



Proposed Charter Amendments

Section 27

City Council Second Reading
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Section 27-Council Meetings

Amend provisions on open and executive sessions.

- Executive sessions are closed sessions of the city council that may ONLY be held for a designated purpose
- Other than executive sessions, ALL meetings of the city council must be open to the public

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Amend Subsection 1 to allow for executive sessions regarding:

- records required to be kept confidential by federal or state regulations; and
- specialized details of security arrangements.

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Add a new Subsection 3 to allow executive sessions to:

- provide instruction to staff on negotiations pertaining to the purchase and sale of property; and
- all actions pertaining to such negotiations that must occur in open session.

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Add a new Subsection 4 to allow executive sessions to receive legal advice from the attorney for the city.

- Limited to legal advice only
- No persons may be present except the city attorney, city manager, and persons necessary to provide factual information
- No action on the legal advice may be taken in executive session
- The general substance of the request for legal advice must be on the public agenda

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Add a new Subsection 5 to allow executive sessions pertaining to:

- the recruitment, employment, evaluation and discipline of council appointed employees (city attorney, city manager, and presiding municipal judge); and
- all formal actions pertaining to such employees must occur in open session.

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- Pros
 - Provides council as a body giving instruction
 - Public disclosure of the general discussion on executive session matters
 - All of council hears exactly the same information
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 - Changes the current provision of the charter