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File Name: Discuss Changes to Council Work Session Broadcast Policy		Final Action:

Title: Introduction of Amendments to *City Council Rules of Procedure* - Article II, Section .04 Journal of Proceedings regarding Broadcasting City Council Work Session Meetings

Notes: Need to Amend Policy per Council discussion on 06/16/04.

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1	Administration and Information Services Committee	04/06/2004	Approved and Referred				Pass
	<p>Notes: Committee discussed policy concerning broadcasting work sessions.</p> <p>*Council debated whether it was necessary to televise workshops. *Council discussed certain workshops should not be televised. *In workshops no action is taken, adversary discussion on a topic. *Some other cities do televise their workshops.</p>						
	<p>Aye: Hill, Holder, Dalton and Verschuereen Absent: Kirksey</p>						
1	City Council	06/16/2004	Discussed				
	<p>Notes: President Dalton explained that the Administration & Information Services (AIS) Committee has recommended that Council Work Sessions not be televised, as these meetings are less formal than regular Council meetings, no official action can be taken, there would be a cost savings, and not televising these sessions would promote more open discussion.</p> <p>Council members noted the following points during discussion of this issue:</p>						

- * Work Session meetings are "excellent informational meetings for residents to watch."
- * These meetings provide an avenue to disseminate information to the public.
- * With the new remote control camera system, the cost of video production has been reduced.
- * Televising these meetings provides residents with a better understanding of the decision-making process.
- * Not televising the sessions would result in better discussions at a more casual level.
- * Work Sessions should be televised all the time or not at all; one or the other.
- * Not televising Work Sessions allows the Staff to speak more openly.
- * Many sessions are held off-site, making it difficult to televise them.

President Dalton noted that the consensus reached by Council would establish a policy wherein the Council President would determine the need to televise a Work Session during each meeting's Agenda Review. If it is determined that a meeting should be televised, it will be held in the City Hall Auditorium. If a meeting is not to be televised, it will be held in the City Council Conference Room.

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