



GOVERNING STANDARDS

RS-26-104

July 7, 2026

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 of the Governing Standards after the election and work to re-adopt an updated version by the end of July each year.
- On June 16, 2026, City Council directed that certain changes be brought back to City Council and that additional revisions be discussed on July 7, 2026.

Council-Directed Changes

- Section 1-50(a)(15): Add a separate section for citizen comments on non-agenda items to regular meeting agendas
- Section 1-80(d): Add provision to allow the public to participate remotely
- Section 2-60(d): Update the date for which city facilities may not be used for Councilmember-Sponsored Meetings from January 1 through election day to July 1 of odd numbered years through election day
- Section 3-10(f): Update the date for Council appointments to committees and subcommittees to every December
- Section 3-20(e): Add Board of Adjustment to the list of Boards with appointment subcommittees
- Section 7-20: Update the date for annual review of the Governing Standards to December/January

Additional Councilmember Requested Changes

- Regular meeting start time starting at 5 p.m.
- Mayor may set time for special meetings if there is no council motion specifying the time. Changes to the time of regular meetings would require approval by a majority of City Council
- Anything on the agenda not discussed by 11 p.m. is moved to a special meeting agenda for the following week
- Meetings will not be adjourned prior to 11 p.m. if there is still business to be discussed on the agenda unless there is an emergency
- Return to 4 minutes for Citizens Comments and Public Hearings, 3 minutes for non-agenda items
- Split agenda into two separate meetings, whether same day or different days, have a call to order, agenda approval, and adjournment on the workshop and the meeting

Additional Councilmember Requested Changes

- Add invocation and pledge to Special City Council meetings'
- Either define "citizen" as any member of the public for purposes of citizens comments/participation or rename the sections to "Public Comment"
- Remove requirement to submit participation form prior to meeting start
- Procedure for Council investigations
- Remove the authority of the Mayor to remove citizens from the premises
- Clarify that staff presentations are not required for consent agenda items unless a Councilmember requests that an item be pulled from consent agenda for further discussion

Next Steps

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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 with amendments.