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The City Council today adopted a resolution by Councilmen Leon Williams and Jess Haro which directs City-appointed boards, commissions and corporations to hold committee meetings in public with at least 24 hours notice of the meeting to the news media and public.

The change in Council policy was sought by the Freedom of Information Committee of the San Diego Newspaper Guild after members of the media were denied access to a committee meeting of a City-appointed body.

Williams said, "It is the purpose of this policy to reaffirm the openness already exhibited by the many City boards, commissions and corporations at their meetings by establishing as Council policy that whenever a City-appointed body meets, as a whole or as a committee for the purpose of making decisions on the public business, that meeting shall be open to the public and press."