

## Council/No change to consent agenda

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"To me it's just a rubber stamp agenda." Striegl said of the consent items.

In a memo to council members, City Administrator Todd Schmidt said when he was hired in 2003 council members were asking him for ways to streamline the meeting process because they were getting unacceptably long, and thereby making it difficult to accomplish city business.

Mayor Nate Bruce backed up that history, saying council meetings were "really long," and added that's one reason city committees exist.

"I think you need to have confidence in your committees." Bruce said, "You can still take any consent agenda item off and bring it down for discussion. I'd hate to see (the process) change."

The other council members all agreed, and Striegl's motion to change the city ordinance governing the consent agendas and council procedure failed for lack of a second.

Also Tuesday, the council approved a three percent salary increase for city administrator Schmidt. The adjustment was recommended unanimously from the personnel and finance committee because it equaled already granted increases to both union and non-union employees. Schmidt's salary in 2008 was \$75,363.