

<u>CITY WATCH</u> A PROJECT OF NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM

Objective: Volunteers provide independent and impartial oversight to budgeting practices by assessing efficiencies in the use of city financial resources and assessing if elected and appointed officials are accountable, responsive, and transparent to taxpaying citizens.

Mission: Review and analyze city operations, practices, procedures, and policies to determine if our recommendations and ideas would improve allocation of financial resources through examining documents and data and cooperating with and supporting responsive city officials.

Omaha citizens face high property taxes, nuisance taxes, and unnecessary spending on services traditionally outside the scope of city responsibility. We face concerns about public safety and public works infrastructure maintenance while impatiently awaiting privatization of services and consolidation, merging, and streamlining of city/county government. We encourage you to participate in our **City Watch Project**, to call, email, or write a letter to urge your city council member to vote fiscally conservative and implement ideas and suggestions to give citizens more efficient services under a leaner budget. Project participants receive periodic email bulletins, issue papers, and outlines to help you, as a taxpayer watchdog, lobby and monitor the Omaha City Council and Mayor.

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Agenda and Meeting Information: 402-444-5520 City Council meets at 2 PM every Tuesday in the Legislative Chambers.

City Council web site address: <u>https://citycouncil.cityofomaha.org</u>. Search this site for the city council meeting calendar, agendas and minutes, proposed legislation and existing ordinances, and live video of meetings. Click on COUNCIL MEMBERS tab and then names of individual councilmen to view their biographies, contact information, and district maps. To see agendas, click on City Council agenda tab on council home page, then click on year weekly agenda you want to view from drop down menu. To see meeting minutes, click on City Council agenda tab, then click on Journals on drop down menu and select year/date you want to view. You also can view council meeting videos here. You can click on Council Calendar. Click on municipal code tab to see city ordinances. Click on Departments tab on Home Page for city depts.

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