PRE AGENDA MEETINGS

We set aside 1 hour for each Commissioner to meet with the City Manager, the Assistant City Managers, and the City Attorney the Thursday or Friday before any Regular or District Meeting.

The City Manager or his designee reads the agenda and answers any questions.

If an immediate answer cannot be provided, an email is sent to the Director of the appropriate department to respond in writing by the meeting date.

What are we doing now?

What we Propose

An informal style meeting where questions will be asked and operational staff will be present to answer all questions.

60 – 90 minute meetings – similar to existing time frames – to be held the Thursday before any Regular or District meetings.
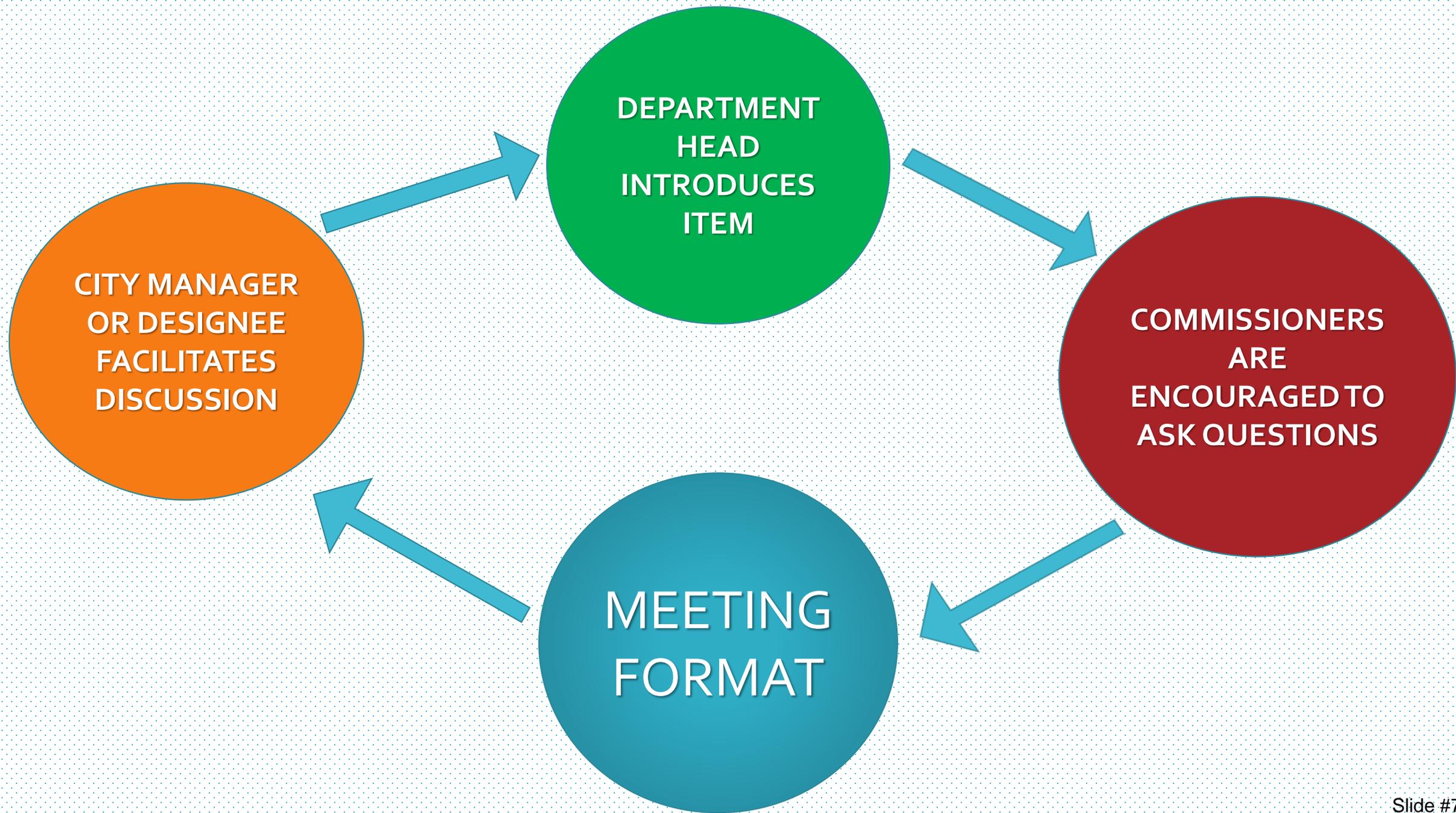
Meeting Logistics

1. Held in Room 244
2. Room to be set up in workshop format
3. Meeting will be publicly noticed
4. No quorum required

Meeting Logistics Continued:

5. No video recording required
6. Not recorded for public access
7. Minimal minutes taken
8. City Clerk takes action notes

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Let's compare the Pros & Cons

PROS

- More efficient use of staff time
- Commissioners will have the benefit of hearing each others questions so as to be better informed
- Public access to briefings
- Increase transparency

CONS

- If the voting in Regular and District meetings goes too smoothly, the perception may be that decisions were made outside of the Sunshine.
- Additional public meeting involving City Clerk staff time.

THE FINE PRINT:

The intent is not for debate, but discussion between elected officials and staff.

If the department head cannot answer a question, every effort will be made to respond in writing or email before the meeting.

Any information provided after the pre-agenda meeting can still be discussed at the Regular Meeting to ensure public awareness.

Any Questions ??