

# City Council

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to 2020charterreviewcommittee

Hello all,

For those of you who do not know I was elected 6 times to the Greenfield City Council. I have been both a precinct councilor and an at large councilor. I have served on a 27 member council and a 13 member council. I have been in the leadership and in a minority. There are a few things that I can say from my experience that I think would help make the council more efficient and effective.

- 1) I would reduce the number of council members to 7, all elected at large with all of them elected every two years. (four years is a long time) all in the same race top 7 win. (See how agawam does Council Elections)
- 2) I would have the Council operate as a committee of the whole without sub committees.
- 3) I would reorganize the sessions of the council to include meetings where they take testimony and ask questions, public hearings/public comment and business meetings where votes are taken. I would not have public hearings immediately preceding business meetings.

Most people want to speak to the whole council and not a sub-committee, you can not effectively work together or communicate or maintain a quorum after hours of public comment.

To those who would say we need more voices not less, I think you all know we have many committees that need volunteers where we can not fill seats.

There are in my experience very few genuine precinct issues. Almost every issue affects the entire city.

Finally, I think this will ensure that those people elected are more representative of the community as a whole and extreme progressive or extreme conservative views. This will make the council less divisive.

For what it is worth that is what I think would be best for Greenfield after over two decades in municipal government. I wish you well with whatever you decide. Please feel free to reach out to me personally if you have any questions. My cell # is