

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Thursday, October 28, 2021

10:30 AM

**Ordinance Review Committee
Virtual Meeting**

Public Call In: 1-929-329-2027 PIN: 347 103 030#

City Council

1. Call to Order*Members Present:*

*Mayor Bill Grant
Councilmember Will Carlan
Councilmember Nick Estes
Councilmember Jo Ellen Wilson
City Manager Billy Peppers
Assistant City Manager Nathan Ingram
City Attorney Bobby Dyer
Administrative Assistant Lou Stewart*

Councilmember Will Carlan called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Thomas Weaver stated that if the code section was to be reviewed concerning the public requesting that a particular subject be placed on the agenda at least ten days prior to the meeting, that the Committee leave this language as is instead of repealing.

3. Consideration of Minutes

- A. Ordinance Review Committee Draft Minutes - October 20, 2021 - Attachment 3A

Attachments: [Minutes - Ordinance Review Committee - October 20, 2021](#)

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Estes and approved unanimously.

4. Review of Chapter 2, Article II "Mayor and Council"

After discussion from the Committee members, staff, and the City Attorney the following updates were recommended:

Sec. 2-19 - General Duties of the Mayor:

The Charter has the same section. Recommended eliminating this section.

Sec. 2-20 - Mayor pro tempore:

The Charter has the same section. Recommended eliminating this section.

Sec. 2-21 - Chairperson:

Keep ordinance as is.

Sec. 2-22 – Committees:

Leave language so that the Mayor still appoints the first Committee Chair, with Committee still being able to appoint later. Also, leave the Mayor as the ex-officio member only, so there is no conflict with the Charter.

Sec. 2-23 – Compensation of Mayor and Council:

Update the annual compensation to current amounts.

Sec. 2-48 – Open Meetings:

This references state law, leave as is.

Sec. 2-49 – Organizational Meetings:

Remove code section.

Sec. 2-50 – Work Sessions and Regular Meetings:

Update to eliminate the language of holding Work Sessions and amend to hold two Regular Meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. or as scheduled in advance. Each meeting will include old and new business and the meeting calendar will continue to be adopted at the first meeting in January.

Sec. 2-51 – Special Meetings and rescheduled Regular Meetings:

Leave code section as is.

Sec. 2-52 – Emergency Sessions:

Leave code section as is.

Sec. 2-53 – Executive Sessions:

May be held as provided by State Law.

Sec. 2-54 – Quorum:

Leave as is. Quorum definition must be consistent with the Charter.

Division 3 – Procedure***Sec. 2-82 – Rules of Procedure:***

Leave as is.

Sec. 2-83 – Parliamentarian:

Leave as is.

Sec. 2-84 – Voting: Majority:

Eliminate this section. Charter has the same language.

Sec. 2-85 – Abstentions:

Leave as is. Refer to Ethics Ordinance for a conflict.

Sec. 2-86 – Agenda:

(a) – Eliminate this section. Also, eliminate possibility in Charter as well. Public comment allows citizens time to speak and if someone wanted to move forward formally, they could ask Council to sponsor the item.

(b) – Eliminate this section.

(c) – Clarify to include two business days “after” adjournment of meeting.

Sec. 2-87 – Consent Agenda:

Update language in a manner to state that the Mayor does not have to read all the items on the consent agenda but, only ask if Council would like any item to be removed before asking for a motion.

Sec. 2-88 – Minutes:

City Attorney to discuss with the City Clerk a language update to describe form of minutes.

Sec. 2-89 – Order of Business:

Eliminate this section.

Sec. 2-90 – Decorum:

(a) – Leave as is.

(b) – Eliminate

(c) – Leave as is.

Sec. 2-91 – Public Participation:

(a) – Eliminate

(b) – Update to public comment time as allowed in current meetings and add that time can be extended if necessary.

(c) – Leave as is.

(d) – Leave as is.

(e) – Eliminate

Sec. 2-92 – Amendments to Rules:

Eliminate this section.

Sec. 2-93 – Suspension of Rules of Order:

Eliminate this section.

Sec. 2-94 – Visual and Sound recordings:

Leave as is.

DIVISION 4 – MOTIONS:

Sec. 2-117 – Main Motion:

Add language that City Council may discuss any item on the agenda without a motion.

Sec. 2-118 – 2-120:

Leave as is.

Sec. 2-121 – Subsidiary motions:

(d) – Add language that the Mayor must approve.

Sec. 2-122 – 2-124:

Leave as is.

DIVISION 5 – LEGISLATION:

Sec. 2-152 – Action Restricted; Emergencies:

Update to match the language in the Charter.

Sec. 2-153 – Reading of Ordinances:

Eliminate this section.

Sec 2-155 – Adoption of Ordinances, Resolutions and Contracts:

City Attorney to research for duplicate language elsewhere in ordinances.

Sec. 2-156 – Eliminate this section.

5. Next Steps

Discussion of Chapter II – Article III through IX and Chapter 6

The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, November 3rd at 3:00 p.m. and will be held virtual.

6. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Estes and approved unanimously.