

Next Steps on Committee Structure

During the committee workshop on February 6, the Council discussed the potential of trying a new committee structure. The proposed structure includes two standing committees (Budget & Finance and Human Resources), while all other topics would be discussed by the Council as a single, large committee.

As part of the proposal, each council member would 1) be assigned a seat on one of the two standing committees, and 2) a small portfolio of topics where they will have a responsibility to monitor and engage on issues related to those topics.

The list of topics included some higher time commitment items such as:

- Deputy Program and Traffic Calming
- Facilities (including sidewalks, town office, storage, public toilet facilities, etc.)
- Town Commons
- 4th of July Events
- Town WiFi, Cellular and Broadband Issues
- PC Liaison, Zoning, Town Code & Ordinances, Municode

And, lower time commitment items such as:

- Town Website and Digital Communications
- Vehicles, including golf carts
- Waterfront
- Sewer
- Charter
- Christmas Events
- Town Business Liaison
- VIA, IVBA and Museum Liaison
- Flags and Christmas Decor

On the March 13 agenda, during the Old Business section of the agenda, Council will be asked to make a motion, discuss, and vote on this new structure. As a part of that, the Council is also asked to consider if they wish to have a second standing meeting of Council each month to review activities related to their assigned portfolios or if they prefer to keep the committee reports related to their portfolios as a standing part of the Regular Called Meetings.