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Council,

I believe that starting city council meetings in the mornings, when a vast number of our citizenry are also at work, makes it even more difficult for the general public to attend council meetings. It is ridiculous to expect the public to book time off to view council.

I also take exception to the notion stated by one councillor (reported in the news) that council is here for service and not our, the public's, convenience—as a council, you serve, yes, but you serve the citizenry. It is not a matter of convenience, but a matter of accessibility. Citizens must have reasonable access to viewing the work of city council, and that means the council may have to be 'inconvenienced' by the times they serve the public. I believe it speaks to the aforementioned councillor's level of privilege when they equate access to city government with convenience only.

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