

RESOLUTION 9-02-2002
SANTAQUIN CITY COUNCIL PROTOCOLS

WHEREAS, with the growth of the City, the Council is compelled to review the policies and procedures of conducting business on a regular basis;

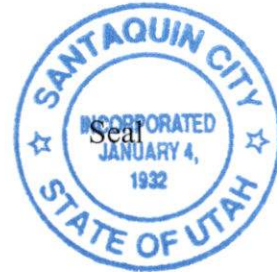
WHEREAS, the Council has a desire to improve the efficiency and the effectiveness of the Public Meetings;

WHEREAS, the Council has a desire to provide citizens an opportunity to express opinions and concerns, provide due process, and comply with State and Local Laws within a professional and respectful atmosphere

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, on this 4th day of September, 2002, the Council of Santaquin City approved and adopted Resolution 9-02-2002 "Santaquin City Council Protocols".


A. LaDue Scovill, Mayor

Attest: 
Susan B. Farnsworth, City Recorder



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A. Regular Meetings:

1. The City Council shall hold two (2) regular meetings which shall be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at City Hall, 45 West 100 South, Santaquin, Utah.
2. The meetings held on the days specified in the foregoing subsection shall begin promptly at seven o'clock (7:00) P.M.; provided, that:
 - a. If the meeting date is a legal holiday, then the meeting shall be held at the same time and place above described on the next following day which is not a legal holiday.
 - b. The City Council may, by resolution, provide for a different time and place for holding regular meetings of the City Council. (Ord. 141, 3-23-1977; amd. 1999 Code)

B. Special Meetings:

If at any time the business of the City requires a special meeting of the City Council, such meeting may be ordered by the Mayor or any two (2) members of the City Council. The order shall be entered in the minutes of the City Council. The order shall provide at least three (3) hours' notice of the special meeting and notice thereof shall be served by the City Recorder on each member who did not sign the order by delivering the notice personally or by leaving it at the member's usual place of abode. The personal appearance by a Council member at any specially called meeting constitutes a waiver of the notice required in this subsection.

C. Open Meetings:

Every meeting is open to the public unless closed pursuant to Utah Code Annotated sections 52-4-4 and 52-4-5.

D. Quorum:

1. Defined: The number of members of the City Council necessary to constitute a quorum is three (3) or more, not including the Mayor.
2. Necessary: No action of the City Council shall be official or of any effect except when a quorum of the members are present. Fewer than a quorum may adjourn from time to time.

E. Voting:

1. How Vote Is Taken: A roll call vote shall be taken and recorded for all ordinances, resolutions and any other action which would create a liability against the City and in any other case at the request of any member of the City Council by a "yes" or a "no" vote and shall be recorded. Every resolution or ordinance shall be in writing before the vote is taken.
2. Minimum Vote Required: The minimum number of votes required to pass any ordinance, resolution or to take any action by the City Council, unless otherwise prescribed by law, shall be a majority of the members of the quorum, but shall never be less than three (3).
 - a. Any ordinance, resolution or motion of the City Council having fewer favorable votes than required herein shall be deemed defeated and invalid, except a meeting may be adjourned to a specific time by a majority vote of the City Council even though such majority vote is less than that required herein.

b. A majority of the members of the City Council, regardless of number, may fill any vacancy in the City Council.

F. Reconsideration:

Any action taken by the City Council shall not be reconsidered or rescinded at any special meeting unless the number of members of the City Council present at the special meeting is equal to or greater than the number of members present at the meeting when the action was approved. (1999 Code)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. General Order of Business-The business of the Council at its meetings will generally be conducted in accordance with the following order of business unless otherwise specified. A closed meeting may be held at any time during a meeting consistent with applicable law.

- Roll Call
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Consent Agenda
 - Minutes
 - Bills
- Public Forum, Bid Openings, Awards, and Appointments
- Formal Public Hearings
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions
- Petitions and Communications
- Report of Officers, Staff, Boards, and Committees
- Reports by Mayor and Council Members
- Business Licenses
- Executive Session

2. Consent Agenda-Those items on the Council agenda which are considered to be of a routine and non-controversial nature by the City Recorder are placed on the "Consent Agenda". These items shall be approved, adopted, accepted, etc. by one motion of the Council. These items can include minutes, bills, ordinances and resolutions, agreements, etc.

Council members may request that any item listed under "Consent Agenda" be removed from the Consent Agenda, and Council will take action separately on this item. A member of the public may request that an item listed under "Consent Agenda" be removed and Council action taken separately on the item; however, the City Council must concur in such a request.

A Council member may ask questions on any item of the Consent Agenda as long as they will not involve extended discussion and still keep the item on the Consent Agenda. Council members are encouraged to seek clarification prior to the meeting, if possible.

No vote: When a Council member wishes to pull an item simply to register a dissenting vote, Council member shall inform the presiding officer that they wish to register a dissenting vote without discussion. These items will be handled along with the rest of the Consent Agenda, and the City Recorder will register a "no" vote on the minutes.

3. **Public Forum**-This is the portion of the City Council meeting in which members of the public may address the Council on items of city business which are not listed on the agenda.
 - a. **Time Limit**-This portion of the meeting is limited to no more than thirty (30) minutes total for all speakers, with each speaker given no more than five (5) minutes each. If there are more than six (6) speakers, time will be adjusted accordingly to meet the thirty (30) minute requirement. If a non-agenda public forum item will exceed thirty (30) minutes, it should be re-scheduled as an agenda item on a future council meeting.
 - b. **Speaker sign-in**-Persons wishing to speak under the Public Forum should sign in at the start of Council meeting.
 - c. **Presentations** under Public Forum are limited to no more than five (5) minutes, without Council approval and are limited to items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the city.
 - d. **Written Comments**-Members of the public may submit, and are encouraged to submit, comments in writing to the City Council relating to any items of city business, whether on the Council agenda or not. Members of the public are encouraged to provide written comments in time for council review. Such written comments will be distributed to members of the Council and considered and acted upon, or not, as the City Council in its judgment may deem appropriate. If relevant written comments will be added as an attachment to the official minutes.
 - e. **Repetitious Comments**-A speaker shall not present the same or substantially same items or arguments to the Council repeatedly or be repetitious or dilatory in presenting their oral comments. If a matter has been presented orally before the Council, whether the Council has taken action, or determined to take no action, the same or substantially the same matter may not be presented orally by the same person any further. In order to expedite matters and to avoid repetitious presentations, the designation of a spokesperson is encouraged. With the consent of the presiding officer, the time allocation may be extended for a designated spokesperson.
 - f. **Non-Exclusive Rules**-The rules set forth are not exclusive and do not limit the inherent power and general legal authority of the Council, or of its presiding officer, to govern the conduct of City Council meetings as may be considered appropriate from time to time or in particular circumstances for purposes of orderly and effective conduct of the affairs of the City.
4. **Special Announcements and Presentations**-All special presentations will be calendared and coordinated through the Recorder's office and be limited to a time period not to exceed 10 minutes at each Council meeting.
5. **Public Hearings**-The Council procedure for the conduct of public hearings is generally as follows:

- Introduction-by Mayor or presiding officer
 - Opening of public hearing
 - Initial presentation of facts-Usually presented by staff
 - Presentation by the applicant-The applicant or appellant then has the opportunity to present comments, testimony, or arguments.
 - Testimony by members of the public- Member of the public have the opportunity to present comments, testimony, or arguments.
 - Questions of staff
 - Rebuttal or concluding comments by the applicant-Burden of proof rests with the applicant and is therefore given an opportunity to provide closing comments
 - Closing of public hearing
 - Decision by decision maker-The Council deliberates and can then take action if on the agenda or may take it under advisement.
- a. **Timed Matters**-Matters noticed to be heard by the Council will commence at the time specified in the notice of hearing, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible, and will continue until the matter has been completed.
 - b. **Continuance of hearings**-Any hearing being held or noticed to be held by the Council at any meeting of the Council may, by order or notice or continuance, be continued or re-continued to any subsequent meeting.
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 - g. **Germane Comments**-No person will be permitted during the hearing to speak about matters or present evidence which is not germane to the matter being considered.
 - h. **Due Process**-The presiding officer shall conduct the meeting in such a manner as to afford due process.

- i. **Meeting Atmosphere**-The hearing should be conducted with the utmost respect; such things as booing, hissing, cheering, harassing remarks or other obnoxious behavior should not be tolerated.

Quasi-Judicial Proceedings-. Generally, a proceeding is quasi-judicial if it will determine the legal rights, duties, or privileges of specific parties in a hearing, most land use requests are quasi-judicial and the governing body should therefore follow strict procedural guidelines. Quasi-judicial proceedings should include the following elements: Appearance of fairness for decision makers, Proper notice of hearing, A proper hearing process, A complete record, A decision based on the record that meets legal requirements.

6. Petitions and Communications

7. **Reports of Officers, staff, boards and committees**-Staff presentations should not exceed 10 minutes. Lengthy discussion and report items should be prepared in memo format and provided to the Council in the agenda packets.

8. **Reports by Mayor and Council**-Council members are encouraged to prepare lengthy discussion or reports in memo form and provide to other Council members.

9. Voting Procedure:

- a. **Motions**-Motions may be made by any member of the Council, except the Mayor, providing it is noticed on the agenda. Any member of the Council may second the motion, other than the person offering the motion and the Mayor.

- b. **Procedure for Motion**-the following is general procedures for the making of a motion.

- Before a motion can be considered or debated it must be seconded.
- Council member wishing to make a motion, should state, "I would like to make a motion..."
- Council member wishing to second a motion should do so through a verbal request to the presiding officer.
- Once the motion has been properly made and seconded, the presiding officer shall open the matter for discussion offering the first opportunity to the moving party and, thereafter, to any Council member.
- Once the matter has been fully discussed and presiding officer calls for a vote, no further discussion will be allowed, provided, however, Council members may be allowed to explain their vote.

- c. **Motion Amendments**-When a motion is on the floor, and an amendment is offered, the moving party may accept the amendment and modify their motion prior to acting on the motion.

- d. **Abstention**-Council members may abstain because of legal reasons or other perceived conflicts.

- e. **Tie Vote**-In the absence of the Mayor, a tie vote results in a lost motion. In such instance, any member of the Council may offer a motion for further action. If there is no action by an affirmative vote, the result is no action. If the matter involves an appeal, and an affirmative vote does not occur, the result is that the decision appealed stands as decided by the decision-making person or body from which the appeal was taken. The Mayor shall not vote, except in the case of a tie vote of the City Council.

f. **No Veto:** The Mayor shall have no power to veto any act of the City Council unless otherwise specifically authorized by statute. (1999 Code)

g. **Executive Session-**Will comply with Utah State Code Annotated sections 52-4-4 and 52-4-5.

10. Adjournment-All Council meetings will conclude by 10:30 pm, unless a majority vote by the Council has allowed an extension.