation structure — how those members are elected (by ward, at-large, or hybrid)

Ward apportionment — how many members represent each ward or district

Electoral system — e.g., ward-based, at-large, or mixed at-large/ward

Elected at Large — e.g., ward-based representation, at-large voting

Election System Parameters:

Term Length — how long each elected term lasts (e.g., four years)

Term Limits — whether members are limited in how many terms they may serve

Staggered Terms — whether only some seats are up for election at a time

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Partisan vs. Nonpartisan Elections

Partisan: candidates run with party labels

Nonpartisan: party labels do not appear on the ballot

Elect instead of Appoint Officials

Adopt Self-Government Powers

Adopt a Charter

f. Review Recommendation Topics that DON'T Require Voter Approval:

Administrative & Organizational Structure:

Hire a City Manager or Administrator

Create or Amend Administrative Ordinances

Formalize Interlocal Agreements

Conduct Efficiency or Operational Studies

Governance Policies & Operating Procedures:

Update Council Procedures and Rules

Adopt or Update Personnel Policies

Planning, Transparency & Public Engagement:

Implement Financial Transparency Measures

Create Long-Term Strategic Plan

Establish Advisory Committees or Citizen Panels

Strengthen Citizen Communication Tools

3. Old Business

**a. Call for Public Hearing to Hear Public Comment on the Change of Form of Government:
Mayor/Council vs City Manager/Council-March 5th, 2026 at 5:30pm**

4. Questions/ Comments from Public

5. Questions/ Comments from Board

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6. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tentatively March 5th, 2026 at 5:30pm