

Suggested changes to committee structure

Standing

1. Financial Oversight Committee
2. T.I.P.S. (Transportation, Infrastructure, Parks, SPLOST)

Ad Hoc

1. CID Steering Committee
2. Public Safety Steering Committee

For the standing committees, an ordinance establishing them which codifies these as official standing committees of the city. Membership information by title only is in this ordinance. This will establish the standing committees and define the structure (i.e. the rules, quorum, meeting frequency, etc.) The ordinance should also stipulate that the two appointed council members will serve as chair and vice chair (those two council members can change each year, but that assignment would be handled in the resolution). We should also include that these committees will meet monthly (unless otherwise necessary) and specify the calendar occurrences (i.e. 3rd Wednesday, 4th Thursday, 1st Monday, etc.) By resolution, we can appoint members to it which would be the only portion of the document that changes year to year.

For the ad hoc committees This committee will be created by resolution setting a deadline for completion of their purpose/task at less than 11 months. The calendar would start after the members have been appointed and the chair and vice chair will be the elected officials who are appointed to the committees. This establishes a definite sunset so that the actual task is completed. If they do end up needing more time, the resolution can be amended to add more time.

General Public Participation

For the discussions/brainstorming sessions about general or specific topics, the city council will host town hall meetings or think tanks for all citizens or business owners to attend throughout the year. Town halls can be held at City Hall or within the district. These meetings should be scheduled in advance, preferably on an annual calendar. Although different districts may host the meeting, they will be open to the entire city. Joint meetings will be encouraged. With 6 members of council, bi-monthly meetings should be the minimum.