
Sec. 2-2. Council meetings—Time, day, location.

The regular meetings of the Council of Columbus, Georgia shall be held at 9:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month and at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at ~~the Columbus Government Center the C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center~~. In January of odd-numbered years, an organizational meeting and council meeting shall be held as required by Section 3-103(1) of the Columbus on the first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. and regular meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and the fourth Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Charter. Council may reschedule regular meetings by resolution adopted at least seven days in advance so long as two regular meetings are held in each month as required by Section 3-103(4) of Charter. Council may also have special called meetings in accordance with notice provided in accordance with Charter Section 3-103(4) and the Georgia Open Meetings Act. Except for such January meetings in odd-numbered years, a proclamation session shall be held by the mayor on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Columbus Government Center and attendance of councilors shall be optional at this session. In any month with a fifth Tuesday, a consent agenda shall be considered, and a work session meeting shall be held on said fifth Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. at the C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center or such other place as Council may designate. the Columbus Government Center. Council may in its discretion hold additional work sessions to address various topics of concern.

Sec. 2-3. Same—Rules of procedure.

- (a) Pursuant to the duties of the mayor under the Columbus Charter to preside at all meetings of the Columbus Council, the mayor shall preserve order and decorum.
- (b) In the absence of the mayor, the mayor pro tem shall preside, and in his absence a chairman shall be appointed by the members of the council, vested with all powers of the mayor during his absence.
- (c) Either the mayor or the Columbus Council may create committees for the purpose of inquiring into or making recommendations on matters within the scope of the mayor's or council's authority, and the mayor shall appoint the members of such committees unless the Council provides for other appointing authority.
- (d) All persons desiring to appear before the Council of Columbus, Georgia, ~~except with respect to a 1st Reading of an Ordinance or other designated public hearing,~~ shall make written application to the Clerk of Council not later than 12:00 noon on Friday preceding the meeting, giving his or her name and the subject matter to be discussed. Said information may be faxed or delivered to the clerk by a third party. The Clerk of Council shall prepare an agenda for the Council ~~to include a~~ ~~and no person shall be allowed to speak unless on said agenda.~~ ~~Said individual shall be placed on the agenda next to the item to be addressed by the council at the time the item is called up to the mayor.~~ A public agenda shall be prepared by the Clerk of Council and ~~those~~ individuals listed on the public agenda shall be heard immediately after the city attorney's agenda upon recognition by the ~~M~~mayor.
- (e) A motion to reconsider any of the proceedings of the council will not be entertained unless it be made by a councilor who voted with the majority and such motion shall be made at the same or succeeding meeting.
- (f) A point of order shall be decided by the Mayor subject to appeal to the whole council by motion and second of two members of council, but there shall be no suspension of the rules of council established in this section.
- (g) A motion to table any matter shall be first in order, and motions to amend shall be made and voted on prior to motions for passage or defeat of an ordinance or resolution; a motion to amend an amendment shall be made and voted on prior to voting on the amendment which it addresses.
- (h) A motion for adjournment shall always be in order.
- (i) The Columbus Council shall by resolution or agreement adopt such order of business and such limitations on speaking times as it deems desirable, but no unreasonable or unlawful limitation on speaking time shall be imposed in zoning matters or when the council sits as a quasi-judicial body on such matters as license revocations.
- (j) Consistent with the provision of the Columbus Charter requiring the affirmative vote of six members of the Columbus Council to enact an ordinance and consistent with provisions of Georgia law requiring the majority of the membership of a body to take action, at least six votes on all matters before the Columbus Council shall be required in order to take action.
- (k) In addition to, but consistent with, existing rules of procedure contained in the Columbus Code of Ordinances or in the Columbus Charter, Robert's Rules of Order is hereby adopted as rules of procedure for conducting meetings of the Columbus Council; but those rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order allowing certain votes of a majority of a quorum in order to take any action and requiring a two-third's vote for certain matters are not adopted. A copy of Robert's Rules of Order will be maintained in the office of the Clerk of the Columbus Council.
- (l) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, expressions of commendation or congratulations to citizens by the Columbus Council may be adopted by acclamation ~~at monthly proclamation sessions held by the mayor and council on the first Tuesday of each month at any Council meeting~~ without necessity of official quorum of the Columbus Council.