



**RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF TROY, MICHIGAN**

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**1. ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM:**

The election of Mayor Pro Tem shall rotate annually in the following order: Hodorek, Gunn, Chanda, Hamilton, Brooks, ~~Erickson-Gault~~, Chamberlain-Creanga

The order of the rotation is: Current Council Members who have not yet served as Mayor Pro Tem; then, newly elected Council Members ranked by number of votes received; finally, current Council Members who have already served as Mayor Pro Tem. Council Members in office for at least 3 months are eligible to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

**2. DESIGNATION OF ACTING MAYOR:**

In the absence or disability of both the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tem, the Council Member present who has served longest shall be designated Acting Mayor and shall perform the duties of the Mayor.

**3. SPECIAL MEETINGS:**

Special meetings may be called in accordance with the City Charter and the Open Meetings Act. Special meetings shall be held at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Board Room unless the written notice to each member of the Council provides for a different time and/or place.

**a) SPECIAL MEETING AGENDAS:**

The City Manager shall be responsible for the preparation of an agenda for each special meeting. The agenda packet, excluding material exempt from disclosure by state or federal statute, shall be posted on the City's website and distributed to the City Council at least eighteen (18) hours in advance of the meeting.

**b) SPECIAL MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Public Comment
- D. Business Stated in the Special Meeting Notice
- E. Other Business (Only with consent in accordance with City Charter Section 4.3).
- F. Adjournment

**4. REGULAR MEETINGS:**

Regular meetings shall be held at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers. A schedule of regular meetings for the subsequent calendar year shall be adopted by resolution in accordance with the City Charter and the Open Meetings Act.

**a) REGULAR MEETING AGENDAS:**

The City Manager shall be responsible for the preparation of an agenda for each regular meeting. The agenda packet, excluding material exempt from disclosure by state or federal statute, shall be posted on the City's website and distributed to the City Council at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting. When City Council meets in a closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268 (c), for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement, the collective bargaining agreement shall be identified on the agenda. When City Council meets in a closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268 (e), to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, the specific pending litigation shall be identified on the agenda.

**b) REGULAR MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

Oaths for Recently Elected City Council (as needed after City Council elections)

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Certificates of Recognition and Special Presentations
  - Election and Oath of Office for Mayor Pro Tem will occur annually at the first meeting in November
- D. Carryover Items
- E. Public Hearings
- F. Public Comment for Items On the Agenda from Troy Residents and Businesses
- G. City Council/City Administration Response/Reply to Public Comment for Items On the Agenda from Troy Residents and Businesses
- H. Postponed Items
- I. Regular Business
- J. Consent Agenda
- K. Memorandums and Future Council Agenda Items
- L. Public Comment for Items Not On the Agenda from Troy Residents and Businesses
- M. City Council/City Administration Response/Reply to Public Comment for Items Not On the Agenda from Troy Residents and Businesses
- N. Council Referrals - Items appearing under Council Referrals are items intended for City Council action that are brought forward by the Mayor or Council Members in accordance with the Rules of Procedure
- O. Reports
- P. Council Comments - Items for the good of the order brought forward by Mayor and Council
- Q. Public Comment for Items On or Not On the Agenda from Members of the Public Outside of Troy (Not Residents of Troy and Not From Troy Businesses)
- R. Closed Session
- S. Adjournment

**5. BROADCASTING OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

All regular meetings of the City Council will be broadcast on the City's government access cable channel and/or made available through online streaming or similar media formats.

**6. MINUTES:**

The draft City Council meeting minutes will be available on the City's website prior to their inclusion in the next regular agenda packet. The requested approval of the minutes will be included on the Consent Agenda.

**7. PROCLAMATIONS AND CONGRATULATORY CERTIFICATES:**

Proclamations are ceremonial documents intended to convey positive messages to the Troy Community and are discretionary. Proclamation requests must be submitted in writing by Troy community members (residents and non-resident business owners, employees, and property owners) to the City Manager or his/her designee. Proclamations may be issued to recognize individuals, events, and organizations in Troy and will not be issued to recognize individuals, events, and organizations outside Troy. Proclamations regarding ideology, politics, or religion will not be issued.

Proclamations are often read at a regular City Council meeting and presented to the individual or representatives of the event or organization being recognized. These proclamations must be approved by City Council at a regular meeting preceding the presentation date and at least one representative must attend the presentation. Otherwise, proclamations may be issued without reading or presentation at a City Council meeting. If a presentation is requested, the proclamation will be included on the City Council meeting agenda under the topic of Certificates of Recognition and Special Presentations.

Congratulatory certificates are public announcements made by City Council at ribbon cutting ceremonies, grand openings and other events outside of regular City Council meetings. Congratulatory certificate requests must be submitted in writing by Troy community members (residents and non-resident business owners, employees, and property owners) to the City Manager or his/her designee in advance of the event and do not require City Council action.

**8. RECONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

A motion to reconsider any vote of the Council may be made by either side of the voted motion and shall require the affirmative vote of the majority of the Council Members elect. A motion to reconsider can be made only if no action was taken as a result of the previous vote. If such a motion to reconsider passes, and new information has been brought forward, then any member of Council may move to take action on the motion that is to be reconsidered, and any such motion would pass by an affirmative vote of the majority of the

Council Members elect.

**9. RESCISSION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Rescission of any vote of the Council shall require the affirmative vote of the majority of the Council Members elect only if no action was taken as a result of the previous vote.

**10. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Public hearings will be held after required notice has been provided. The City Council may upon affirmative vote of a majority of its members "continue" said hearing at a future date designated in the resolution, without the necessity of re-notification. If the City Council elects to continue the public hearing it will appear in the designated meeting agenda under the topic of Public Hearings.

**11. CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Consent Agenda includes items of a routine nature and will be approved with one motion. That motion will approve the recommended action for each item on the Consent Agenda. Any Council Member may remove an item from the Consent Agenda and have it considered as a separate item. Any item(s) so removed from the Consent Agenda shall be considered after approval of the motion for all non-removed items on the consent portion of the agenda. Public comment on Consent Agenda items will be permitted pursuant to the Rules of Procedure.

**12. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

**a) MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:**

The Mayor shall, with City Council concurrence, appoint members of the following boards or committees as governed by state statute or city ordinances: Board of Review, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Civil Service Commission (Act 78), Downtown Development Authority, Economic Development Corporation, Global Troy Advisory Committee, Local Development Finance Authority, Planning Commission, Volunteer Firefighter Incentive Board

**b) CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:**

The Mayor Pro Tem shall contact candidates or incumbents for City Council appointments to determine their interest in being nominated or reappointed. Any Council Member, but usually the Mayor Pro Tem, may put forth nominees to the following boards or committees: Animal Control Appeal Board, Building Code Board of Appeals, Charter Revision Committee, Election Commission, Historic District Commission, Liquor Advisory Committee, Municipal Building Authority, Parks and

Recreation Board, Personnel Board, Retiree Health Care Benefits Plan & Trust, SOCRRA, SEMCOG, Sustainable Design Review Committee, Traffic Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals

**c) NOMINATIONS:**

The Mayor or any Council Member desiring to nominate a person for appointment to a board, commission, or committee shall submit the person's name for nomination at a regular meeting during the item Board and Committee Nominations. The person's name will be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting under the item Board and Committee Appointments. A brief summary of background and personal data as to nominee's qualifications (or a resume) should be submitted on or before the time of nomination, except that such a resume shall not be required for the re-nomination of a current board or commission member, or if the Council unanimously agrees that a resume is not necessary. In the event that more nominees are put forth than positions available, the City Clerk will conduct a roll call vote.

**13. CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

**a) SEMCOG (Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments) Representation:**

The Mayor and City Council shall appoint one delegate and one alternate to serve on the SEMCOG General Assembly for a term of two-years, coinciding with the terms of office for City Council.

**b) SOCRRA (South Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority) Representation:**

The Mayor and City Council shall appoint one delegate and one alternate to serve on the SOCRRA Board for a term of one-year expiring on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**c)** No member of the City Council shall serve on any committee, commission or board of the City of Troy, except the Retirement System Board of Trustees, Retiree Health Care Benefits Plan and Trust, Volunteer Firefighter Incentive Plan & Trust, Global Troy Advisory Committee, Downtown Development Authority and Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA), unless membership is required by ordinance, statute or the City Charter.

**d)** Because quasi-judicial boards and commissions are appointed by Council, and make recommendations to the Council, these recommendations should be made independent of the influence of individual Council Members. As a result, members of City Council shall not appear before or attend meetings of City boards or commissions if they are not appointed members of the City board or committee.

**14. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND VISITORS:**

Any person not a member of the City Council may address the Council with recognition of

the Chair, after clearly stating the nature of his/her inquiry or comment. **NOTE TO THE PUBLIC:** *City Council requests that if you do have a question or concern, to bring it to the attention of the appropriate department(s) whenever possible. If you feel that the matter has not been resolved satisfactorily, you are encouraged to bring it to the attention of the City Manager, and if still not resolved satisfactorily, to the Mayor and Council.*

- Petitioners of items that are included in the pre-printed agenda booklet shall be given a fifteen (15) minute presentation time that may be extended with the majority consent of City Council.
- Any member of the public, not a petitioner of an item, shall be allowed to speak for up to three (3) minutes to address any Public Hearing item.
- Any member of the public, not a petitioner of an item, does not have the right to engage in discussion or debate with City Council during the Public Comment portions of the meeting.
- All members of the public who wish to address the Council at a meeting shall be allowed to speak only if they have signed up to speak within thirty minutes before or within fifteen minutes after the meeting's start time. Signing up to speak requires each speaker provide his or her name. If the speaker is addressing an item(s) that appears on the pre-printed agenda, then the speaker shall also identify each such agenda item number(s) to be addressed.
- City Council may waive the requirements of this section by a consensus of the City Council.
- Agenda items that are related to topics where there is significant public input anticipated should initiate the scheduling of a special meeting for that specific purpose.

Prior to Public Comment, the Mayor may provide a verbal notification of the rules of decorum for City Council meetings or refer to the pre-printed agenda booklet, which will include the following language, as approved by City Council.

*Please direct your comments to the City Council as a whole rather than to any individual. Please do not use expletives or make derogatory or disparaging comments about any individual or group. If you do, there may be immediate consequences including being muted and having your comments omitted from any re-broadcast of the meeting. Please abide by these rules in order to minimize the possibility of disrupting the meeting.*

## **15. RULES OF ORDER:**

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, as clarified by the City Clerk, is hereby adopted, except as modified by these Rules of Procedure, the Charter, or the City Code.

## **16. ABSENCES AT COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

Members of Council who are unable to attend a Council meeting and desire an excused absence shall notify the City Attorney or City Manager of their absence in writing as soon as possible prior to the meeting and indicate the reason for the absence. The reason shall be entered in the proceedings of the Council at the time of each absence.

**17. SUSPEND RULES:**

The Rules of Procedure may be waived by a simple majority vote, unless specifically noted that a consensus of City Council is sufficient.

**18. COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

No member of Council shall speak a second time on any item under discussion until all other members desiring to speak on that item have been heard. No member of Council shall be allowed to speak for more than five (5) minutes at a time.

**19. AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Timely submitted agenda items that, in the City Manager's judgment, do not require a professional opinion from City Administration, will be placed on the next regular agenda for City Council action. These items include, but are not limited to proclamations and celebratory matters. If the City Manager believes that City Council could benefit from additional input from City Administration prior to voting on a referral, then the next regular agenda will contain only a resolution directing City Administration to provide additional input to accompany the Council referral for a future City Council meeting.

**20. WIRE COMMUNICATIONS BY AND TO COUNCIL MEMBERS DURING ANY MEETING OF COUNCIL:**

Members of Council shall not engage in electronic communication with each other or a member of the public during a regular or special meeting. Electronic communication is defined as e-mail, text message, instant message, website, social media, blog posting, or any other form of communication transmitted or retrieved through the use of an electronic device. *This rule does not apply to remote attendance and participation in meetings pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, as amended.*