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Good Morning Mayor and Council

A number of Councillors have raised concerns with the length of City Council meetings. One idea that was discussed in the past and has emerged again as a potential pilot is to stop the procedure of Councillors asking questions of speakers. This could allow us to be more disciplined about start times for agenda items, create a more predictable times for speakers, and could save a considerable amount of time in Council. Most cities of our size do not allow questions of speakers. In a pilot such as this, the chair could ask the speaker for clarification if the speaker isn't clear about their support or non-support for the item on the agenda. So, based on this being raised by several Councillors, Katrina and I are considering a pilot to trial this in the Fall. I'd be curious to hear from you about whether a pilot like this would be of interest. This would not apply to public hearings.

Best
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Pronouns: he, him, his



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