



Council Day Change

April 2026 Update





Amplifying the Message



**WEDNESDAYS ARE
THE NEW MONDAYS
CITY COUNCIL DAY
CHANGE**



Blogs, Videos, and Web

Before the Council's vote, a video and a blog post were posted to notify the public that the Council is considering changing the date.

After Council voted, another video and blog to inform community the change is coming in July.



Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 12:14 p.m.



For decades, our City Council has held its meetings on Mondays at 6 p.m. to accommodate working residents. However, we are now exploring changing the meeting time to enhance transparency and accessibility for the community.

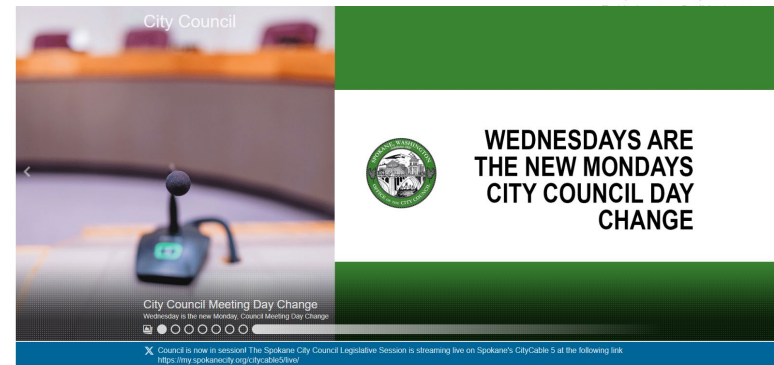
Reasons for potential change:

- 1. **Avoiding Monday Holidays:** Many public holidays fall on Mondays, disrupting our schedule. A new meeting day could provide more consistency.
- 2. **Flexibility Midweek:** Holding meetings midweek may make it easier for council members and city staff to coordinate their schedules.
- 3. **Better Participation Opportunities:** Considering alternative days could create more opportunities for parents, caregivers, and busy residents to participate.



Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 2:08 p.m.

Have you heard? City Council has voted to change the historic Monday Legislative Session to Wednesday! In an effort to be more accessible to the community, the Council has also revised its Agenda and Meeting Schedule. Adjusting to this change will take some time. Here are the



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City Cable5

City Cable5 now displays on-screen messages at the start of committee, agenda, and legislative sessions, and at the end of the council recap.

Reminder 

CM's to please add this to your script at the end of the recaps.



April 20th, 2026 Spokane City Council Legislative Session Recap

Comments



Daily Reminders



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If you've not added this message to your email footer and need assistance, please let me know.

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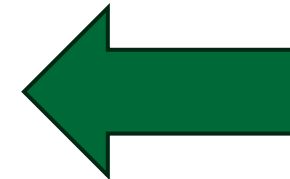
NOTICE:

Council Meeting Day Change Effective July 14, 2026:

Agenda Review Meetings: Tuesdays at 11am

Council Committee Meetings: Tuesdays at 1pm

Council Legislative Sessions: Wednesdays at 6pm



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Media Hits...so far

Before Council voted, the media reported that a change was being considered. Now that the day has changed, there are reels, news clips, and headlines in print, on TV, and across social media.

Anticipate more media coverage in the upcoming months as we get closer to July

NonStopLOCAL KHQ

NEWS WEATHER SWX SPORTS KHQ MD NW PROS NW DEALS

Spokane City Council moves legislative meetings to Wednesdays

Mark Rattner NonStop Local Digital Journalist Apr 15, 2026 Updated Apr 19, 2026



City of Spokane

RELATED UPDATE: April 19, 2026 at 4:25 p.m.

According to Spokane City Councilmember Paul Dillon, meetings will move to Wednesdays starting July 14, 2026

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THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW
Spokane, Washington Est. May 29, 1883
Washington Idaho

NEWS - SPOKANE

Spokane Council bucks tradition, moves meetings to Wednesdays


March 3, 2026 | Updated Tue, March 3, 2026 at 6:33 p.m.



Official Gazette
OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE, WASHINGTON
Statement of City Business, Including a Summary of the Proceedings of City Council During the Week Ending October 12, 1912
Vol. II Published by Authority of the City Council Pursuant to Provisions of the City Charter No. 42
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE
the petition of J. M. McInane for retail liquor license at 334 Main avenue for year ending October 6, 1912, was granted.
At his request Mr. Hawdon was excused from attendance at

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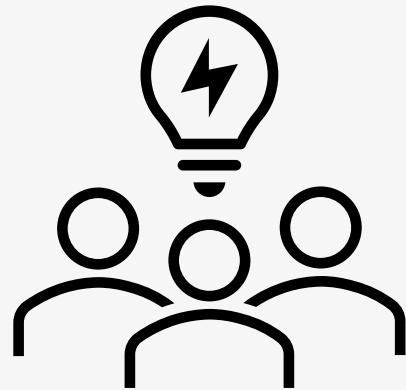
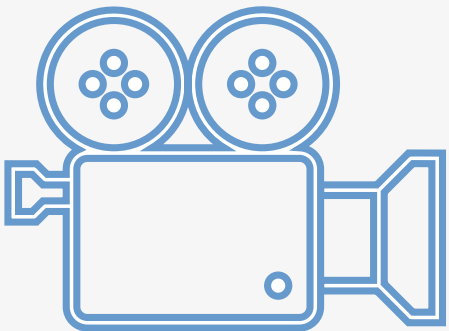
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Tim Pham Follow
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What's Next?

- More CM videos
 - May
 - June
 - July (count down to Wednesdays)
- Newsletters
 - D3
 - D2
 - Community Update (City)
- PSA
- Council Vertical Videos (cell phones)
- Press Release
 - July Week before day change
- NC Presentations
- Collective Effort