

CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL



Council Chamber, Second Floor
City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle St.
Chicago, IL 60602

City Council Regular Meeting Agenda*

**Agenda items are shown in bold font. Text not in bold font is explanatory, for the convenience of the reader.*

In accordance with Rule 3 of the City Council Rules of Order and Procedure, the following is the agenda and order of business for regular City Council meetings:

1. Call to order by the Mayor.

The Mayor, or in his or her absence the President Pro Tempore, calls the City Council to order to begin the meeting.

2. Call of the roll.

The City Clerk calls the roll of members present beginning with the 1st Ward.

3. Determination of Quorum.

If a quorum is present, the Council may proceed. A quorum consists of the majority of the members of the City Council, including the Mayor. If no quorum is present, the City Council shall, by majority vote of the members present, move to recess or adjourn.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited by the members of the City Council and assembled guests.

5. Invocation.

An invocation is given.

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6. Public Comment.

Members of the general public may address the City Council on subject matters appearing on meeting agenda.

7. Reports and Communications from the Mayor.

Reports and communications from the Mayor and City departments are announced into the record by the City Clerk and sent to the appropriate committee unless there is 2/3 vote to Suspend the City Council's Rules of Order and Procedure and consider them immediately. The Mayor or Presiding Officer may also present resolutions or proclamations.

8. Communications from the City Clerk.

The City Clerk apprises the City Council of communications from various departments and agencies that were filed in his or her office from the time of the previous meeting. The City Clerk also notes the publication of the previous City Council Journal and other documents required or requested to be published. Matters submitted to the City Clerk by members of the general public or other entities requiring City Council approval are also introduced and referred to the appropriate committee for deliberation.

9. Reports of Standing Committees.**

Standing committee chairmen report out to the full City Council the recommendations of the membership on matters under their consideration. Joint committees comprising two or more standing committees also report their recommendations at this time.

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10. Reports of Special Committees.

Special committee chairmen present their reports. Special committees are created by resolution adopted by 2/3 affirmative vote of the aldermen entitled by law to be elected.

11. Agreed Calendar.

Non-controversial resolutions honoring or paying tribute to individuals or organizations or ceremonial in nature are considered under the Agreed Calendar and on recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, they are voted upon as a group by the full City Council. The Agreed Calendar is also commonly referred to as the Consent Calendar.

12. Presentation of petitions, communication, resolutions, orders, and ordinances introduced by Aldermen.

The City Clerk will "Call the Wards" and read into the record new legislative proposals (ordinances, orders, petitions, resolutions, or other original matters) introduced by aldermen on a variety of topics including but not limited to Municipal Code amendments, traffic regulations, zoning matters, licensing requirements, etc. The order of presentation alternates each meeting beginning with the 1st Ward on one meeting, then the 50th Ward on the next succeeding meeting, and so forth.

Under City Council Rules, all legislative matters introduced are automatically referred to a City Council Committee without debate, unless there is a 2/3 vote of the members (34 votes are required) to suspend the rules to allow immediate consideration of the matter in question.

Matters may be referred to a Joint Committee for consideration; however, if two or more committees are called, the subject matter is referred, without debate, to the Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics.

13. Correction and approval of the Journal of the Proceedings of the last preceding meeting or meetings.

Corrections to the Journal of Proceedings are presented and referred to the Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics for review. The Chairman of the Committee on Finance will also recommend that the full City Council approve of the Journal(s) of the last preceding regular meeting, as corrected, as well as any special meetings which occurred from the time of the last City Council meeting.

14. Unfinished Business.

Aldermen may request that the City Council call up for consideration previously deferred items. Notification of intentions to consider such matter(s) must be given to all aldermen and must clearly identify the item intended to be called up for a vote.

15. Miscellaneous Business.

At this point in the meeting, any alderman may motion to discharge a committee from further consideration of a matter which has been pending in committee for more than 60 days. The motion to discharge requires a majority vote of all aldermen (26 votes are required).

16. Ordinance setting the next regular meeting.

An ordinance is presented setting the date and time of the next regular meeting of the City Council. If no meeting date is set, then in accordance with the Municipal Code, the regular meeting shall be held at 10:00 a.m. of every second and fourth Wednesday of each calendar month.

17. Roll call on omnibus.

An omnibus vote is a single roll call vote taken and applied to all items not voted upon separately, or for which another vote was not employed during the course of the meeting.

18. Adjournment.

If no further business is to be considered and the meeting is concluded, then a motion is made to adjourn.