

Study Issues/ Budget Issues Public Hearing

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Study Issues/Budget Issues – What are they?

What is a Study Issue?

A study issue is a topic of concern that may result in new or revised city policy.

What is a Budget Issue?

A budget issue is a proposal to add a new service, eliminate a service or change the level of an existing City service.

Who Can Propose a Study or Budget Issue?

Members of the Public

Boards and Commissions

City Staff

City Council



- Both require sponsorship by at least two Councilmembers to move forward in the review process.
- While both can be proposed year-round, Council reviews proposed issues once a year during the annual Study Issues/Budget Issues Workshop in February.

Study Issue / Budget Issue Process



- Provides a method for identifying, prioritizing and analyzing policy issues important to the community.
- Allows staff to balance the work required to thoroughly study an issue with the work required to deliver ongoing City services.

Key Dates for 2021 Study Issues Cycle

Item	Date
Boards and Commission Rank Study Issues	Through the Month of January
Public Hearing Discussion of Proposed Study Issues and Budget Issues	Tuesday, January 12, 2021
Last Day for Council Sponsorship	Tuesday, February 2, 2021
Study Issues/Budget Issues Workshop	Thursday, February 25, 2021
List of Approved Study Issues Presentation Dates to Council	Tuesday, March 16, 2021
Budget Workshop	Thursday, May 20, 2021

Status of Continuing Study Issues

2020 Study Issues Review	Qty
Total Study Issues in 2020 – New and Continuing	24
Study Issues Complete	7
Study Issues to be Carried Over in 2021	17

Study Issue Year	# of Study Issues In Progress
2014	2
2017	1
2018	2
2019	8
2020	4

Proposed Study Issues for 2021 Workshop

Proposed Study Issues as of January 5	Qty
Total Proposed Study Issues	25
Study Issue Papers Published Online	24
Study Issue Papers in Review	1
Study Issues with Support Recommendation	9
Study Issues with Defer Recommendation	3
Study Issues with Drop Recommendation	11
Study Issues with No Recommendation	1
Budget Issues	0



Thank You

Questions?