



City of Blaine

City Council Workshop

August 7, 2023 | 5:00 PM
Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55449

AGENDA

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3.01 of the Blaine City Charter, a Council Workshop meeting is scheduled for the following purpose:

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. New Business**
 - 2.1. 2023-348** Governance Session
Sponsors: Michelle Wolfe, City Manager
- 3. Other Business**
- 4. Adjournment**



City of Blaine Staff Report

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New Business - Michelle Wolfe, City Manager

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Governance Session

Background

A governance session will be held with Consultant Craig Rapp and the City Council. Attached is an agenda of topics to be covered during this session.

This presentation was originally scheduled for the spring council retreat. Due to the postponement of the retreat, there was limited time for the strategic planning session, so the governance session was removed from the agenda, to be rescheduled.

Craig Rapp will be the presenter and facilitator for this session. He has presented this topic at many cities in multiple states. It is often something presented after elections when there are new members of city council. The intent is for this content to serve as a foundation of information which council can build upon when developing policies and practices for conducting city business.

This is scheduled as a two-hour session. An item regarding council rules of order is on the agenda for the August 14 Workshop. The topics covered in this session could also serve as a good foundation for future council topics and discussion such as:

- Code of Conduct
- Norms of Behavior
- Team Building

Staff Recommendation

N/A

Questions for Council

This is an informational item presented for review and discussion by City Council.

Attachment List

1. Effective Governance Agenda



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Effective Governance – Team Building

AGENDA

- I. Introductions – Overview
- II. Local Government Leadership – Roles and Responsibilities
- III. The Governance Process – Definition, Development
- IV. Best Practice – A Model
- V. The reality of politics—Acknowledgment and productive use
- VI. Teamwork – What is it? How do you get it, maintain it?
- VII. Managing and appreciating difference
- VIII. Summing Up – Going Forward