

BY AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. _____
SERIES OF 2022

COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Finance and Governance

A RESOLUTION

Amending the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure concerning the time and order of regular council meetings.

WHEREAS, § 3.3.2 of the Charter authorizes the City Council to make rules governing its procedures; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 13-6(a)(2), D.R.M.C. provides that the Council may adopt or amend its rules of procedure by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That Rule 1.1 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

1.1 REGULAR MEETINGS. Except as otherwise provided by ordinance, the Denver City Council ("Council") shall meet each Monday in regular session in the Council Chambers at 1437 Bannock Street, Denver, Colorado, or, if the Council Chambers cannot be used, in a central location in a City office building accessible to the public. The meetings shall begin at ~~5~~3:30 p.m. Public hearings, if any are scheduled, shall begin at ~~6:00~~ 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits.

Section 2. That Rule 3.1 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

3.1 The regular meetings shall be called to order at ~~5~~3:30 p.m.

Section 3. That Rule 3.4 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

3.4 If a quorum is present, the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be approved and the Council shall then take up business in the following order:

- (a) Announcements, presentations, communications, and proclamations.
- (b) Introduction of new bills and reading of bill titles.
- (c) Call for separate consideration of resolutions, or bills or proclamations.
- (d) Adoption of resolutions not set for hearing.
- (e) Final consideration and adoption of bills not set for hearing.
- (f) Recess for registration of persons wishing to speak at any public hearings.
- (g) Unfinished business.
- (h) Reading of proclamations called out for separate consideration.
- (gi) Public hearings and consideration of resolutions or bills set for hearing.
- (hj) Other business.

Section 4. That Rule 3.5 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

3.5 A bill, ~~or resolution,~~ or proclamation may receive separate consideration upon the request of a Council member (also known as "calling out" a bill, ~~or resolution,~~ or proclamation). All bills upon final consideration and all resolutions and proclamations that are not called out for separate consideration shall be voted upon separately in a block.

Section 5. That Rule 6.4 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

6.4 FORM. The form of motions shall be substantially as follows:

- (a) *First Publication:* "Mr./Madam President, I move that Council Bill No. ____, be ordered published."
- (b) *Final Passage:* "Mr./Madam President, I move that Council Bill No. ____, be placed upon final consideration and do pass."
- (c) *Proclamations:* "Mr./Madam President, I move that Proclamation No. ____, be adopted."
- (d) *Approval of Resolutions:* "Mr./Madam President, I move that Resolution No. ____, be adopted."
- (e) *To Amend:* "Mr./Madam President, I move to amend Council Bill No. ____, in the following particulars:"
- (f) *To Override Veto:* "Mr./Madam President, I move that Council Bill No. ____, be

- 1 passed notwithstanding the disapproval and objections of the Mayor."
- 2 (g) *Suspension of Rules for Late Filings*: "Mr./Madam President, I move that the
- 3 rules be suspended in order to permit the introduction of Council
- 4 Bill/Resolution No.____.
- 5 (h) *Reconsideration*: "Mr./Madam President, I move that Council Bill/Resolution
- 6 No.____, be reconsidered."
- 7 (i) *To Excuse Absentees*: "Mr./Madam President, I move that the absence of
- 8 Council member _____ be excused."
- 9 (j) *To Move the Question*: "Mr./Madam President, I move the previous question."
- 10 (k) *To Recess*: "Mr./Madam President, I move Council take a recess."
- 11 (l) *To Postpone*: "Mr./Madam President, I move that Council Bill/Resolution No.
- 12 _____ be postponed to _____."
- 13 (m) *To Re-Refer to the Committee*: "Mr./Madam President, I move that Council
- 14 Bill/Resolution No. _____ be rereferred to Committee."
- 15 (n) *To Adjourn*: Mr./Madam President, I move to adjourn."
- 16 (o) *To Take up a Question Out of Its Proper Order*: "Mr./Madam President, I move
- 17 that Council Bill/Resolution No. _____ be taken out of order."
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19 **Section 6.** That Rule 7.4 of the Denver City Council Rules of Procedure shall be amended by

20 deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

21 7.4 QUESTIONS DECIDED WITHOUT DEBATE. The following questions shall be decided

22 without debate:

- 23 (a) Adjournment to a date certain.
- 24 (b) Taking a recess.
- 25 (c) Questions relating to the priority of business.
- 26 (d) Moving the question.
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1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: June 21, 2022

2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: June 28, 2022

3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: _____

4 _____ - PRESIDENT

5 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
6 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
7 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
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9 PREPARED BY: Anshul Bagga, Assistant City Attorney DATE: July 13, 2022

10 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed resolution has been reviewed by the Office of the
11 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
12 resolution. The proposed resolution is submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §3.2.6
13 of the Charter.
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15 Kristin M. Bronson, City Attorney

16 BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____