

Ordinance No. _____

An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code which provide for meeting dates and procedures for the Columbus Council; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Section 2-2. of the Columbus Code is here by amended by striking the current code section in its entirety and adopting a new Columbus Code Section 2-2 to read as follows:

“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 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 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 Charter Section 3-103(4) and the Georgia Open Meetings Act. 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. Council may in its discretion hold additional work sessions to address various topics of concern.”

SECTION 2.

Paragraphs (d) and (l) of Section 2-3 of the Columbus Code which deals with Columbus Council Rules of Procedure are hereby revised to read as follows:

“(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 submitted through the online application process, mailed or delivered to the Clerk of Council’s Office in person or by a third party. The Clerk of Council shall prepare an agenda for the Council to include a public agenda and those individuals listed on the public agenda shall be heard immediately after the city attorney’s agenda upon recognition by the mayor.”

“(l) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, expressions of commendation or congratulations to citizens by the Columbus Council may be adopted by acclamation at any Council meeting without necessity of official quorum of the Columbus Council.”

SECTION 3.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 13th day of February, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the ___ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes	voting	_____.
Councilor Begly	voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle	voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb	voting	_____.
Councilor Davis	voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett	voting	_____.
Councilor Huff	voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas	voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker	voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor