



GOVERNING STANDARDS

RS-22-094

June 28, 2022

Background

- ❑ The Governing Standards and Expectations were originally adopted by resolution in June 2018 and revised annually since then.
- ❑ The intent is for the Governing Standards to serve as a single-source reference containing the Council's rules, protocols, procedures, policies and expectations for itself, committee members, staff and the public.
- ❑ Section 7-20 provides that the new City Council shall begin review and re-adoption of the Governing Standards after the election.
- ❑ On June 21, 2022, City Council directed that certain changes to the Governing Standards be brought back for consideration.

Directed Changes

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- ❑ Section 1-50 (a)(8): add language that allows for Mayor and Councilmembers to have one (1) minute to respond to citizen comments with a statement or explanation without engaging in dialogue.
- ❑ Section 1-80 (b): clarify that the Mayor Pro Tem shall not vote when presiding in the absence of the Mayor unless in the event of a tie vote among Councilmembers.

Directed Changes

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- ❑ Section 2-60: increase the number of meetings supported by city resources for the Mayor and each Councilmember from one to three meetings per calendar year.
- ❑ Section 2-60 (a): add the Killeen Civic and Conference Center Boardroom and the Killeen Arts and Activity Center to the list of meeting spaces that can be used for non-political Mayor- or Councilmember-sponsored meetings.
- ❑ Section 2-60 (c): add language reflecting the creation of a shared calendar for City Council town hall events that will be managed by the City Manager or Assistant City Manager.

Directed Changes

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- ❑ Section 2-70: remove the section that currently states that no city tax dollars will be used to support non-city events by purchasing tables or seats at fundraising events.
- ❑ Section 2-80: add both the annual Juneteenth Festival and the annual Juneteenth Parade to the specific list of events where the City will provide in-kind non-monetary services.

Directed Changes

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- Section 3-10 (f): amend the section to reflect a new process for making Councilmember appointments to committees and subcommittees that includes the mayor having the first choice of three (3) committees, followed by councilmembers in tenure order selecting one committee each, followed by additional round(s) of Councilmembers selecting committees until all committee appointments are filled. For the purpose of this section, tenure shall mean time in current office without a break from the time of election or appointment to present. In the event that tenure of Councilmembers is the same, the order of those Councilmembers' selections will be based on the number of votes received when elected in highest to lowest order.

Directed Changes

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- Section 3-20 (f): update this section to reflect that the Animal Advisory Committee does have a City Council subcommittee.

Alternatives

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- The City Council may:
 - ▣ 1) continue discussions for further amendments to the Governing Standards and Expectations; or
 - ▣ 2) readopt the Governing Standards and Expectations as amended.