

CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA

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BACKGROUND

The Council meetings have, over the past few years, become much longer, sometimes lasting past 11:00 p.m. It has become increasingly difficult to devote the time and energy necessary to make a decision on those complex issues that come before the Council during the late hours of the evening.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth guidelines to address the problem of and discourage late meetings.

POLICY

Except by majority vote of the City Council, the City Council shall conclude meetings by 12:00 midnight. The determination of whether to continue the meeting or adjourn the meeting shall be made at the conclusion of the item of council business ending after 11:45 p.m. and nearest to midnight. In the event there is unfinished business on the Agenda, the Council will continue any remaining items of unfinished business to the next Regular Meeting of the City Council, or to a Special Meeting at the option of the City Council.

Items of particular interest to the Community shall be scheduled for special, Adjourned City Council meetings rather than regularly scheduled meetings.