

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-30-0415

AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-26 ENTITLED "REGULAR MEETINGS" TO IMPROVE THE COUNCIL MEETING PROCESS.

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WHEREAS, Section 11 of the City Charter provides in part that all meetings of the Council shall be held at such times as may be prescribed by ordinance or resolution; but not less than one regular meeting shall be held each week, unless postponed for reasons to be spread on the minutes which shall be kept of all Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, Section 12 of the City Charter provides in part that Council shall determine its rules and order of business and keep minutes of its proceedings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this authority, the City Council has from time to time taken action to fix the time and place of its meetings as well as rules of order of business; and establish rules for those attending such meetings; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager's Office evaluated the current Council agenda and meeting process in an effort to identify areas for improvement, and briefed the City Council during the March 22, 2006 "B" Session, recommending certain procedural changes to increase efficiency, reliability, and quality of service to the City Council, City Departments, and the citizens of San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, the City Council expressed support for the changes to the City Council meeting procedure, and desires to modify the dates, times, and order by which its official business is conducted pursuant to the authority set out in the City Charter; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Code of San Antonio, Texas, Chapter 2, Article II Section 2-26 entitled "Regular Meetings" is amended by adding the underscored words and deleting those struck through and bracketed to read in its entirety as follows:

"Sec. 2-26. Regular Meetings.

The council shall hold its regular meetings in the council chamber in the Municipal Plaza Building within the City Hall Complex on Thursday of each week beginning at 9:00 a.m. After the meeting is convened, the City Council shall consider agenda items in the following order with time certain items being considered [~~and~~] no sooner than the designated times:

- (1) Items which are placed on a consent agenda and may therefore be considered and adopted as a group upon a single vote (9:00 a.m.).
- (2) Items requiring an individual vote, to include items pulled off the consent agenda and time certain items as may be required by law or otherwise scheduled by the City Manager (upon conclusion of consent items).
- (3) Executive Session (at a scheduled time determined by the City Manager).
- (4) Ceremonial Items (at a scheduled time determined by the City Manager and City Clerk).

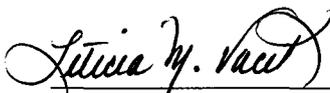
- ~~(5) Citizens to be Heard (6:00 p.m.).~~
- ~~(6) If the council has not adjourned by 7:00 p.m., the presiding officer shall entertain a motion to continue the council meeting, postpone remaining items to the next council meeting date, or recess and reconvene the meeting at a specified time on the following day.~~
- ~~[(1) Items requiring an individual vote, to include time certain items as may be required by law or otherwise scheduled by the City Manager. (9:00 a.m. — noon lunch break):~~
- ~~(2) Items which are placed on a consent agenda but pulled by a City Councilmember for individual consideration, requiring an individual vote. (upon conclusion of individual items):~~
- ~~(3) Executive Session (1:00 p.m.)~~
- ~~(4) Continuation of Business (upon conclusion of executive session):~~
- ~~(5) Ceremonial recognitions (5:00 p.m.):~~
- ~~(6) Citizens to be Heard (6:00 p.m.):~~
- ~~(7) At 7:00 p.m. the presiding officer shall entertain a motion to recess the council meeting. If no motion is made or if a motion is made and it fails, the meeting will continue until adjourned. If a motion is made and it passes, the presiding officer shall recess the Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. and reconvene the meeting at 9:00 a.m. on the following day.]”~~

SECTION 2. The codifier of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas (the "Code") is authorized to make nonsubstantive changes in this ordinance and parts of this ordinance as necessary to embody the ordinance into a unified code. The codifier may organize the ordinance material into appropriate subdivisions; provide or change appropriate catchlines, headings, titles and numbers for sections and other subdivisions of the Code and make other nonsubstantive changes necessary to preserve the original meaning of the ordinance sections inserted into the Code; but in no instance shall the codifier make any change in the meaning or effect of ordinance material included in the Code.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage by eight (8) affirmative votes; otherwise said ordinance shall take effect on the tenth (10th) day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 30th day of March 2006.


M A Y O R
PHIL HARDBERGER

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
City Attorney