

Sec. 2.8 – Council Meetings

Council Proposed Amendment

Amendment Summary

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Brief Summary of Amendment

- Allows Council meetings to be cancelled when a quorum is not available to allow for flexibility for community events and religious holidays.
- Clarifies that the meeting requirements apply to the council business meetings and not to other regular meetings.

Amendment

Proposed language:

Section 2.8 – The Council shall meet at such times and places as it may determine, provided it shall hold regular ~~periodic~~business -meetings, not oftener than once a week, at least forty-six (46) times each calendar year unless a quorum is not available. Special meetings shall be called by the City Clerk on the written request of the Mayor or any three Council members. Such request shall state the subject or subjects to be considered at such meeting, and no other subject shall be considered thereat. Each Council member shall be given such notice that may be required by State law, but in no event less than twelve hours' notice, of the time and place of such special meetings. All meetings of the council shall be public as prescribed by State law. (Amendment approved by vote of the people November 6, 1979.)

Rationale for Amendment:

The word regular is not defined and provides for confusion as to what constitutes a “regular” meeting subject to the meeting requirements. Replacing the word “periodic” with “business” clarifies that the meeting requirements apply to the council business meetings and not to other regular meetings such as council study sessions and committee meetings. Additionally, adding a provision to allow council meetings to be cancelled when a quorum is not available recognizes that some council meetings will not have a quorum because the meetings follow holidays or occur during community and other events attended by City Council members.