

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	March 18, 2024
Action Required:	Adoption of Amendments to Rules and Procedures
Presenter:	Jacob Stroman, City Attorney
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Title:	Resolution amending and re-enacting City Council Rules and Procedures

Background

At its retreat last January, Council discussed several proposed changes to its Rules and Procedures. Those changes are presented for Council's consideration.

Discussion

The attachments include both track changes and clean versions of the proposed amendments. The most significant changes are as follows:

1. The amendments remove the references to Town Halls and Work Sessions since those meetings are already included in Special Meetings.
2. The amendments move the first Community Matters public comment period up to before consideration of the consent agenda.
3. The amendments include a section on the roles of various officers. It incorporates existing language regarding the Mayor's role as the presiding officer and the City Attorney's role as Parliamentarian, but adds language on the role of the City Clerk and the City's Office of Communications.
4. The amendments add new provisions prohibiting conduct which may interfere with a Council Meeting. Prohibited conduct includes incitement of violence, profanity, vulgarity, personal attacks on Councilors, City staff and the public, and behavior which intimidates others.
5. There is a new section on public hearings reflecting Council's preference at its retreat that it wishes to conduct its own public hearings on land use matters rather than conducting joint public hearings with the Planning Commission.
6. The amendments delete references to all virtual meetings which have been discontinued since the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

The amendments reflect Council's commitment to the strategic goal of organizational excellence.

Community Engagement

Not applicable

Budgetary Impact

None

Recommendation

Adopt the Resolution implementing the amendments.

Alternatives

If Council fails to adopt the Resolution, its Rules and Procedures will remain unchanged.

Attachments

1. CC Rules and Proced. 2024 (CLEAN)