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The City Council has released a tentative schedule of topics for their upcoming work sessions.

Work sessions are informative meetings where the council gets background on issues that will later come up for a vote at a regular council meeting.

At the beginning of the year, the City Council decided to dissolve the small committees (finance, human services, etc) that used to look at issues and make recommendations to the council. The reason for eliminating the committees was that discussions that take place at work sessions would be more accessible to the public.

Most City Council work sessions are held at City Hall, 835 East 14th Street at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

Agendas are put up at least 72 hours before the meetings and posted at City Hall as well as on the city's website, www.sanleandro.org.

Here are few upcoming work session topics:

March 25: A look at the general fund budget with two year projections.

March 28: A special meeting for the mayor's State of the City speech.

April 22: A joint work session with the San Leandro and San Lorenzo school boards on safety in schools, disaster preparedness, and other topics.

May 31: A look at the city's housing plans.

June 10: A discussion of the San Leandro Creek and how to make the city more bicycle friendly.

July 8: A talk on homelessness in San Leandro

September 9: A presentation on development projects now underway in San Leandro.

September 23: Ethics training for the City Council and commission members.

November 1: A presentation by the police chief on crime in the city.

December 9: A discussion of plans for the shoreline.