

FROM: Mayor Denise Athas

SUBJECT: Proposed Agenda Item- December 5, 2017 City Council Meeting

Changing our council meetings to 2 times per month

Novato has had an unreasonable and I believe an unhealthy number of scheduled meetings each month for years. The past holiday months the amount of meetings has been approximately 2. I would like to propose that our schedule of meetings change to 2 meetings per month – preferably the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month as we know that the school district has their meetings on the 1st and 3rd Monday.

The amount of time between meetings and getting staff reports out by the next meeting, have the legal department and the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem weigh in is an arduous and difficult task. With department staff always doing reports, answering questions it compromises actual Work that needs to be accomplished as well. Our staff is always out into a hectic schedule that is unreasonable. Most cities have 2 or 1 meeting a month.

We always have alternate days for “extra” or special meetings or workshops.

Action to be Taken: Meeting dates to change in January and then going forward.