

REGULAR MEETING NOTICE/AGENDA OF THE SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023, 11:00 A.M. – CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING CENTER

A regular meeting of the Spokane City Council will be held at **11:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 24 2023**, in City Council Briefing Center - City Hall 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd. The meeting can also be accessed by calling 408-418-9388 and by using access code 2490 239 4174.

The meeting will be conducted in a study session format and will be open to the public both by phone and in person. No legislative action will be taken. No public testimony will be taken, and discussion will be limited to appropriate officials and staff.

Executive Session

At any time during or after the regular Study Session Agenda, the City Council may choose to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing privileged legal matters. This portion of the meeting would be closed to the public pursuant to RCW 42.30.110.

Agenda:

[Council Interviews of District 2, Position 1 Candidates – City Council Members, Staff, and Candidates \(2 hrs\)](#)

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**Candidates for District 2, Position 1 Spokane City Council Member who will be Interviewed at
8/24/2023 Council Study Session**

Mike Adolfae

Rob Higgins

Ryan Oelrich

Barry Barfield

Kelly Brown

Mary Ann McCurdy

Interview Questions for District 2, Position 1 Spokane City Council Member Candidates

- Given that this is a three-month job, specifically what are your priorities and what do you think you can accomplish?
- Given that you would be stepping into this role during one of Spokane's most challenging budgetary seasons yet, with only three months to make an impact, please describe in detail your plan for navigating this situation without extensive handholding from others. Include your personal philosophy as it relates to financial sustainability and financial prioritization, and identify what you view as your top funding priority today. How will you ensure that this priority aligns with our budget challenges?
- Can you describe a time that you had to resolve a conflict between individuals/groups and if you were able to create some common ground during the process?
- Do you think it is the role of the City to help small businesses? If so, how?
- Why do you want this position and what unique skillset or perspective would you bring to Council?
- You have probably heard by now that we are in a budget crisis, what does that mean to you right now?
- Given that the structural gap is primarily driven by labor, what sort of solutions would you think are available?