

ORDINANCE NO. 7906-23

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE II. CITY COUNCIL, DIVISION 1. GENERALLY, SECTION 2-22, CALL AND NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS; LIMITATIONS ON BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT SPECIAL MEETING.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

That Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of the City of Newport News, Virginia, Article II. City Council, Division 1. Generally, Section 2-22, Call and notice of special meetings; limitations on business transacted at special meeting, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained as follows:

CHAPTER 2

ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE II. CITY COUNCIL

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 2-22. Call and notice of special meetings; limitations on business transacted at special meeting.

(a) The mayor, the city manager or any three (3) members of the council may call a special meeting of the council at any time upon at least twenty-four (24) hours' written notice to each member, by electronic communication, served personally or left at such member's usual place of business or residence. Such special meetings may be held at any time, without notice, provided all members of the council attend such meetings and sign a waiver of the written notice. The notice of each special meeting shall be served by the city clerk and shall contain a statement of the specific item or items of business to be transacted, and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting except by unanimous consent of all members of the council.

For the purpose of discussing council ideas/suggestions/concerns at city council work sessions, those ideas, suggestions or concerns shall not be deemed to be a specific item or items of business to be transacted and as such will not require a waiver of notice identifying same. No topic discussed as an idea, suggestion or concern shall bind the council to any decision or line of procedure except and until duly and specifically authorized by the council at a regular meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose.

(b) The delivery of formal written notice of a special meeting to a member of the council may be waived by the member by so advising the city clerk. If such waiver is not in writing, the member shall reduce such waiver to writing at or before the special meeting or not later than the next regular meeting of the council following the special meeting at which the member is in attendance. Unless the delivery of formal written notice is waived as provided in this section by all of the members of the council, no special meeting shall be held unless the notice required in this section is delivered as provided herein.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON JUNE 13, 2023

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

Phillip D. Jones
Mayor

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk