
2.08.010 Meetings.

- (a) The regular sessions of the city council shall be held on the first and third Tuesdays in each month, commencing at six-thirty in the evening. If any council meeting falls on an election day or on a holiday, the council meeting for that day shall be held on the Thursday following the first or third Tuesday in the month, at six-thirty p.m. Special meetings may be called, as provided by the Wisconsin Statutes. A city council meeting may be cancelled or set at a date other than is set forth in the section if said cancellation or date change is approved by a majority of the city council members voting or is approved by both the city manager and the city council president. There shall, however, be at least one meeting of the council each month.
- (b) The city council meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the following guidelines:
 - (1) The agenda shall be established under the authority of the city manager. Councilmembers who wish to have agenda items addressed need to make their request no later than twelve noon, six business days prior to the meeting. The city manager shall honor all legal requests of councilmembers.
 - (2) Consent Agenda. A consent agenda item that recommends expedited approval of appropriate resolutions, ordinances and considerations, per the recommendation of the city manager may be included. At the request of a councilmember, any consent agenda item shall be removed, discussed and acted upon individually.
 - (3) Period of Public Comment. The period of public comment is a time set aside for the purpose of allowing the council to receive information from the public concerning matters that are not on the meeting agenda. Pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.82(2), no decisions shall be made on matters addressed during this period. The council president should inform the public that the purpose of the public comment period is limited and, if any action is requested, the matter must be put on the council agenda of a future meeting for consideration. Comments by any one member of the public shall be limited to three minutes. Repetitious statements should be discouraged, except when they are declarations of support of a prior speaker's comments. Personal attacks are inappropriate.
 - (4) Order of Business. The following shall be the order of business:
 - (A) Common council president reads the agenda title;
 - (B) The city manager, staff and/or city consultant may give a brief introduction to the issue (if necessary);
 - (C) Immediately after introduction of the agenda item, at the option of any councilmember, a motion may be made and seconded prior to any additional statements regarding the agenda item. If this procedure is used, public input and discussion of the agenda item shall take place after the second. If there is not an immediate motion made and seconded, public comment and further discussion of the matter will proceed. During this period a councilmember may, at any time, make a motion concerning the matter. The council president shall attempt to make certain that any member of the public wishing to speak on the issue has an opportunity to be heard before a final vote is taken;
 - (D) There shall be a three-minute limit placed on each speaker from the general public. If necessary, requests shall be made to speakers not to make comments that are similar to prior public input about the same issue, unless the comments are a declaration of support of a prior speaker's statements.
 - (5) Official Public Hearings. Guidelines should be printed and distributed prior to each hearing to any citizen who wishes to participate. Conduct of the public hearing:

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- (A) The common council president shall call the hearing to order, summarize the need for the hearing, review the public hearing meeting guidelines and, if necessary, allow the city manager, staff or city consultant to make a presentation.
 - (B) The public hearing guidelines for the public input portion of the hearing shall include a five-minute time limit. There shall be a request of speakers not to make redundant comments unless the speaker is declaring his or her support of a prior speaker's comments. As much as possible, speakers shall be called upon to make comments first in support of and then in opposition to the public hearing proposal in alternating order. The president shall have the authority to give time extensions to a speaker, if in the judgment of the president the speaker needs more time to clarify his/her position.
 - (C) Questions from the common councilmembers are appropriate; however, comments from the councilmembers should be held in reserve until after the public input portion of the hearing is closed.
 - (D) Citizen participants in the public hearing should not debate the issues directly with councilmembers, staff, or other members of the audience.
 - (E) The council president will then declare the public input portion of the hearing closed and council discussion shall begin. Discussions of agenda items related to the public hearing will not include input from the public unless reasonably solicited by a councilmember.

(Ord. No. 1764A, § 1, 5-4-2010; Ord. No. 1959A, § 1, 9-18-2018; Ord. No. 2071, 10-17-2023)