



COUNCIL PROMOTES TRANSPARANCY BY LAUNCHING NEW MICROSITE AND PAPERLESS PACKETS FOR MEETING INFORMATION

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On May 4, 2010, the Ogden City Council's website will have a new look and feel as its web presence will be changed to a microsite. A new format will be provided with this change to allow more government information to be available online, including the Council's meeting information packets.

Currently individuals contact City staff to obtain printed copies of meeting information. This new process will allow agendas and packets to be posted by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the meeting. Council meeting information will then be available at any time of day, and citizens will have direct access to the same information provided to Council members during decision making processes.

A new "Agendas, Documents, and Recordings" webpage has been created on the microsite to provide agendas, information packets, video and audio recordings, and minutes for each meeting. This new webpage will provide full access to meeting information as it becomes available prior to and following each public meeting.

The goals of these initiatives are to:

- Promote government transparency
- Expand communication opportunities with citizens and allow for increased involvement
- Provide convenient access to meeting information
- Reduce costs and environmental impacts that come from using printed documents—
Approximately 100,000 pieces of paper will be saved each year

Council Chair Caitlin Gochnour said, "These efforts will make information more convenient for citizens to obtain. The transition to paperless packets also compliments the Council's 'Green Ogden' initiative, as information will be primarily available in an electronic format."

The Council's microsite will be made available at council.ogdencity.com.

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