

Who Does It?

The City of Spokane Valley operates under the Council/Manager form of government, in which legislative authority is the responsibility of the City Council, while the City Manager is responsible for implementing Council-enacted legislation and providing operational authority for the City organization.

This form of government is designed for:

- Promotion of economy and efficiency through professional management
- Strong central administration
- Continuity
- Separation of politics from administration

Some Council duties include:

- Enacting legislation
- Developing and adopting policies
- Voting to adopt the city budget
- Making rules that govern Council procedures, including public meetings and hearings
- Approving/awarding contracts
- Hiring a professional City Manager

Some City Manager duties include:

- Implementing Council-enacted legislation
- Offering policy advice to Council
- Establishing operational policies for the City
- Preparing and proposing the City budget for Council consideration/adoption
- Negotiating, administering, and overseeing contracts



- Managing operations and personnel

Mark Calhoun, City Manager

Our Values

Community Identity and Pride
Focus on the Future
Open, Collaborative Government

Special Accommodations

Individuals planning to attend meetings and who require special assistance to accommodate physical, hearing or other impairments may contact us as soon as possible so arrangements may be made.

Contact:

Chris Bainbridge, City Clerk
509-720-5102
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Speakers Bureau

To request a presentation by a Councilmember, or for more information on this or any other topic pertaining to your city government, please contact Carolbelle Branch, Public Information Officer, at 509-720-5411 or cbranch@spokanevalley.org.



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Connect *with your* City Council

*A guide for sharing your
Ideas, questions, and concerns with
your City Councilmembers*



*A community of opportunity
where individuals and families
can grow and play
and businesses will
flourish and prosper.*



Connecting with your City Council is easy!

Because they value open, collaborative government, the Spokane Valley City Council wants to hear from you.

Find out what topics the Council is addressing

Council agendas are available online at www.spokanevalley.org by selecting the "Council/Agenda" link.

If you're interested in finding out what the Council will be addressing at its next meeting, the City Council Agenda provides a list of topics as well as background information.

Find the current Council Agenda online at www.spokanevalley.org by selecting the "Council/Agenda" link. A copy is usually posted on the website by the Friday before the next meeting. A copy is also available for review at the Reception desk at City Hall or you may request a faxed copy by calling 509-720-5102.

Learn more at Study Sessions

*1st, 3rd and sometimes 5th Tuesdays
6:00 pm in Council Chambers*

If you're interested in learning more about specific topics that will be addressed by the City Council in Regular Sessions, Study Sessions are a great place to get more detail. Community members are welcome and encouraged to attend. *(Opportunities for public comment are typically not provided during Study Sessions.)*

Watch Webcasts and Videos of Council Meetings

Council meetings are webcast live on our SVTV Web Channel at www.spokanevalley.org/svtv where you can also watch archived videotapes of earlier meetings.

Videotapes of Council meetings are also aired on Comcast Cable Channel 14 at 6:00pm on Mondays following Council meetings.

Share your comments at Regular Council Meetings

*2nd & 4th Tuesdays
6 p.m. in Council Chambers/
11707 E. Sprague Ave., Suite 101*

Sign up to speak.

You'll find a sign-up sheet on the counter to the right of the main entrance to Council Chambers. *(Even if you don't sign up, you can still comment; just raise your hand when opportunity to speak is announced.)*

Your time to talk.

To share input on **an item that is not on the agenda for discussion**, there is an opportunity near the beginning of the meeting, and another at the end of the meeting. These are noted on the agenda as "Public Comment."

If you would like to comment on **an item that is on the agenda for discussion**, the opportunity will be offered at the time the item comes up for discussion during the meeting.

Come to the podium.

When you are recognized by the Mayor *(or presiding officer)*, just step up to the podium and speak into the microphone, beginning with your name and address. *(Please spell your name for the clerk.)*

Make it memorable; make it brief.

By briefly summarizing your main points in about three minutes, you can make your comments more memorable and help ensure that all who want to speak have time to be heard. If you have more detailed, written information that you want to share with the City Council, you may give a copy to the City Clerk, or you can mail or e-mail your information directly to the Councilmembers using the contact information shown at right.

Share your ideas, Comments and concerns With your Councilmembers

By mail: City of Spokane Valley
City Council
11707 E. Sprague Ave., #106
Spokane Valley, WA 99206

By e-mail as a group:

citycouncil@spokanevalley.org

Make an appointment to meet with a councilmember:

Please e-mail spassmore@spokanevalley.org or call 509-720-5106 to request an appointment and one will be arranged.

Individually:



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