

COMMON COUNCIL



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I, Kari J. Van Diest, Deputy Clerk of the Common Council, hereby certify on this 11th day of March 2016 that the following Ordinance is a true and exact copy of one and the same adopted by the Common Council of the City of Winchester, assembled in regular session on the 8th day of March 2016.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-24 OF THE WINCHESTER CITY CODE TO CHANGE THE START TIME OF WINCHESTER COMMON COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

WHEREAS, Goal IV of the City of Winchester 2016-2020 Strategic Plan states the City of Winchester's desire to improve City services and advance the strategic plan goals by promoting a culture of transparency, efficiency and innovation; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the aforementioned Goal IV, the Winchester Common Council wishes to improve its efficiency by further streamlining its Regular Meetings and Work Sessions; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2-24 of the Winchester City Code states that Work Sessions shall begin at 7:00pm or immediately following a Regular Meeting should it conclude after 7:00pm; and,

WHEREAS, occasionally, Common Council Regular Meetings conclude before 7:00pm which causes an unnecessary delay between the end of a Regular Meeting and the commencement of a Work Session; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2-24 of the Winchester City Code must be amended to allow the Winchester Common Council to begin a Work Session immediately after a Regular Meeting should the Regular Meeting conclude before 7:00pm.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the adoption of this Ordinance shall implement the proposed amendments to Section 2-24 of the Winchester City Code and allow the Winchester Common Council to begin Work Sessions immediately after the conclusion of a Regular Meeting.

SECTION. 2-24. REGULAR MEETING DATE; CALL OR ORDER OF SPECIAL MEETING.

- (a) The Regular Meetings of the Council shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:00 P.M. ~~immediately~~ followed by

Council Work Sessions, ~~at 7:00 P.M. If Regular Meetings extend beyond 7:00 P.M.,~~ Work Sessions shall begin immediately following the Regular Meeting. Unless otherwise properly Noticed, all Regular Meetings and Work Sessions shall be held at Council Chambers in Rouss City Hall, 15 North Cameron Street, Winchester, Virginia.

- (b) Special meetings of the Council may be called by the President, or the Vice-President when authorized to act for the President, at any time and, in case of his absence, inability or refusal, may be convened by the order in writing of three (3) members of the Council, addressed to the Clerk of the Council. Every call or order for a special meeting shall contain a notice of the object of such meeting, and no other business shall be transacted unless two-thirds of the members present shall vote to take up such business.
(Code 1959, §2-2) (Ord. No. 036-95, 9-12-95; Ord. No. 2011-21, 10-11-11; Ord. No. 2014-42, 12-9-14)

State Law Reference--Special meetings of Council, Code of Virginia, §15.2-1417.

Ordinance No. 2016-9

ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Winchester on the 8th of March 2016.

Witness my hand and the seal of the City of Winchester, Virginia.

*Kari J. Van Diest, CMC
Deputy Clerk of the Common Council*