Government Engagement

Problem: What problem are you experiencing that might be solved by technology?:
It's hard to make the City Council meetings on a regular basis. This means that normal folks that are busy in the afternoon don't get their issues heard. Let's create a process for updating engaged citizens on the happenings at the council meetings, and provide them with a way to interact without being in the building itself. The goal would be to get those involved to stay focused on local issues, rather than get derailed by national politics.

Challenge: What technology do you think would solve this problem?: A Mobile/Web Application that allows non-anonymous lane county residents to submit topics related to local governance. Think Hackernews meets Change.org, with only upvoting being allowed. Once a submission has reached a certain vote threshold an email is automatically generated with the submission and a list of stakeholders which is then sent to City Councilors, the City Manager, and the Mayor. Their responses would be tracked on a submission by submission basis.

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