

## TO THE AMADOR CITY COMMUNITY

### DRAFT CITY AGENDA

Starting in September, the Draft City Council Agenda will be posted in town and available on the City Government webpage (<https://amador-city.com/government>) on the Friday before the Regular City Council Meetings on the third Thursday of each month.

This will offer more time for everyone to read the agenda and attachments, to prepare for the meetings, and to formulate comments or questions.

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council Meetings are open to the public. Any resident of Amador City may attend city council meetings of other cities in Amador County, not to participate unless there is an agenda item that pertains both to the jurisdiction of that city and ours, but to view proceedings and listen. In full disclosure, I have attended city council meetings in Plymouth, Sutter Creek, and Jackson, not offer public comment, but to observe and listen and learn. I highly recommend the experience.

### RESOURCES

Staff members are not part of the legislative body. The City Attorney can be contacted for legal perspective and legal information as it pertains to the city's business; the city manager/administrator can be contacted for administrative information and resources as they pertain to the city's business.

Past agendas and minutes, or ordinances and resolutions, or municode can also be perused. Links are on the Amador City Government webpage (<https://amador-city.com/government>)

### THE BROWN ACT

City council, as the legislative body for Amador City, is bound by the Brown Act, initially adopted in California in 1964. A current Brown Act Handbook can be found online: [https://www.lozanosmith.com/docs/resources/flipbook/Brown\\_Act\\_Handbook/](https://www.lozanosmith.com/docs/resources/flipbook/Brown_Act_Handbook/)

The definition of a legislative meeting is "a meeting whenever a majority of the legislative body (city councilmembers) meets to discuss agency business." A majority of the city council in Amador City is 3 councilmembers.

Meetings includes "serial" communication, such as one councilmember emailing another about legislative business, who forwards it to a third. Or, one councilmember meeting with another about certain legislative business and either one later meeting with a third councilmember regarding the same issue.

Meetings do not include social gatherings or community meetings. Councilmembers just need to be mindful that at these social or community situations there cannot be conversation about legislative business amongst ourselves.

See you all in town, at the post office, a community meeting or eating out ... and, at the next City Council Meeting on September 19th.

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