

Update on System Statements

Community Development Committee

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System Statement Issues

Patterns similar to past cycles

- System statement issued in September 2025
- Many conversations with local government representatives regarding the contents
 - 29 communities raised issues
- Main issues:
 - Corrections to content: mapping errors, etc.
 - Forecasts (primary issue)
 - Requests for clarifications
- Agreed-upon forecast changes that will be brought to the Council for approval in August

Main steps for hearing process



No resolution?

Local government may request hearing within 60 days after receipt of System Statement



Hearing held within 60 days after request
Report sent to the Council within 30 days



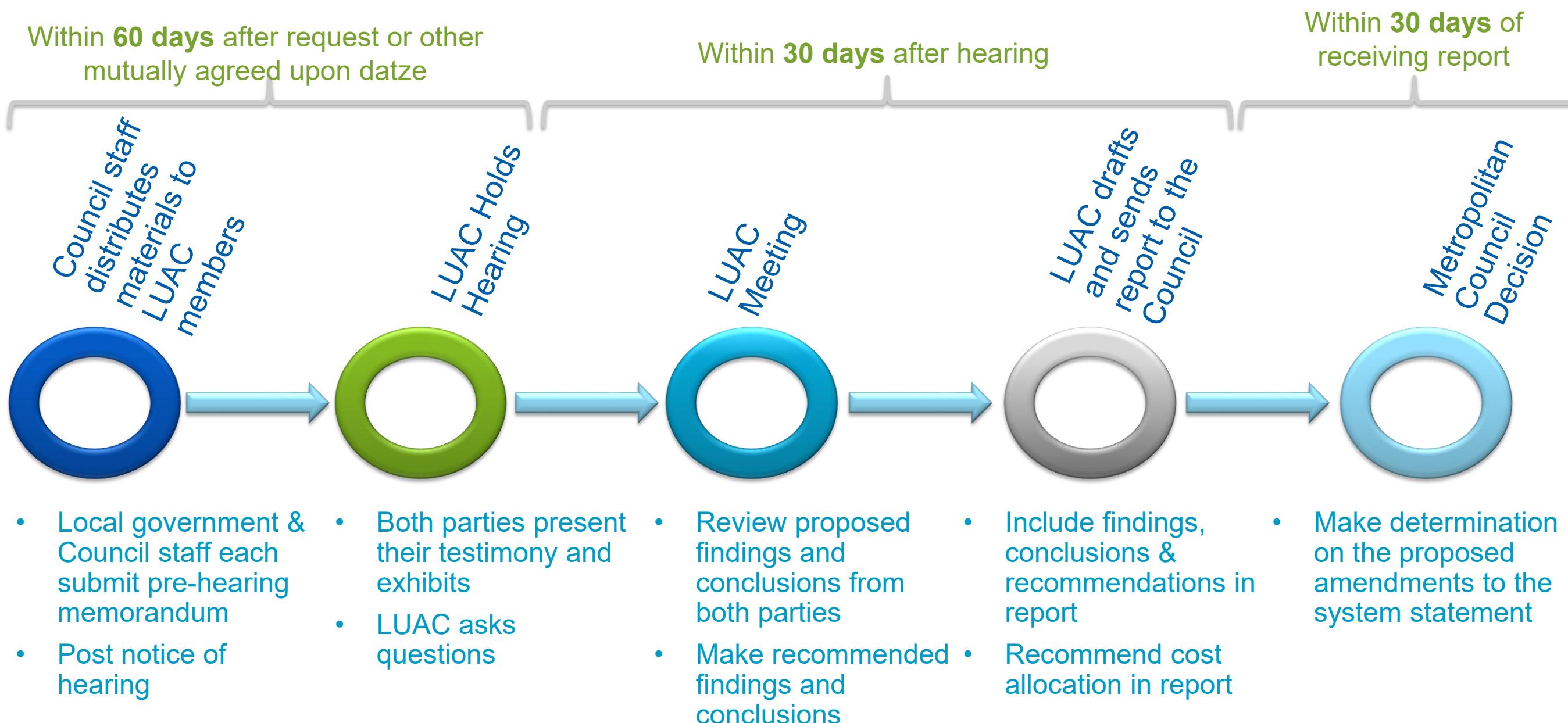
Council makes final determination within 30 days of receiving report

Requests for hearings

5 requests were formally submitted

- Farmington – Request for hearing will be withdrawn
 - Upward forecast adjustment, stipulated agreement
 - No hearing will be held
- Forest Lake – **Request for Hearing at LUAC**
 - Change from Suburb Edge Community Designation
 - Upward forecast request
- Hugo – Request for Hearing at Court of Administrative Hearings
 - Upward forecast request
- North Oaks - Request for Hearing at Court of Administrative Hearings
 - MUSA boundary corrections, downward forecast request, expansion of MUSA to accommodate failing SSTS (this would include providing regional sewer and Community Designation change)
- Oakdale - Request for Hearing at Court of Administrative Hearings
 - Upward forecast request

What happens after a hearing is requested at LUAC?



Preparing for the hearing

More detailed training will be provided ahead of the hearing

- Purpose: Give local government opportunity for LUAC to hear disagreements and hear proposed amendments to System Statement
- Training will cover:
 - Roles in the hearing process: local government, LUAC, Council staff, Metropolitan Council
 - Supports that will be provided
 - How to conduct the hearing; what to consider
 - Answer any other questions you might have



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